

# Bellevue Presbyterian Church

## BELLEVUE TIDINGS



*Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in Worship,  
teaches the Truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the Way to Christ to those who do not know Him, all for the glory of God.*  
Purpose Statement of Bellevue Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor

*Pastor JT Holderman*

There is a phrase Theologians use, an encouraging one which they call *The Means of Grace*. Maybe you've heard of this phrase? I think it's a beneficial term for us to know as a church. Why? Because it speaks of God's ongoing grace and love to you. How? Let's see.

When we first hear this phrase we may think of two things: grace and the means by which that grace is given to us. First we may think of Jesus as the very extension of God's grace to sinners like us. If grace is that which is given that is undeserved, then surely our free salvation in Christ, through His death and resurrection, is undeserved! If Jesus is God's grace and compassion and love on display given to us, then the means of obtaining it would be as the Apostle Paul says, "by faith alone" (Eph. 2:8). So in one sense *The Means of Grace* is that plan God has set in motion for our salvation in Christ.

However, this is not what theologians speak of primarily with this phrase. It means instead; *the particular ways God desires to communicate His grace to His people. The Means of Grace* is about not only the initial saving grace given, but the ongoing grace God gives to redeemed sinners throughout our lives. God doesn't just give grace once, He continually dispenses it to the believer. Theologian John Frame asks, "Where can we go to find God's continuing grace to us? Where do we go to get the resources for sanctification, for continuing spiritual growth?" *The means of grace* that God has ordained.

There are many means God has instituted to do this, through prayer, fellowship, corporate worship, preaching, the sacraments, and much more. One thing for certain that God has given you today is His Word, to feed and sustain you in your love for Him through His grace. Clearly and simply put, God has given you the Scriptures, the Bible you have on your coffee table or nightstand, so that in it you may find daily grace for your life. Nothing is so life giving, so grace filled, as God's word in this respect. It is His word that gives us daily strength to live as befits the children of God. So let us look upon the Scriptures not as a daunting read, but a loving extension of God's grace for our day, to sustain us in our Christian walk. Pick up your Bible and find God's grace to you revealed in it.

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### COMMUNION SERVED



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Worship services.



Knoebles Camping Weekend  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 \$50.00 deposit due to the church by  
 Sunday, April 29.  
 Sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*

**SUNDAY SUPPER AND SEMINAR**

Join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Davies Hall, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for supper and a seminar. Please bring a dish to share with your brothers and sisters for the evening. Pastor JT will be teaching on *End of Life Issues*. Every single one of us has a certain number of days to our lives. God knows that number, we do not. What we do know is that death is certain. We will spend the evening both looking at a theology of death (heaven, hell, purgatory, and other issues), as well as a practical time looking at how we might plan for our own passing (including a funeral/memorial service worksheet). Join us for what we hope will be a very practical and encouraging evening together.

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**CLUB 426**

Club 426 will meet one time this month on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at the church. During this time, we will study the Bible, play a game and enjoy a fresh baked snack. Everyone in 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join us for a fun evening.

**COFFEE TALK SNACKS** –



The Worship Committee invites anyone who would like to donate “bite-sized” snacks or a gallon of drink for Coffee Fellowship, to sign up for a Sunday on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board at the coffee center in Friendship Hall. Coffee hour provides a wonderful opportunity for friends to gather and chat in our Friendship Hall area. You think you cannot do it by yourself? Grab a friend and do coffee hour together! Paper products and coffee are provided by the church. Please place the snacks on the table in Friendship Hall by 9:00 a.m. Thank you for sharing in this ministry of fellowship.

**CARDS ON FRIENDSHIP HALL TABLE**

Each week cards are available for anyone and everyone to sign for those recently added to our Healing and Comfort list. They are then sent to the person on the card and serve as encouragement, to let them know they are being prayed for and thought of. Stop by and sign a card when you see them on the table. Someone will be glad to know you thought of them.



**SOFTBALL TEAM  
 NEWS**

First game Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
 More information to follow.



**KINGDOM KIDS**

Come join us on Wednesday nights for Kingdom Kids as we continue to draw our way through the Bible. We meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm and are currently going through Exodus looking at the life of Moses and how God uses him to lead the Israelites. Everyone in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join us.



Grades 7 to 12

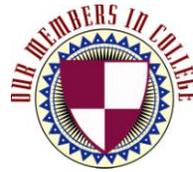
*April 8<sup>th</sup>* – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group  
*April 15<sup>th</sup>* – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group  
*April 22<sup>nd</sup>* – 2:00-5:00 p.m. Trail Ride

*May 6<sup>th</sup>* – Scavenger Hunt  
*May 13<sup>th</sup>* – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Water Night  
*May 20<sup>th</sup>* – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group  
Last of the School Year – Messy Games?



