

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

The Adult Sunday School class this quarter on *Remember Your Leaders*, will culminate on February 25th. During our last class we looked together at one of the giants of the faith, who has since departed from the body and gone to be with the Lord, R.C. Sproul. A theological titan captivated with defending the faith, the holiness of God, and the Reformed theology that Scripture so clearly teaches. R.C. wrote a letter to the friends of Ligonier Ministries, a letter intended to be sent after his passing (thanks to the Leary's for loaning me their copy). In that letter, which brought tears of joy to my eyes, he said this: "If you're reading this letter, it means that my address has changed. My new address is permanent. In fact, it is eternal. Since moving here, I have experienced what I believed for decades—that Jesus always spoke the truth. As the Apostle Paul taught, my new abode is 'far better' than my last one and indeed it is 'gain.' Even now, my vocabulary is too impoverished to describe the glory of my present state. It is joy unspeakable—far beyond my earthly imaginations." This Lenten season, let me encourage each of us to the reality to which R.C. looked towards, and now enjoys, the reality of eternity with God. How is this possible? Only by the cross. As we see the seven last words of Jesus on our Wednesday Lenten Lunch Services, and as we approach Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter dawn, may we remember it is because of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection that R.C. could speak those words. It is because of Jesus' love for you that you can speak assuredly of your salvation as well. Look to Christ, hang all your hopes and dreams on Him alone, and friend, He will not disappoint.

UNIFIED SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Please join us *Sunday March 4th for a Unified Service of Worship*. There will be no first service. Sunday School Hour will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. There will be only one Unified Service of Worship beginning at 10:15 a.m. Finally, following the service, we will join together downstairs in Davies Hall for a congregational wide luncheon. We encourage you to bring a hot or cold dish to share with God's church that morning.

COMMUNION SERVED



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, March 4th at the 10:15 a.m. Unified Worship service.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY—March 29th at 7pm
Rev. Brad Moger

GOOD FRIDAY—March 30th at 7pm
Word #7: "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"—John 19:30
Rev. JT Holderman

EASTER MORNING
Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m.
Morning Services 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.



**MIDWEEK LENTEN
LUNCH SERVICES**
February 14th – March 21st
12:10 p.m.

Lent began Wednesday, February 14th along with our midweek Lenten Lunch services. The theme this year is “The Seven Last Words of Christ.” Each service begins at 12:10 p.m. followed by a light lunch. Please join us for this time of study and reflection.

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

A Nursery is provided.



On Palm Sunday, March 25th, at both services, the Senior Choir will be presenting the Cantata, “The Lenten Sketches” by Joe Martin. This piece depicts a series of events in the final days of Christ’s earthly ministry.



**Adult Sunday School
Classes
Spring 2018**

The Spring Quarter begins March 4th (with the Unified service, Sunday School hour begins at **9:00 a.m.**) We are preparing two classes, the first class is on Parts 5 and 6 of R.C. Sprouls *Everyone’s A Theologian*. The class will look at two grand topics together, the Holy Spirit, and How One is Saved. This class will be taught by Pastor JT, Pastor Brad, Adam Snyder and Rob Shaubach. The second class will be a Bible Study on 1 Corinthians, that magnificent letter of Paul to his beloved church. This will be taught by John and Linda Perella, Andrew Johnson and Josh Wolfe. We encourage you to grow in your relationship with the Lord by attending one of these Spring Classes.



Bellevue will again sponsor a Lenten Offering, February 18th – March 25th. 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. Envelopes are located at the *Welcome Center*.



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.

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 6th 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*.



Grades 7 to 12

March 4th – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
March 11th – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
March 18th – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Game Night

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

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



CLUB 426

We will have two meetings this month for Club 426. The first meeting will be March 18th. We will be going to Urban Air. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and the cost is \$15.00.

The second meeting will be on March 25th from 5:30-6:30. We will meet at Bellevue for an evening of Bible study, games and a snack.



