

# 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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*Pastor JT Holderman*

Friends, we have been encouraged by the greater unity and love in our church over the past few months; thank you for your faithfulness to Christ in loving your brothers and sisters. Yet even in the midst of our church's growth together, your Elders have been praying for greater unity. After seeing the joy of a Unified Service on Christmas Eve morning, both first and second service worshipping together, your Elders have prayed through and decided to have another Unified Service of Worship on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The morning will look a little different. We will have Sunday School Hour, children and adults, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Next we will worship together in a Unified Service beginning at 10:15 a.m., again bringing the Bellevue family together as one body. Finally, following the service, we will join together downstairs in Davies Hall for a congregational wide luncheon. We encourage you to bring a dish to share with God's church that morning.

It is our hope and prayer, that by gathering again as the whole body of Bellevue in worship, it will continue to strengthen our unity and love for one another. Mark your calendars for a special Sunday of worship and fellowship, and continue to be in prayer for our Bellevue Church. To God alone be the glory!



## *Valentine's Dinner*

**COUPLES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO**

*A time of relaxing, Fellowship and Fun!*

*Friday, February 16, 2018*

**TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**BELLEVUE CHURCH**

**810 NEWPORT AVENUE, GAP, PA**

*Dinner is Family Style*

Menu

Salad

Spaghetti and Lasagna

French Bread

Desserts

Chocolate Fountains

*Gluten Free options will be available*



Dinner is Free

(if you would like to serve your church, a \$10/person donation would be accepted to help offset expenses)

Reservations are required!

Sponsored by the Membership and Evangelism Committee

Reservations needed by February 11, 2018

NO Childcare provided - please get a babysitter if needed

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # in case of cancellation \_\_\_\_\_

Need Gluten Free option? Please mark here \_\_\_\_\_





## THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018  
12 NOON

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Bellevue Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 12 Noon.



111<sup>th</sup> PRESBYTERY OF THE EAST  
FEBRUARY 2-3, 2018

Please pray for your Elders as they travel to the Presbytery of the East on February 2-3. The 111<sup>th</sup> POTE will be held in Bethesda, MD at Fourth Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Ruling Elders serving as Bellevue’s representatives for this meeting will be David Doutrich, Dave Garfinkle and Frank Rotella. Both Pastor JT and Pastor Brad will be there as well serving as Teaching Elders. It is a joy to be part of a denomination that upholds the truth of the Gospel and the authority of God’s work. Pray for the team and for your Presbytery.

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### Every Member Asking (Evangelical Presbyterian Church)

Just like the local church, the Presbytery and the General Assembly need funds to run their offices and carry out their ministries. We are blessed to be a part of a Biblically based, theologically sound denomination and thus it is with joy that the Session invites you to share in this giving opportunity.

While “Every Member Asking” offering of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is similar to the per capita offering of the PCUSA it is solicited in a completely different spirit. The offering is not mandatory but a completely voluntary opportunity to support a growing and fruit bearing denomination.

The “Every Member Asking” for 2018 is \$36.00 a member. A part of this (\$23.00) is given to the General Assembly of the E.P.C. and another part (\$13.00) is given to the Presbytery of the East of the E.P.C.

We are asking every Bellevue member, who is able, to consider making an extra gift to help cover this expense. You may place your gift in the church offering plate using one of the pew envelopes, marking it E.P.C., or mail it to the church office at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 810 Newport Ave. Gap, PA with the notation E.P.C.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.



### MIDWEEK LENTEN LUNCH SERVICES February 14<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> 12:10 p.m.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14th and so will our midweek Lenten Lunch services. The theme this year will be “The Seven Last Words of Christ.” The service will begin at 12:10 p.m. followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for this time of study and reflection.

Feb. 14	Father Forgive Them	Luke 23:24
Feb. 21	Today You Will Be With Me	Luke 23:43
Feb. 28	Here is Your Son	John 19:26
Mar. 7	Why Have You Forsaken Me	Mark 15:34
Mar. 14	I Am Thirsty	John 19:28
Mar. 21	It Is Finished	John 19:30

Following each service, a light lunch will be served in Davies Hall (Lower level). A Nursery is provided.





Bellevue will again sponsor a Lenten Offering, March 11<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. This year funds raised will be given to EPC Disaster Relief Fund. If you wish to

contribute to this relief effort, please make your check payable to Bellevue Presbyterian Church and mark it EPC Disaster Relief Fund.



**KINGDOM KIDS**  
**Wednesday evenings**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Kevin Wenrich, Director of Children's Ministries*



Grades 7 to 12

- February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Super Bowling – 12:15 p.m.  
 Pizza at Bellevue then bowling at Rocky Springs
- February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Bubble Ball – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Meet at Bellevue at 6:00 p.m. then head to Lanco Field House (Release forms will be needed)
- February 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>** – Triple T (TBA) No Youth Group.
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



### CLUB 426

Our next Club 426 meeting will be on **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting at the church from 5:30-6:30. All students in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to come out and join us. We will be studying the Bible, playing games and enjoying a homemade snack.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **March, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. 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.