**Young Adult Ministry**  
**We're going on a Hike!**  
**April 8, 2018**  
**12:15 pm**

We will gather around 12:15, following the morning Worship Services. We will have a quick picnic at Wolf's Hollow, then HIKE together. So, plan to either bring a bag lunch or bring money to buy a WAWA sandwich. Make sure to wear good hiking clothes and shoes. Everyone is welcome!



Do we have your student's updated address? Do you have a student starting college, are they graduating from college or changing colleges this year? Please notify the church office of any changes to the following college list.

**College Students**

- Daniel Angelucci – Penn State – Erie
- Karson Beane – West Chester University
- Jared Bitts – Thaddeus Stevens
- Rob Bitts – West Chester University
- Beka Brown – Lebanon Valley College
- Weston Doutrich – Temple University
- Daniel Garfinkle – West Chester Univ.
- Lauren Girvin – Pitt University
- Alecia Hart – Millersville University
- Devon Hart – West Chester University
- Beau Heagy – Lancaster Bible College
- Ethan Houck – Temple University
- Andrew Norris – HGAC
- Shelby Smith – Harcum College
- Melissa Stoltzfus – Millersville University
- Paige Stuart – East Stroudsburg University
- Caleb Wolfe – Millersville University

**PRAY FOR OUR  
MILITARY**

The fourth week of each month, we list family members serving in the military. Is your family member no longer serving in the military? Do you have someone who has joined the military? Please notify the church office of any changes to the following list.

**Our Men & Women Serving  
in the Armed Services**

- Michael Campbell
- Travis Herr
- Keith Barclay  
(Fred Barclay's nephew)
- Shaun Chandler  
(Rich & Sally Riehl's nephew)
- Austin Holcombe  
(Lois Bramble's grandson)
- James McEwing  
(Son of Jim McEwing)
- Morgan Schaszberger  
(Kevin & Danny Wenrich's cousin)
- Eden & Carl Vigil  
(Dale & Suzanne Groff's  
granddaughter and husband)



**Miniature Golf**  
**Friday, April 20, 2018**  
**Village Greens**

Please join us for a fun night of miniature golf at Village Greens in Strasburg. We will meet at the golf course at 6:00 p.m. Even if you are not a pro-golfer, we will have a fun evening of fellowship together.

**SECRET PAL  
LUNCHEON  
Sunday, May 6, 2018**

**CHATTERBOX**



It's time to let the "secret out!" The Board of Deacons will host this year's Secret Pal Luncheon on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship service. We will meet downstairs in Davies Hall. Secret pals will reveal their identity to the one they have been remembering and praying for this past year. The Deacons will provide the meal – you do not need to bring anything. A short, fun-filled time of entertainment will follow the meal. We trust all involved will be able to attend. Please mark your calendar now. Invitations will be sent to you requesting your response back.



Just a quick note to express our appreciation and gratitude for your on going partnership and support of our family as we serve with Reach Global Crisis Response. Thank you for your prayers and financial support, as well as for the individuals and teams you have sent to work alongside of us. May God richly bless you all!

Kevin and Babette

Thank you to the person who gave me the bag of Easter candy. I'm not sure who you are, but just know that I greatly appreciate it.

Blessings,  
Brenda Brackbill

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for spreading the Word of our God in my mother's name.

Matthew 28:18-20 – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Blessings be with you  
Dave Garfinkle

Secret Pal,

You have been so consistent and faithful in remembering me with all the cards and gifts. They have certainly brightened many days as my disabilities just keep growing and continuing.

Thank you,  
Carol Girvin



**SENIOR BIRTHDAYS**

*(We celebrate with those who have reached 80 years!)*

**Vera Graham – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5438 Strasburg Road Gap, PA 17527

**John Esworthy – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

112 North Christiana Avenue Gap, PA 17527

**Fred Barclay – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

744 Reeceville Road Coatesville, PA 19320

**Sally Slaymaker – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

124 Deer Ford Drive Lancaster, PA 17601

**Elaine Reynolds – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

1001 East Oregon Pike, LHRC  
Harvest View 112 Lititz, PA 17543

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE  
DEADLINE**

All articles for the **May, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by **Monday, April 23**. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, you can place them in the mailbox at the church. Articles can also be forwarded via e-mail to [office@bellevueepc.org](mailto:office@bellevueepc.org). Thank you.

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