



Faith in Action

at

BELLEVUE METHODIST CHURCH

Walking together in service, discipleship, and grace.

WHATEVER IT TAKES?

In February, Steve Hill and I had an opportunity to attend a meeting with our Bishop, Rev. Mark Webb, along with several other pastors and lay leaders from Michigan. We talked about the unique opportunities and challenges facing the Global Methodist Church, the work of the Holy Spirit amongst the churches in our conference, and the mission fueling what we hope will be an ongoing movement among the people called Methodists.

A FRESH LOOK IS COMING TO OUR NEWSLETTER

As Microsoft Publisher is being phased out, we're exploring new tools and formats to continue bringing you clear, timely, and engaging church news. During this transition, the layout may look a little different from month to month. Thank you for your patience and grace as we find the style that best helps us share updates, events, and stories with our church family.

And while I have neither the recall nor the word count to share all we heard from the Bishop, at the heart of his remarks was one sentiment that stuck with me. In his limited time with us, Bishop Webb sought to communicate his desire that the Global Methodist Church would be a church that would do whatever it takes to help one more person take one step further into the life Jesus has for them. Whether that means someone who has never set foot in a church or opened a Bible or someone who has called themselves a Christian their entire lives, we exist to help every person we encounter find life in Jesus Christ.

So what will it take? As we seek to answer this question together, we need to consider two things. For one, what do you need to take one step closer to the life Jesus has for you? The season of Lent is intended to remind us that we are on a journey with Jesus that leads to life, but requires us to die to ourselves. What is in your way on this Journey? And how can our congregation help you continue to follow Christ?

Perhaps for you, that looks like joining us on Sundays for Worship or Tuesdays for Bible Study. Maybe it means giving up something for lent to re-center your focus and priorities. Maybe it means joining us for our Sunday School Study this season. Whatever it is for you, hear Jesus's invitation, "whoever loses their life for my sake, will find it."

But we will also have to consider that helping others take one step closer may mean sacrifice on our part. It may require us to serve, to let go of our own preferences, to rearrange our schedules, or step outside of our comfort zone and invite someone to church. Have you ever asked yourself what you would be willing to do or to sacrifice to help someone else find life in Jesus? It is not an easy question, but if we have the courage to answer it, God will use it to multiply his blessings through us.

So, this Lenten season, may we be a congregation marked by a willingness to do whatever it takes so that we all might know Christ a little better.



Welcome to Bellevue Methodist Church

Ever at your service, Pastor Ben

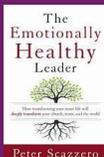
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What I'm Reading...



Grace Can Lead Us Home, Kevin Nye:

In preparation for our upcoming mission trip, I have picked up some books on Christian efforts to combat homelessness. Most of our trip will consist of learning about this work with Jesus People USA in Chicago, but I appreciated Kevin Nye's perspective in this thoughtful and informative book based on his years serving in Los Angeles.



The Emotionally Healthy Leader, Pete Scazzero:

This volume builds on the principles of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Pastor Pete explores the importance of emotional health in the lives of Christian Leaders, showing how our inner lives affect our outward ministries and guiding leaders through a process of healing and self-awareness based on the teachings of Jesus.



Healthy Family Cookbook, Brittany Poulson:

Many of you know I love to cook, but with our family's schedule it is hard to find time to try new recipes and prepare high quality meals. I love this cookbook because it was written with families like ours in mind. Every recipe is simple and quick and we have found many new favorites in its pages!

What I'm Listening to...



New Life Fellowship NYC Sermons:

Pastor Rich Villodas regularly appears as a guest on another of my favorite shows, *The Holy Post*. I recently started listening to his sermon series on the Gospel of Mark, and have found his messages practical, humorous, and personally challenging.



The Dispatch Podcast:

This show isn't just a news roundup, but a thoughtful discussion about how current events intersect with our nation's founding values and the possibility of building a just, peaceable, and productive life together.



The Pistons Pulse, Detroit Free Press:

Some people like Reality TV, others like soap operas. I like the NBA. I always have. And the Detroit Pistons have come out of nowhere to put together their best season since I was in elementary school. This podcast from the Detroit Free Press keeps me up to date on all the action. Check out their Tigers show too!



4U FREE STORE SILENT AUCTION

At the Bellevue Methodist Church

6-7 March 2026

10 am – 5 pm

Volunteers will be needed for set-up, during the event and for tear-down.

Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Bake Sale items will be available during Auction.

Please contact Steve Hill at 269-719-0850 to volunteer.



We believe God is for us and 4U!

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

March / April Collection



Ramen Noodles / Cream of Mushroom Soup

Starkist Tuna / Apple Juice (Quarts)

Donations accepted all month long and can be dropped off at the church (Shopping Cart in Fellowship Hall) or the Bellevue Good Samaritan Building, 205 N. Main St. on Wednesdays between 3 pm–6 pm.

Movie Night Fellowship Hall

28 March 2026 and 25 April 2026

Supper will be provided at 5 pm & the movie will begin at 6 pm.

Men's Retreat at Bair Lake Bible Camp!
Grab an information postcard in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Ben for details!



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 Philippians 1:6

a conference for women

April 25

Hosted by:
Pathfinder
 Global Methodist Church
 8740 S Westnedge Ave
 Portage, MI 49002

register here 

details on back

Women's Conference at Pathfinder GMC!
Grab an information postcard in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Ben for details!