Easter Egg Hunt

This year our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. We will meet together in the sanctuary for a short lesson and then we will divide into several groups before the egg hunt. Following the hunt all families are invited back inside to enjoy some snacks. If you are willing to provide snacks, there will be a sign-up sheet located at the *Welcome Center*. There will also be a sign-up sheet for any community group, committee, or person who would like to help fill the eggs for the children. If you have any questions, please talk with Kevin Wenrich.

Kevin Wenrich, Director of Children's Ministries



DEACON'S EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

On Sunday, March 11th we invite you to join us for Coffee Talk in Friendship Hall. That morning you will have an opportunity to pick up an Easter Bag to fill for either area school children or a member of our own congregation. It has proven to be a wonderful way to share the love of Christ at Easter. We ask that you return your Easter Bag by Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday). We are very blessed to have a caring and generous congregation to support this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Board of Deacons.

SOFTBALL NEWS



Another season of Softball will soon be here and plans are getting underway for the 2018 season. All guys from age 15 and older, are invited to be part of the team and we will hold our first informational meeting on **Sunday, March 11th** following the 2nd worship service. If you have any questions please see Sam Smoker, Jr. Let's Play Ball!

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 1st. The cost of the lilies is **\$7.25** and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25th. 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 _____

Please pick up your lily following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 1st.



Thanks so much, Bellevue, for the beautiful sympathy card sent to me in the loss of my dearest long-time friend from Kindergarten, Patricia Brand.

Pat was one of my original bridesmaids in our wedding and though she was in the early stages of cancer was able to come down for our 50th wedding vow renewal service in May of last year. She will be terribly missed even though the only way we've kept in contact through the years was through Christmas cards, since each of us have had busy lives and not the time to get together as much as we would have liked.

Also, it was quite a nice surprise to be on the receiving end of a box of candy from the Deacons. I was just getting the urge for a piece of chocolate candy, and this completely fit the bill. So thanks again for the candy. Bellevue certainly has a wonderful and thoughtful group of Deacons.

We have only been with Bellevue about 5 years and have enjoyed each and every year and we are so glad that we have made Bellevue our new "family".

Jim and Donna Law

Thanks to my secret pal for the gift cards and the lovely poinsettia at Christmas. God bless you!

Vi Young

Thank you so much Deacons for the wonderful box of chocolates. You know the way to an Office Manager's heart.

Brenda Brackbill

To My Secret Pal,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, gifts and the beautiful cards. May God be with you.

Thanks again, Babe Coates

To our Bellevue Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls and cards that came our way during Bob's recovery and a special thank you to JT for always being available. It has been so comforting knowing that we have such a caring and supportive Christian family.

Norris Family

Dear Bellevue team,

We are so grateful for your faithful service to God and to the teens of the community by preparing, bringing, and serving delicious meals at the Youth Center! Thank you SO MUCH for feeding them month after month. It means more to them than you know!

Blessings, The Factory

Dear Bellevue family,

Thank you so much for the valentines candy. Thank you to Rich and Sally Riehl for bringing it. I appreciate it.

Sincerely, Jane Feister

To My dear Church Family,

I send sincere thanks and appreciation for the card in memory of my stepdaughter Bev, who passed away on Feb. 5, 2017.

Also thanks for the wonderful valentine candy treats from my Bellevue family and the deacons! I enjoyed the visit from Carol Marble and her two delightful granddaughters, Hannah & Hailey.

And to my Secret Pal, many thanks for the beautiful Christmas centerpiece. Thanks for the money too!

Love, Verna Stoltzfus

CHATTERBOX



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

Maynard Engel (83) – March 6th
428 Myer Terrace, Leola, PA 17540

Mary Diem(102) – March 12th
766 Newport Avenue, Gap, PA 17527

Joan Esworthy (86) – March 25rd
112 North Christiana Avenue, Gap, PA 17527

Ruth Hohenstein (95) – March 25th
925 Willow Valley Lakes Drive #414, Willow Street, PA 17584



With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Grafinkle family on the passing of Dave's mother, Ginny Garfinkle.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Dale Stoltzfus family on the passing of Dale's mother, Helen Stoltzfus.



Sunday, March 11th, Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **April, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by **March 19th, 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@bellevuepc.org. Thank you.

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