

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.
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Pastor JT Holderman

Have you ever read the Psalms, not just one here or there, but the 150 Psalms altogether? Whether you have or haven't, let me shortly encourage you to this end. The Psalms are the song and prayer book of God's people. Perhaps we neglect them because we lean towards reading the New Testament and they are found in the Old Testament. If that is the case, let us remember the Old and New Testaments are both God's word. But back to the Psalms; I'm convinced they are some of the greatest words of encouragement to you and me in this Christian journey. So, I propose a challenge to you this month to read all 150 Psalms. Five Psalms a day would do it. Simple, but it's not reading through the book so we can check it off that we should be after. Let me challenge you to note in particular three words or sentiments that I believe would be incredible for your faith: Trust, Love, and Seek. These three words refrain throughout the Psalms. Each calls us to be reminded of our God in a different way. Trust, calls you and I to know He is sovereign and lean into Him. Love, reminds us of His steadfast love for us. Seek, calls us to be active in our pursuit of growing in our love for God. So if you are up for it, take five chapters a day, look for these three words, and see how they are an encouragement to your faith. The Psalms are a treasure!

Sunday Supper and Seminar
Sunday, July 29
5:30 p.m.

More information to come

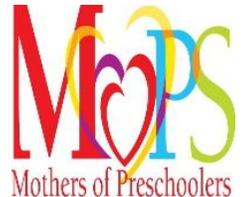
COMMUNION SERVED



COMMUNION – We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 5 – Swimming @ Wilma's Pond (5474 Strasburg Rd. Gap)
July 10 – MOPS Leaders
July 19 – Wolf's Hollow Hike
July 26 – MOPS Leaders
August 11 – MOPS Leaders Retreat Day
August 2 – Paradise Park
August 16 – Paradise Park
August 23 – MOPS Leaders
September 13 – MOPS Leaders
September 20 – MOPS begins



BARNSTORMERS' BALLGAME

SATURDAY,
August 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.



The Membership & Evangelism Committee invites the Bellevue family to join them at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Saturday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. to see the Lancaster Barnstormers take on the Somerset Patriots. The game will be followed by fireworks. **The price of the tickets is \$9.50** and the signup sheet is at the *Welcome Center* in Friendship Hall. You may send a check, payable to Bellevue, to the church to reserve seats. Call the office for details. **Deadline to order is Sunday, July 22nd.**



**Vacation Bible
School 2018
July 15-19
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

VBS will be held on July 15th-19th and the theme this year is Shipwrecked. Every night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. we will be learning about the different situations in which Jesus saves us. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us as children 4 years old through having completed 6th grade are welcome to join us for this awesome week.

One final item – COOKIES, SNACKS AND DRINK BOXES! If you would like to help provide snacks for VBS, we will take juice boxes/pouches, packages of cookies and snacks. Please place them in the kitchen. There will be a sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*. If you have any questions please speak to Kevin Wenrich, Director of Children’s Ministry.



KINGDOM KIDS

2018 Summer Schedule

- July 11th – Kingdom Kids (6:30 p.m.)
- July 15th-19th – Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
- August 1st – Water Game Night (6:30 p.m.)
- August 8th – Family Game Night (6:30 p.m.)

SUMMER CAMP

This year summer camp will be later in the summer than previous years. It will be August 13-16, so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information to come.

YOUNG ADULTS

- July 11th – Young Adult Community Group (7 pm)
- July 25th – Young Adult Community Group (7 pm)

2018 Schedule			
Date	Time	Field	Bellevue vs
7/2	6:30	1	Pequea Baptist
7/9	8:45	1	Keystone
7/16	6:30	1	Pequea Brethren
7/23	8:45	2	Leacock
7/30	7:30	2	Ridgeview



**“Got Your Goat” Campaign
June 24, - September 9, 2018**

On June 24, 2018, ten dollars was offered to each Bellevue member to be used as seed money. With your unique and special God given talent, we are praying that money will grow to help support Abu Saad, our missionary located in the Middle East.

Abu Saad is ministering the Gospel message to the displaced population in Iraq and Syria, caused when ISIS attempted to develop their Caliphate. Additionally, he is ministering to the Bedouin herdsmen, a nomadic tribe of people.

This “Got Your Goat” campaign is focused on providing funds to help establish a self sustaining program used to further Abu Saad’s ministry to the Bedouins. The Bedouin herdsmen are Muslims and a closed society. They are an unreached population regarding the Gospel message.

Some background... The Bedouin’s livelihood revolves around their goat herds. Several years ago, the goat herd for a leading Bedouin herdsman started dying. Abu Saad had been quietly talking to him about Christ’s love when this started to take place. Abu shared veterinarian services with him and the herd started recovering. This started his relationship with the Bedouin people.

CHATTERBOX

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

Bob Stoltzfus – July 14th

5444 Strasburg Road
Gap, PA 17527

Louise Stauffer – July 25th

13 Dorinda Drive
Christiana, PA 17509

Why goats? Goats have been around the Middle East and Asia for tens of thousands of years and are highly regarded. Their goats are more important than anything else. They are like gold to them. In fact, before there were coins, goats were used as currency. A pharaoh had over 2,000 goats buried with him. They provide milk, meat, and wool. Their skins are used for leather and pelts are used for making rugs. In Biblical times their skins were used as parchment for writing. They are used to pull carts and for pack animals.

Abu's vision is to develop a goat farm...the income from this farm will be self sustaining, providing money to the missionaries so they can focus on the ministry and not fund raising.

This will increase Bedouin's need for the veterinarians who are a part of Abu's missionary team. This will help deepen the relationship and trust level that Abu has started which will allow the team to bear witness to Christ's unconditional love, meeting the Bedouin's spiritual needs.

So, what is the goal with the "Got Your Goat" program? Abu's vision is to develop a herd of 500 goats. It costs between \$200.00 and \$300.00 to purchase a goat. From this herd will come young goats called kids. When a kid reaches the age of 5-7 months, it is sold for \$150.00. A doe can have a litter 3 times every 2 years.

With this process, Abu can establish a long term source of income. More importantly, he can further develop the relationship with the Bedouins. Abu is seeking Bellevue's help in making this effort successful.

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, ten dollars was offered to each Bellevue member to be used as seed money. By using your individual talents, creativity and imagination we pray this money will grow. Think of something you can do during the months of July and August, using one of your God giving talents, to grow this seed money.

This is an opportunity to share with those around you, within the congregation and the community at large; something from your kitchen, your workbench, artwork, knitting, mini concerts, history walks, community fairs, hospitality around the dining room table, help with yard work, car washes, etc., etc., etc. The list is limited only by your imagination.

The fruits of your efforts will be received in a special offering on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to:



The Family of Don Miller, in the passing of Dorothy Miller, on June 13, 2018.

The Family of Kathy and Kevin Wenrich in the passing of Mary Winter, Kathy's mother-in-law and Kevin's grandmother, on June 14, 2018.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **August, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by Monday, **July 23rd**. If you have any items you would like included in the newsletter, you can place them in the church mailbox or forward them via e-mail to office@bellevueepc.org. Thank you.



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