

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

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Words have power. Your words have power to influence another for good or bad. An encouraging word of love in the midst of trial can bring great good, and a harsh word spoken quickly can often do much harm. We know the power words can have.

God knows this too. Why? Because He created words, He created speech, He created the method of verbal communication that we employ daily as human beings. He intends for words to be powerful means of bringing change in you and me.

In fact, God knew in creating us that He would communicate to us via words! It is in God's word that He reveals something of Himself to us using common words that we know. Because of that, words are sacred because they are the primary means God has chosen to make you know of His love for you. He chose words to accomplish this!

This is one of the reasons I love this verse in the prophet Isaiah so much. Through Isaiah God speaks, making the invisible God visible in Isaiah's speech. This passage is stunning because it reveals one grand truth that you and I can take to the bank every time we read Scripture, that God's word written will accomplish what God purposes!

Which means for you and me, that whenever we read God's word, whenever we sit under the word

being preached, whenever we hear the word of God sung, whenever we recite a verse memorized in our minds, that God is actively intending His word to accomplish and do something in us! No matter the words of God we read, He in His sovereignty perfectly intends to do something through those words to change us!

Which means that there is never a fruitless Bible study, there is never a time we read Scripture where it is not doing something behind the scenes that God intends it to do in us.

So next time you pick up your Bible to read it, next time you think of a precious memory verse, the next sermon you hear, God is planning to do something in you through it! He promises you His word will succeed to change you in your listening of it.

Instead of thinking that God's word is dry and lifeless, as we often can, let us be reminded that it is packed with divine life-changing power that God will reveal to us in His timing. But let us not think that God's word falls flat on us when we read it. It is always accomplishing God's purpose! Let us then come to the Bible intent and expectant that Isaiah 55:11 will hold true, that it will not return to God empty, but accomplish all that He purposes and succeeds in the thing for which He sent it.

God creates power in words and uses them to transform you and I when we read His words. Let us drink deeply of His sacred word and watch as He accomplishes His will in us.

From Bellevue's Weekly Update Devotional. To receive Bellevue's weekly email update, please email the office or one of the Pastors.



COMMUNION SERVED

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, April 7th at both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. services.



MIDWEEK LENTEN LUNCH SERVICES

April 3 – April 10
12:10 – 12:40 p.m.

Our Lenten services continue April 3 and April 10 at 12:10 p.m. Join us for a service of worship and the luncheon to follow. This year's series is "The Suffering Servant, Following Jesus to the Cross."

April 3 – "The Servant Delivered to Suffer"

April 10 – "The Servant Mocked"



LENTEN DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING

Each year during Lenten season, March 10th – April 14th, Bellevue will be taking a special offering. It is to be given to an organization which helps in the rebuilding of disaster areas. In the past Bellevue has sent funds to Resurrection Brooklyn for Hurricane Sandy, Abu Saad for the desert people in Syria and last year to EPC Disaster Relief which the funds were used where needed. This year Bellevue will be sending your offering to Kevin Watterson with Reach Global who is a supported missionary of Bellevue. Kevin is working in several locations across the United States and currently in North Carolina to begin rebuilding areas the flood waters destroyed. He also oversees teams in Texas, California, Florida, and New Orleans. If you wish to contribute to this relief effort, please make your check payable to Bellevue Presbyterian church and mark it "Lenten Offering". Envelopes are available at the *Welcome Center*.



EASTER BLESSING BAGS

The Board of Deacons would like to invite everyone to participate in our annual Easter Blessing Bag ministry. Beginning on Sunday March 31st, you can pick up a small tote in Friendship Hall. The tote will have the gender and age of a child, along with a short list of suggestions to fill the tote. Bags should be returned by Sunday, April 14th. The following is a list of ideas supplied to us by The Factory:

Books, toy cars, crayons, slime, play-doh, glow sticks, animal figurines, finger puppets, watercolor paint, bubbles, sidewalk chalk. They **do not** recommend candy, since so many children have allergies.



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. we will be having an Easter egg hunt at the church for the children of Bellevue and the community. If your community group or you as an individual would like to help provide some candy filled eggs, it would be greatly appreciated. We are also asking for cupcakes. There will be a sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center* for both donations. Please bring the filled eggs to the church by Wednesday, April 10th and the cupcakes on Saturday, April 13th.

Easter Lily Order Form for Easter Sunday April 21, 2019



You can order your Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday April 21st. The cost of the lilies is **\$7.50** and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 14th. Please use this form to place your order and forward it to the church office with your check, payable to Bellevue Presbyterian Church, or cash. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Name _____

_____ # of plants ordered _____ Amt. enclosed

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
8:00 AND 10:45 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SEDER MEAL
APRIL 18, 2019
7:00 P.M. IN DAVIES HALL

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 2019
6:00 A.M.