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office. You may drop a note in the office mailbox or send an email to [office@BellevueEPC.org](mailto:office@BellevueEPC.org).

#### *In Memory of Kermit Summers:*

In the first weeks of summer, 1959, Kermit Summers and I arrived at Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake, Washington, to work in the care of seriously ill patients, as medical students between our third and fourth years of study. He from the University of Pennsylvania and I from the University of Washington.

We became fast friends, and through all the later years we remained in contact. He very often spoke of his church and he continued to play the organ as an accomplished musician. He was also an accomplished, thoughtful physician. He was one of the finest men I have ever known.

I hope that some members of the church will remember Kerm. Maybe this short note can remind them of their own appreciation for friendship with this truly excellent example of the best human qualities.

Sincerely,  
 Grant Gauger



Dearest Bellevue Church Family,

Lisa and I send our sincerest thanks and appreciation for your bringing us onto your mission support team, for our mobilization effort with EPC World Outreach.

Your partnership makes it possible for more EPC workers to be sent to places where few or no believers are currently living.

Truly you're a vital part of sending "beautiful feet" that bring the "good news" of Jesus Christ to a people who have not yet heard.

Looking forward to 2018 and seeing His name taken to new lands and people groups.

With our love  
Shawn and Lisa Stewart

Thank you to the Deacons for the box of cookies I received at Christmas. They were delicious and also very much appreciated.

Audrey Wilson

To my Bellevue Family,

I want to thank you for your support, generosity and prayer that you gave me and my family last year and still now. Knowing that I have a prayer family means so much to me. Thank you for the generous gifts also.

Julie Parmer

Thank you to everyone who has sent me gifts, get well cards and well wishes and most of all prayers for answers and a treatment plan in this new year.

Much thanks and God's Blessing to you all!  
Denise Girvin

To Our Secret Pal,

We would like to thank you for your kindness and generous heart for the gifts you have given us over the past months. We particularly want to thank you for the beautiful Amaryllis flower (bulb) that you gave us for Advent. It was in full bloom all through Christmas and even into the new year. We are praying for you for whatever your needs might be and for whatever this new year of 2018 may hold for all of us here at Bellevue.

Again, thank you and may God's Blessings be upon you.  
The Kinkajids

To my Friends at Bellevue,

Many thanks for the lovely Christmas cards and again a very special thanks to my Secret Pal.

Vera Graham

*Due to the your faithful giving to The Factory Ministries, we received the following note:*

Thank you so much for your donation. It really helped my family this year when we were struggling. I hope I can repay the favor to someone else someday.

# CHATTERBOX

## SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

**Dorothy Wissler – February 8<sup>th</sup>**

5208 Sunset Lane, Gap, PA 17527

**Gordon McCallum – February 18<sup>th</sup>**

4825 Wyndhurst Road, Lexington KY 40515



### CANCELLATION INFORMATION

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

In the event of inclement weather, please check on the church website [www.bellevueepc.org](http://www.bellevueepc.org) for updated information or tune in your radio to **WDAC, FM94.5** or **WJTL, FM90.3**

#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In the event of inclement weather – if school dismisses the students early or is closed due to bad weather (we will follow the Pequea Valley School schedule due to our location) **THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES.**

For confirmation of this information, check the website.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS CLASS

If you are new to Bellevue, or have been wondering about why we encourage regular attenders to become members, we encourage you to attend our three week *prospective members* class. For anyone, from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older, who have not joined the church as a member, we are encouraging you to attend the class as well. This will be in place of the traditional Confirmation Class we have held at Bellevue in the past. We will hold them during the Sunday school hour on March 11, 18 and 25.

In this class we will look in-depth at who we are as a church and get you acquainted with our ministry here in Gap. We will also look at the biblical call to belong to a local church and see if Bellevue is the place for you. It will be a great time of teaching and discussion so we invite you, if you are at all interested in learning more about the ministry of Bellevue, to attend these classes. Please speak to Pastor JT if you are interested and sign up at the *Welcome Center*.



If you haven't had a chance to check out our new web page, take a moment and do that. Pastor JT spent many hours researching, entering data and teaching us all in the office how to use the new website. Our thanks go out to him for all of his hard work.

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The Personnel Committee is bringing this need to the congregation.

Seeking an assistant to the cemetery superintendent at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the evangelical church, in Gap. This position entails, but is not limited to, assisting with administrative duties in the sale of cemetery lots and facilitating traditional burials.

If you have questions, please see a member of the Personnel Committee: Frank Rotella, Anita Grimes or Linda Perella.

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### Easter Lily Order Form for Easter Sunday April 1, 2018



You can order your Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the lilies is **\$7.25** and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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