

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

What is worship? This is an essential question for Christians to answer. Both believers and nonbelievers alike worship something or someone. Your neighbor who has not believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, worships. How can I say that? Paul makes this clear in Romans 1:20 and 25, “*For [God’s] invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse...they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*”

The nonbeliever Paul makes abundantly clear, worship! What do they worship? The creature, not the Creator. They worship the things of this world. Things they form and transform from God’s initial creation and intent. God created nature to display His glory, some here have exchanged that truth and worship nature instead. God has created love between a man and a woman to express the depths of His gift of intimacy and closeness in covenant, yet some have exchanged that truth instead for worshiping sex as an idol. Whatever God has created, the nonbeliever is tempted to worship at the expense of worshiping the Creator. This is tragic. This is the drive behind your sharing the Gospel, that they might have the blinders removed, darkness dispelled, and might know the beauty and majesty of the Creator of all good things! The things God has created are beautiful, but He is far more so. To worship the creature is a travesty.

So then, believer, what is worship for you and me? John Piper, in his fantastic new book on Preaching, *Expository Exultation* defines worship as: *To act in a way that shows the heart’s valuing of the*

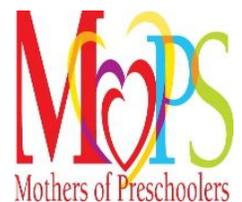
glory of God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Precisely. This is worship. A praise, a hallowing not of the creature, but of the Creator. And in particular our acting! Worship is actively valuing God. We are a people who worship truly when our thoughts of God make their way to the tip of our tongue and the tip of our fingers. What do your actions say about whom you worship? How we live says an awful lot about what we worship. May we be a people, whether it’s in corporate worship on Sunday morning, or in the car when you see the sun rise that takes away your breath, or after an incredible answer to prayer, may we be a people who act in a way that shows we value and hallow our great God. Soli Deo Gloria.

COMMUNION SERVED



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, May 6th at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Worship services.

May 3 – MOPS
May 10 – MOPS Leaders
May 17 – MOPS Pizza Party
for kids & volunteers.
(All volunteers invited.)



May 28, 2018
Church Office Closed



We were blessed to have Tim & Irina Markevich & family join with us. Guess the location!



SECRET PAL LUNCHEON
Sunday, May 6, 2018

It's time to let the "secret out!" The Board of Deacons will host this year's Secret Pal Luncheon on Sunday, May 6th at 12:00 noon, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship service. We will meet downstairs in Davies Hall. Secret pals will reveal their identity to the one they have been remembering and praying for this past year. The Deacons will provide the meal – you do not need to bring anything. A short, fun-filled time of entertainment will follow the meal. We trust all involved will be able to attend. Please mark your calendar now.



Deacons Need Your Dutchway Receipts
Dutchway Farm Market will accept store receipts, through the Deacons, which the store will use to calculate a percentage contribution that will be given to Cornerstone Pregnancy Center on behalf of Bellevue. A collection box is located in Friendship Hall.



LOCAL MISSION MORNING
Saturday, May 5, 2018 will be a morning of learning about our local missions that Bellevue supports. Our trip begins at 10 a.m. with a tour of Pregnancy Resources at Cornerstone in Gap. We plan on spending about an hour there and then moving on for a tour of The Factory. Also planned is lunch at a local restaurant to conclude the day. The Mission and Stewardship committee hopes you will join us to see how our local missions are reaching out to the community. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center* if you plan to join us.



Knoebels Camping Weekend
June 14th – 17th
\$50.00 deposit due to the church by
Sunday, April 29.
Sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER

Begins Sunday, June 3, 2018

This summer, we are joining for unified Sunday School courses, offering two six week studies. For the first six weeks of the Summer quarter, we will all be looking together at a practical study, **Learning How To Pray**. This will be a Bible-study aimed at taking what we have learned and worshiped through in our Sermon Series on *Prayer: Communion With God*, and putting it into practice. Our single aim is to help you grow in your prayer life. For the second half of the Summer quarter, we will be studying together using Ravi Zacharias' new video series, **Jesus Among Secular Gods**. This course will help you defend the absolute claims of Christ against the modern belief in the "secular gods" of atheism, scientism, relativism, and more. We hope to fuel your understanding with rock solid apologetical wisdom on Jesus and the secular idols of this world. We have a variety of teachers whom will be teaching various portions of these classes.



KINGDOM KIDS

Our final Kingdom Kids of this school year will be on May 23rd, and we will once again be doing a talent show. The kids are encouraged to show off their many talents. We will also be having pizza and families are invited to stay for the evening. Please see Kevin Wenrich if you would like more information.

CLUB 426

Our Club 426 retreat will be held on June 2nd. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. & head to Wolf's Hollow for a hike and lunch, followed by a trip to Go 'N Bananas for an afternoon of spins, laser tag and adventure. The cost is \$30. Bring a lunch. The is open to anyone who has completed 3rd-6th grade. Scholarships are available.



Grades 7 to 12

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?

2018 Schedule			
Date	Time	Field	Bellevue vs
4/16	7:30	2	Pequea Baptist
4/23	8:45	2	Keystone
4/30	8:45	1	Leacock
5/7	7:30	2	Pequea Brethren
5/14	6:30	2	Calvary Monument
5/21	7:30	1	Weaverland #2
6/4	8:45	2	Grace Point
6/11	6:30	2	St. John's Hotdog cook-out
6/18	8:45	1	Weaverland #1
6/25	6:30	1	Little Britain
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



WOLF'S HOLLOW HIKE SUNDAY, MAY 20 2018 2:00 P.M.

