Bellevue Presbyterian Church
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PRAYERS & COMMENTS

Please use this card if you have any prayer concerns or comments you’d like us to know about.
You may place this in the offering plate, hand it to one of the ushers, or place it in the church office mailbox.

Please use this space to let us know of your prayer requests:

I would like to speak to someone about my prayer request. Please contact me at: □ day □ evening

If you are interested in becoming a Christian today, please let a Christian friend or the pastor know.

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.
WELCOME
Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord today. We hope we can serve you today and would love for you to be a regular part of God’s ministry here at Bellevue. We invite everyone to sign your name in the Friendship Pads in the pews, and if you are visiting or new to our fellowship to also please include your address and/or email address. If you have any questions, please ask one of our Welcome Center Hosts, a Pastor, or an Elder. We are delighted to have you with us this morning. It is requested that no food or drink be taken in to worship.

PRAYER CARDS
We encourage you to fill out prayer cards located at the Welcome Center, and hand them to an usher before the service. These requests will be lifted up during the Pastoral Prayer.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES
Our Sound System allows us the opportunity to offer Assistive Listening devices, which can be found at the Welcome Center every Sunday morning. If you would like to make use of this service, please stop at the Welcome Center when you come in and ask for a “Sound Mate” which can be returned to the Welcome Center at the end of the morning service. If you have any questions about these devices, please ask someone at the Welcome Center.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE
Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. Children are a gift to our church, and a tangible reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents, they probably need it! We offer Nursery for ages 0-3. Please follow signs or ask a Welcome Center Host for directions.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Children from 4 years of age through 2nd grade will be dismissed following the Children’s Sermon for age appropriate activities and will return at the end of the last hymn. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

AFTER THE SERVICE
Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Friendship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages with a nursery provided for children under two. Our adult classes are involved in different studies of God's Word. All are welcome to come and study and learn together.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE
The Missions Committee recognizes the 5th Sunday of each quarter as Building Fund Sunday. The Building Committee has had a steady year of maintaining our building in all that pertains to keeping our church in excellent condition and fully operational. Our church is not only a place for worship but also hosts many gatherings throughout the week. Building Fund projects completed this quarter include a heat pump (can you feel that cool air?) and issues with the commercial hot water heater. As of June 30, 2018, The Building Fund balance is $33,351.97. The Missions Committee wants to thank each one of you for making the repairs possible with your continued giving to the Building Fund, for the care of Bellevue Church.

BACK TO SCHOOL BAG MINISTRY
The Board of Deacons invite you to help them fill 27 backpacks that have been requested by P.V.S.D. for the two elementary schools – Paradise and Salisbury. On Sunday, July 29th we will have the bags prepared with tags, with information on the ages, gender and suggested items to shop for, also the Sign-Up Sheet. Please prayerfully make your selection, take a bag (or more) and return them filled by August 12th – WITH TAG ATTACHED. All bags will be packed into backpacks and delivered to the schools that week – just in time to distribute them among the school students before the school year starts. The school has asked that due to food allergies NO FOOD OR SNACKS OR VITAMINS be included in the backpacks please.

KINGDOM KIDS
Water Game Night
Wednesday, August 1
6:30 p.m.

MOPS @ Paradise Park
Thursday, August 2
10:00 a.m.

BARNSTORMERS’ BALLGAME
SATURDAY, August 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.
$9.50/person

The Bellevue Youth Group is going to HERSHEY PARK!
Wednesday, August 15
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
We’ll be joining up with Upper Octorara EPC to have an all-day BLAST! Cost $20 plus $$ for lunch.
Sign up and admission slips are located on the youth bulletin board or at the Welcome Center.
Welcome and Announcements

The Tolling of the Bell

Prelude: “Across The Lands”

Call to Worship

*Hymn: #408 “How Firm A Foundation”

1 How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word!
What more can He say
than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled?

2 Fear not! I am with thee;
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God
and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous,
Omnipotent hand.

3 When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume
And they gold to refine.

4 The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose;
I will not, I will not
desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
No never forsake!

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Father, forgive us for living to please the world and not You. We have valued more the opinion of our friends and neighbors than You. We are people-pleasers. Forgive us for seeking to please them instead of You. Help us to live fixed on You, for an audience of one. May we be bold in our faith, delighting You with our faithfulness. In Jesus’ free grace we pray, Amen.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:18–23  Page 1747

SPECIAL MUSIC: “In Christ Alone”  Getty
Christie Groff

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children’s Church (10:45 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “He Knows My Name”  Walker

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 1:18–23  Page 1747

SERMON: Nehemiah: Return to Your God
Part Six: “God Displays His Power Through You”

*HYMN: #597 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

1 Take my life and let it be
   Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
   Take my moments and my days–
   Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
   Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
   At the impulse of Thy love;
   Take my feet and let them be
   Swift and beautiful for Thee,
   Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my silver and my gold–
   Not a mite would I withhold;
   Take my intellect and use
   Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose,
   Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will and make it Thine–
   It shall be no longer mine;
   Take my heart—it is Thine own,
   It shall be Thy royal Throne,
   It shall be Thy royal Throne.