Lenten Soup & Bread

St. Ann's is hosting this ecumenical church event this year in fellowship with our Church Family here at Bellevue and in Olivet.

Meet up at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 312 S. Main Street, Bellevue, MI at 6 PM on the following Wednesdays for food and fellowship as we reflect on the weekly Lenten messages.

- 25 February
- 4 March
- 11 March
- 18 March
- 25 March

Pastor Ben speaks on 11 March!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Palm Sunday Services: Sunday, March 29, at 11 am**
- Good Friday Services: Friday, April 3, at 6:30 pm**
- Easter Sunday Service: Sunday, April 5, at 11 am**



Questions? Ask Pastor Ben!

Lenten Sunday School Course
 Sundays 9:30-10:30

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Does it ever feel like something is missing in your relationship with Jesus?
 Like you keep running into the same roadblocks?
 Like there is something beneath the surface hindering your spiritual growth?
 Join us through the season of Lent for a study of Pastor Pete Scazzero's life-changing book...
 Through instructive videos, personal reflection, and vibrant discussions, we will see how Jesus can help us overcome the wounds and lies that keep us spiritually stuck.



BELLEVUE FAMILY CAMPING

2-7 August 2026
Winding Creek Campground
Hastings, MI

Contact Paul Haist at
517-983-2146 for details and
reservation information.



Check out our photo galleries to see all the fun, food and fellowship we partake in each year!
www.bellevuemethodist.org/family-camping

Get Ready for a Tropical Trek!

VBS is 26-28 June!

1st – 6th Graders

Friday: 6-8 pm / Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm /

Sunday: 9-11 am

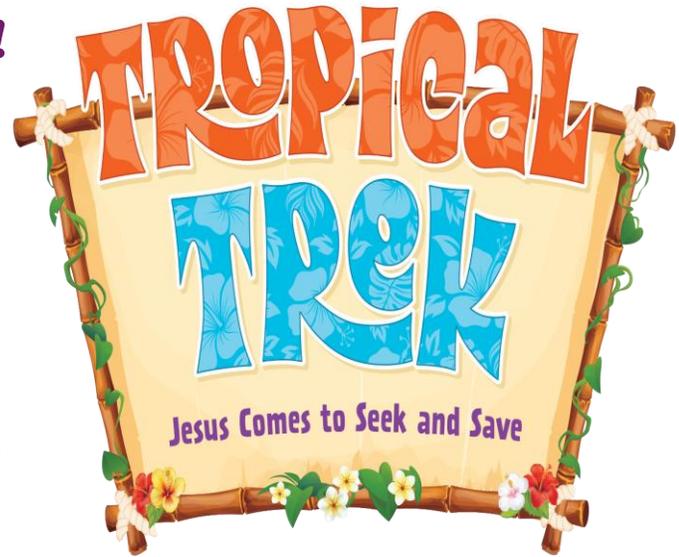
Contact the Church Office to register your child or grandchild. Keep a lookout  on our website for additional Trek details.

Volunteers needed to lead stations, help with snacks, and run security. See Pastor Ben for details.

VBS Team Training Dates:

17 May from 12:30-3 pm

7 June from 12:30-3 pm



CHILDREN & YOUTH REMINDERS

- Children’s Church is offered during our Sunday Service for kids 5th grade and under.

Once the sermon begins, children are invited to head downstairs to the Sunday School room, where they enjoy a Bible lesson along with a fun game or craft.

- 5 April 2026 and 10 May 2026 – No Youth Group in observance of Easter & Mother’s Day
- 31 May 2026 – Last Youth Group of the School Year (Will resume again in the Fall!)

Spring Break Mission Trip

Our Youth Group is prepping to head to Chicago to work along side Jesus People Group Missions during their Spring Break.

Team Training begins 22 February and every Sunday after church thru 22 March

Departure:

1 pm – Sunday, 29 March

Return:

10 pm – Friday, 3 April



Explore our Church website:
www.bellevuemethodist.org

- Listen to recent Sunday Messages
- Stay up to date on current events and church happenings
- Learn what our ministry groups are doing
- Read the latest newsletter and view monthly calendars
- Find helpful information about our ministries, missions, and ways to get involved



Our Daily Bread Devotionals



Booklets are available at the church parking lot entrance. Pick up your copy today and reflect daily in HIS WORD!



BELLEVUE METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

“Ignite God’s Love In Our Lives As We Reach Out To The World.”



Contact Information

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 9am—1pm

Pastor’s Office Hours:

Thursdays: 9am—3pm

Additional hours available by appointment

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IS EVERYONE’S JOB...

Pick up tissues, wrappers, & bulletins in the pews



Turn off lights

Shutting off sink faucets

Turning off AC Units & ceiling fans

DO NOT OVERRIDE the thermostats ...they are preset

Clean up after using church facilities (meetings, committees, groups, fellowship, activities) - see checklist in Kitchen

Lock all doors

...AND IT PROMOTES SAFETY!



Highlights from Winter Blitz 2026

Pastor Ben and several of our youth joined forces with Pastor Luke and the First Baptist Church Youth Group for a fun-filled weekend at Bair Lake Bible Camp. Together, they enjoyed winter activities, praise music, small group studies, inspirational speakers, and meaningful fellowship with youth from across Southern Michigan.

It was an incredible opportunity for our students to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience the joy of Christ-centered community.

See Pastor Ben about having your youth join us again next year!