Join your Bellevue friends on a morning hike together at scenic Wolf's Hollow County Park in Atglen on May 20th. We encourage you to be at the parking lot (at Wolf's Hollow) and ready to hike/walk around the park beginning at 2:00 p.m. God has created nature to declare His glory; may we be stunned by His creation and declare His praises together.

High School Baccalaureate Services

Pequea Valley High School – The Annual Baccalaureate Service at Pequea Valley High School will be held this year on Tuesday, May 29th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Octorara Area High School – The Baccalaureate Service this year will be held on Wed., June 6, 7:00 p.m. at Schneider Parish Center 2995 Cemetery Road, Parkesburg, Pa.

Young Adults of Bellevue

We had a GREAT Hiking Day in April, and are looking forward to building our Group as we gather for more events! We have TWO Events on the Calendar (See Below) and two more ideas which will have Dates decided soon. Friends are always welcome.

- **Friday, May 4 – Movie Night at Bellevue!**
We'll gather just before 7:00pm, and we will provide Pizza, Popcorn & the Movies. You can bring some drinks, and perhaps other snacks to share. Talk to Luke or Izzy if you have ideas for films we will watch.
- **Tuesday, June 5 – Cookout & Pool Party at Moger's**
Starting around 5:30, come when you can to 859 Hidden Hollow Drive in Gap. The pool is heated, and the yard is big enough for various games, if that's your style. Bring Your Own Meat for the grill, a side/dessert to share, and any lawn-type games you enjoy. We'll provide drinks and the grill.
- **SERVICE Work Together – May**
We are collecting names of Bellevue folks who need some help with yard work or small jobs around their homes. We might end up working together on a Saturday, or on a weekday evening. Stay Tuned.
- **Weekly Bible Study & Fellowship – Hope to Begin the last week of May or first week of June**
Many of you have asked for a regular, weekly gathering to be together, learn from God's word, share concerns & needs, and fellowship together. We are still determining what time during the week is the best. It will probably be an evening. Please contact any of us "Older Adults" if you have thoughts on this weekly gathering, and/or are willing to help lead it.

Blessings To You All – Anissa, Ann, Elise, Kristin, Denise & Brad

Upcoming Events

Unified Service of Worship Graduation Recognition Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 3

Sunday, June 3 will be an exciting day at Bellevue. First will be our Unified Service. Sunday School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:15 a.m. It will also be Graduation Recognition for all students graduating from High School or College. Finally, there will be a called Congregational Meeting after the Worship service. Please join us on Sunday, June 3.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

Our annual Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10th at 12:00 noon. The day begins with our 8:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary, followed by worship at the park in the pavilion at 10:45 a.m. Following worship, we will gather for a time of fellowship, lunch, and lots of games.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HELD THAT MORNING.

This will give you the opportunity to get to the Salisbury Township (Gap) Park early to join us for the 10:45 a.m. morning worship, followed by the picnic. ***Families are asked to bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert. Everyone is asked to bring a container of drink.*** Paper products and plastic utensils will be provided, however, you will need to bring serving utensils for your dishes. You may also want to bring your lawn chairs. We hope you and your family have this date marked on your calendar and will join us for this time of worship, food, fellowship and games.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHIPWRECKED July 15th-19th

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 Skeeters from Texas. The game will be followed by fireworks. **The price of the tickets is \$9.50** and the sign-up sheet is at the *Welcome Center* in Friendship Hall. You may send a check, payable to Bellevue, to the church to reserve seats also. Call the office for details. **Deadline to order is Sunday, July 22nd!**



Dear Staff,

We look forward to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb together, so I use this particular card as a thank you for Sunday's lovely service. My days are difficult and lonely and to have the strength of communion to remind me why I'm alive, merits a depth of gratitude to you as you labor in my risen Lord Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Name,
Vicky Oberholtzer

To my Deacon Friends,

Thanks for the candy and the nice visit from Howard and Ellen. Also many thanks for the lovely gifts from my Secret Pal.

Vera Graham

Dear Friends,

I hope that all of us know what a wonderful congregation Bellevue is. We have two wonderful ministers who feed us spiritually each week from God's Word. In addition, we have so many members who genuinely care for everyone in the church. I am thankful for all of the cards I have received following my recent hospitalization as well as the many prayers offered up for my recovery. I was blessed by Pastor JT's visit in the hospital. Thanks, too, to Susen and Jay Leary who delivered a delicious meal to us from the Deacons. May God continue to bless us and use us in His service and in sharing His love.

God's Peace,
Steve Getty

To the Deacons,

Thank you so much for the delicious chicken pie dinner. It was so thoughtful. Not having to prepare a meal always makes the day a little easier.

Thank you again,
Herb and Carol Girvin

Dear Friends (Deacons)

What a kind thought to be remembered and showered with kindness through your gift of a complete meal. The food was delicious, the lily enjoyed and the company of those delivering was a delight. Bellevue truly shares God's love.

Gratefully,
John & Joan Esworthy

CHATTERBOX

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

Dick Patterson – May 2nd
5442 Lincoln Hwy, Gap, PA 17527

Bill Kauffman – May 3rd
433 S Kinzer Ave, Apt. 131GS,
New Holland PA, 17557

Rev. Paul Gordon – May 21st
600 E Roseville Road, Apt 3101
Lancaster, PA 17601

Doris Reed – May 23rd
5734 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527

Louise Poole – May 25th
807 Chestnut Street, Gap, PA 17527

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **June, 2018 newsletter** are due in the office by **Monday, May 21st**. 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. Thank you.



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