FLOWERS: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen H. Parmer by the Parmer Family.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”  Getty

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Explaining our Liturgy: The Lord’s Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer is a regular part of our corporate worship. In Luke 11 (and Matthew 6) when Jesus’ disciples asked for Him to teach them to pray, He gave to them this prayer. But more than just a prayer, Jesus gave us a pattern for prayer, for how we might pray. The pattern encourages us to remember God is our Father, to be encouraged to lay our needs before Him, to share our faults freely, and to place all of life and our future in his hands. Of course there is much more, but from Jesus, the Son of God’s own mouth we have a pattern and a prescription for prayer that every believer should take regularly to the Lord. We join with Jesus, the disciples, and the long line of brothers and sisters who have gone before us when we pray the Lord’s Prayer. May it be done freshly, not as a routine, but with a genuine heart in the prayer for God to move and act for His glory.

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God’s Power is on Display Through the Faithfulness of His People

I) God Works in Cooperation With Us To Display His Power (vv. 15-16)

1. When God’s people seek to be faithful, God’s power is displayed to the world around them.

Application:

2. We Work With God’s Help.

Application:

II) Example One: God’s Power on Display Through Our Finances (vv. 17-19)

Application:

III) Example Two: God’s Power on Display Through Our Fear of the Lord (vv. 1-4)

Application:

Conclusion:

Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. 17 Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah’s letters came to them. 18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. 19 Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

7 Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, 2 I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. 3 And I said to them, “Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes.” 4 The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.
“Got Your Goat” Campaign
Listing of projects dedicated to raising money for Abu Saad’s ministry

Elise Roelands - Brand new, hand-made, mom designed tote bag. Photos in the 3 ring binder on the table in Friendship Hall. $40
Vi Young – The popular potato salad. A 2 day notice for orders would be appreciated. Suggested donation $6.00 a quart or $3.00 a pint.
Karen Thompson - Knitted dish/face cloths. $3.00 each or 2 for $5.00
Sue Rotella - shortbread cookies. Suggested donation $3.00 / dozen.
Dale Groff - “Dash between the Dates” walk in the cemetery. 8/5/18, first walk 7:15 am, the other, after the second service. Free will offering.
Mandy Doutrich – Truffles!! Suggested donation $5.00 a container.
Dan Beane – Handmade Cornhole game - $150.00 per set.
Kathy Wenrich – Christmas Ornaments - $3.00 each
Annie Blank – Strawberry Rhubarb jam, Blueberry jam, Strawberry ice cream topping - Suggested donation $3.00 for small jar, $5.00 for large jar.
Kimberly Holderman – Scripture Calendar - $20.00 each.
Linda Faddis – Fresh vegetables – Free will Donation.
Mandy Doutrich – “Desserts at the Doutrich’s” at 940 Timberline Drive. 8/11/18 6–9 pm. Free Will Donation.
Louise Poole – “7 Day” pickles. $4.00 / pint – Available 7/29
Marilyn Wineberg – Snowflake Ornaments - $2.00 each.
Linda Kinkaid – Reversible table place mats - $5.00 ea – 2 for $8.00.
Lois Bramble – Spider plants – Free will donation
John & Linda Perella – Victorian Tea at 767 Newport Ave. 7/29/18 at 12:30 pm. Make a reservation in the 3 ring binder on the table in Friendship Hall. $20.00 per person.
Erika Neidhardt – Selected original artwork by Erika for sale – Price varies.
Sally Slaymaker – Jewelry Cases - $10.00 ea. Coasters - $5.00 ea.
Betsy Piaseki / Margaret Allison – Comfy Children’s Lounge Pants $10.00 ea Adults pants $15.00 ea.
Donna Law – Crystal and Pearl Necklaces $5.00 ea.
Bellevue Presbyterian Church – Cat’s Meow of Gap Town Clock and Bellevue Presbyterian Church – Free Will Donation.
Matthew & Emily Slaymaker – “Jesus loves you” Garden Rocks - $1.00 ea
Betsy Piasecki – Reversible Microwave Bowls - $5.00 ea