NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2026

Ripples of Multiplication...

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BELLEVUE METHODIST CHURCH



COVENANT SUNDAY
22 NOVEMBER 2026

One of the reasons I love Thanksgiving is that it is a fairly low-pressure holiday, unless, of course, you play for the Detroit Lions. But seriously, you don't have to worry about buying presents or looking nice for church or family photos, and no one expects you to decorate. No matter how complex a recipe I try for a turkey, there is a beautiful simplicity to Thanksgiving that no other Holiday replicates. The time with family, the good food, the football, and an afternoon nap always leave me feeling grateful to God for his many blessings, and to my family for the love that we share.

For the past two years, we have celebrated God's blessings in our congregation and renewed our commitment to another through a celebration called Covenant Sunday. Last year we baptized 5 people and confirmed another, while adding 4 additional new members on profession of faith. Much like my family, now that my cousins and I are getting married and having kids, it is always exciting when new people join our church family. This year on November 22, we will welcome our new members and renew our own membership covenant during this season of Thanksgiving, in concert with our annual church conference. (Our baptism and confirmation class will be offered this spring in the weeks following Easter.)

As part of the celebration on November 22, we are inviting all of our members to complete a Covenant Commitment (See below). This form contains suggestions for how you can renew your own commitment to support this church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. By taking the time to renew and celebrate your commitment, you will help our community continue to steward our mission well and support you in your own growth in grace. The forms are collected and confidentially reviewed by the Pastor (me), the Lay Leader (Steve Hill), and the Staff-Parish Relations Chair (Darwin Kuhl) so that we can support you in your relationship with God through prayer and encouragement, and so that we can make informed decisions about the ministry opportunities and finances of our church.

Each year, these commitments enable our church to organize for the year of ministry ahead and also provide a helpful way for us to reflect on what God is doing in our midst. Undoubtedly, we have much to be thankful for and excited about as we continue to gather together in his name. I hope you will say "yes" to this invitation to celebrate what God is doing in our church together and join us in planning for the year ahead. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about this opportunity.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ben

This issue:

CHARGE CONFERENCE

THANKSGIVING DINNER

CHRISTMAS VBS

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4U FREE STORE IS OPEN

CONTACT US!



26 NOVEMBER 2026 11 AM - 3 PM

THANKSGIVING DINNER

BELLEVUE METHODIST CHURCH

OUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE & LOVINGLY MADE MEAL FOR:

- THOSE IN NEED -

- THOSE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING MEAL -

- THOSE WHO WILL BE ALONE THIS THANKSGIVING -

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP, GOOD FOOD & LOVE AS WE COME TOGETHER TO GIVE THANKS AND PROVIDE HOPE TO ALL.

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!





See Laura Lee Kelly for details or contact her at 269-967-2598

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER COLLECTION

CANNED FRUIT
(PEACHES, MANDRARIN ORANGES, MIXED FRUIT)
TOILET PAPER
EGG NOODLES
HAND SOAP
CANNED CHICKEN
EMPTY LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLES
(NO SOFTENER BOTTLES)

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.

TICKETS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE







Operation Christmas Child

YEAR ROUND COLLECTING IDEAS
HERE ARE NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



$10 DONATION

NOVEMBER



1 November

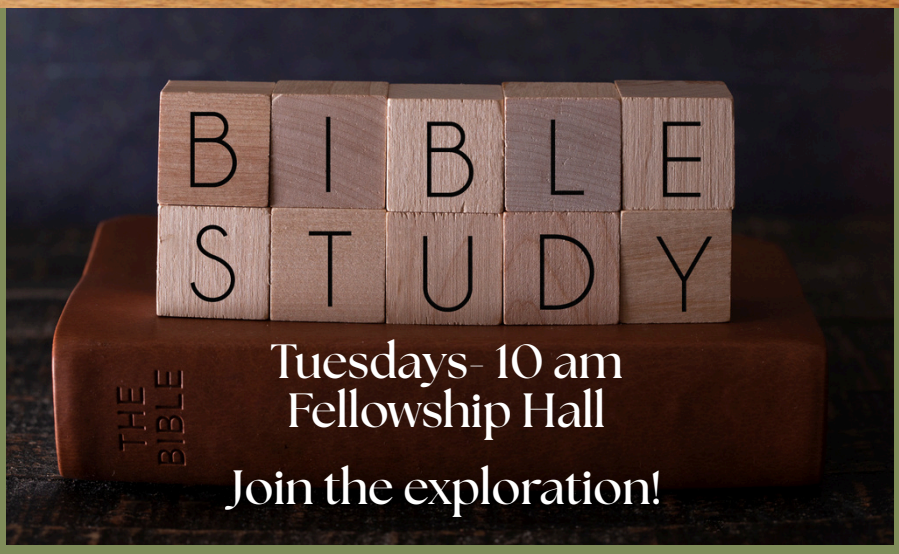




PRAYER

DECEMBER







Church Directory Updates!



We want to hear from you!

With 2027 just around the corner, it is time to update our Church Directory so we can stay in touch. Any changes ***(including missing information)*** to addresses, phone numbers, emails, birthdays and anniversaries, please update the directory in the fellowship hall or contact the church office by the end of the year.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IS EVERYONE'S JOB...



Pick up tissues, wrappers, & bulletins in the pews

Turn off lights

Shutting off sink facets

Turning off AC/Heating 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!

Bellevue Church Charge Conference

22 November - Following Sunday Services

What is Charge Conference?
And why does it matter?

In the simplest terms...

Think of Charge Conference as your church's **"annual check-up"** - a time to celebrate what God has done, plan for what's ahead, and make sure all the important administrative details are handled properly. the forms and report help tell your church's story and keep everyone connected and informed.

All are welcome to attend!!!!!





Bellevue Methodist Church invites everyone to:

Christmas Eve Services

FAMILY SERVICE — 7 PM

A time for the whole family to worship together, allowing children to get nestled all snug in their beds at an hour for visions of sugar plums to dance in their heads.

PJs welcome!

Cookies and cocoa following the service.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — 8:30 PM

A traditional service including hymns, a Christmas homily, and communion, ending in candlelight.

ALL ARE WELCOME ♡ ONE OR BOTH SERVICES!

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF JESUS TOGETHER



People Care

As People Care begins assembling their Christmas cards for the season, they are seeking donations of unused cards. If you have a few extras tucked away, please consider donating them to help brighten someone's holiday.

Christmas Eve
COOKIES & COCOA

Bellevue Methodist Church invites everyone to grab some sugar and an apron and start baking those Christmas cookies — don't forget *the sprinkles!*

We need lots of yummy, sugary cookies for Fellowship Time held in front the **7 PM Family Service and 8:30 PM Candlelight Service on December 24.**

Cookies can be dropped off during church office hours prior to the 24th or brought in when you come for service.

Let's make our fellowship time warm and welcoming!

We also need volunteers to helr host the fellowship — please contact the Church Office if you're interested.



December is Blanket Sunday Month!



This mission provides blankets to families impacted by hurricanes, tornados, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty).

For a donation of $5 or more, you can purchase a quilt square ornament which will provide a warm blanket for someone in need. Donation envelopes and quilt square ornaments will be in the Fellowship Hall next to the "Giving Tree"

Please put the donation envelopes in the basket and hang your ornament on the tree.

Contact Dawn Bordner at 269-763-9854 for information.





BELLEVUE METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

"IGNITE GOD'S LOVE IN OUR LIVES AS WE REACH OUT TO THE WORLD."

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

Our Daily Bread Ministries

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

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

Thank you for reading!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY: 9 AM - 1 PM	PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT
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