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE
ON THE TERRACE
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOLLOWS

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AND 10:45 A.M.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH @ BOTH SERVICES

Pastors:
JT Holderman
Brad Moger



We congratulate Arlene Mendenhall as our 2019 Bellevue Chili Cook-off Champion. Congratulations also to Dan Beane, second place winner and Donna Ault as our third place winner.

PRAYER CHAIN

Bellevue has a prayer chain that is used to share congregational prayer concerns. We are in the process of updating that chain and need your help. If you wish to be added to the list, we ask that you provide your name and contact information at the *Welcome Center*. If you no longer wish to be on the chain, please notify the church office.

DUTCH-WAY RECEIPTS

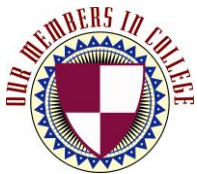
Through the combined efforts of Bellevue and other area churches, \$3,000.00 was contributed to the Pregnancy Resources at cornerstone in 2018. Dutch-way Farm Markets has donated the monies based on the amounts shown on the receipts that were collected last year. On behalf of the Deacons, we thank you and encourage you to continue to bring your Dutch-way Farm Market receipts to church and place them in the container in Friendship Hall. Thank you

CHOIR DIRECTOR

After 26 years of service, Carol Shaubach is resigning as Choir Director at Bellevue. Carol believes now is the appropriate time with her growing family priorities to step down. The Session and Personnel Committee fully understand her decision and support her in it. She looks forward to now being able to be a part of Resounding Joy Bell Choir. In the meantime, the Personnel Committee is actively looking for a potential Choir Director for the new season that begins in the fall. If you know of anyone, please contact Linda Perella.

UNIFIED SERVICES OF WORSHIP

The members of Session have voted to hold Unified Services of Worship four times a year. Our next Unified Service will be on Sunday, May 5th at 10:15 a.m. followed by an all Church Luncheon in Davies Hall. On August 4th and November 3rd we will also have Unified Services of Worship. Please mark your calendars for these special services.



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 with any changes to the following college list.

College Students

- Jared Bitts – Thaddeus Stevens Graduates May 2019
- Rob Bitts – West Chester Univ. - graduates May 2019
- Beka Brown – LVC - graduates spring 2019
- Weston Doutrich – Temple University
- Daniel Garfinkle – West Chester Univ.
- Lauren Girvin – Pitt University Graduate in April/May
- Beau Heagy – Lancaster Bible College
- Ethan Houck – Temple University
- Alexis Melson – Drexel University
- Shelby Smith – Harcum College
- Melissa Stoltzfus – Wilmington University
- Amber Stuart – Millersville University
- Caleb Wolfe – Millersville University
- Makenna Wolfe – Coastal Carolina University

Youth Group

- April 7th** – 6:00-8:00 pm “What Would You Give Up for God?”
- April 14th** – 5:30-8:00 pm “C&C” and “GTWB”
- April 21st** – **NO** Youth Group
- April 28th** – Afternoon Trail Ride (bicycles) TBA
- May 4th** – Work Project Day
- May 12th** – TBA
- May 19th** – TBA
- May 26th** – **NO** Youth Group
- June 2nd** – “School’s Out” Summer Special TBA
- June 25th-29th** – Creation Music Festival



THE STUDENT LOAN COMMITTEE – The



Student Loan Fund

committee is now accepting applications for Student Loans. Pick up an application at the church office and return by May 19, 2019. Applicants must be members of Bellevue or family of members. Funds are limited, but we evaluate

each application. These interest free loans do not require any payments to begin until one year after graduation, and then you have a 5-year repayment period. Apply now!



Regular Bible Study & Fellowship Time – 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at 57 Peach Lane in Ronks.



Thank you to all those who prepared meals for the Lenten luncheons. They were delicious and we appreciate all your time and hard work.

Bellevue Family and the Community

Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you so much for your thoughtful loving gifts of candy, baked goods and that wonderful gift certificate.

Erika Neidhardt



CLUB 426

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

- April 28th – Onsite
- May 19th – End of Year Party

CHATTERBOX

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

(We celebrate with those who have reached 80 years!)
Refer to your church address directory
for the following person's addresses.

John Esworthy – April 14

Fred Barclay – April 24

Sally Slaymaker – April 25

Elaine Reynolds – April 29



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to:

The family of Frank and Sue Rotella on the passing of Sue's father, David Driver on March 3, 2019.

The Family of Buddy Trago on the passing of Buddy's brother, Sam Trago on March 5, 2019.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **May/June newsletter** are due in the office by Monday, **April 22nd**. **I will be on vacation from May 24th – June 8th therefore I am combining the May/June newsletter into one publication.** If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, you can place the information in the church mailbox. Articles can also be forwarded via e-mail to office@bellevueepc.org. Thank you.



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