# Bellville Methodist Believer

#### SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (sanctuary)



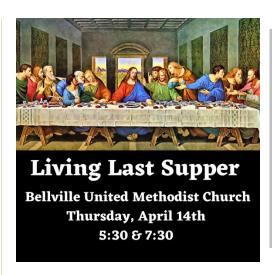
#### LENTEN LUNCHES

NOON - 12:45 p.m. Room 204

Come enjoy a light lunch and speaker each Wednesday during Lent.

April 6 – Jeff Underwood April 13 – Carey Tise

BUMC is offering 3 options for worship on Easter Sunday morning.
Traditional services at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and a
Contemporary service in the MAC at 11:15 am.



April 15

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

**GOOD FRIDAY** 

BELLVIL

April 14

5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

A dramatic presentation that recreates the events surrounding the accusations and denials of the most recognized villain in history...but who is it?



#### BUILDING UPDATE

Every day brings us one day closer to our building project being complete!

#### PICTURES:

Left –existing church sign getting a new look

Right – landscaping on Masonic Street

Right– pavers being laid in prayer garden, cross was installed

Right - Sidewalks poured











Benefitting Belize Mission Trip July 10 - 16

#### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!!

We are inviting you to invest in our youth and adults who are going on a mission trip in July to Belize. We are offering shares at \$25 each and this comes with an invitation to our Stockholders Dinner to be held at the end of July. There are approximately 700 shares available.

There will be incentives at different investment levels:

- 4 Shares Ticket to Dinner & and a personalized letter from someone on our trip
- 8 Shares Ticket to Dinner, personalized letter, and a group photo signed by everyone on the trip
- 12 shares Ticket to Dinner, personalized letter, signed group photo, and t-shirt from group trip

We would love for you to invest in our group and can't wait to see how God moves during our trip!

#### IN OUR PRAYERS...

**Bob Pendergraft** Bill Moebes Luke Keaton **Everly Lunsford** Bill Schmidt Kay Marek Beverlye Dodd Billie Grounds Irene Herreth Susan Crutchfield JoAnn Gillum Jerri Hurta JoAnn Hinze Sharon Dyer Jessica Engler Anne Wingo Mary Gibson Harold Remmert

Mike Aldredge Katie Huebner Ann Kiesewetter Kathryn King Janice Engelking Jim Oliver Cyndy Massey June Lynch Carrie Steinbach Winifred Walentine Kennedy Maderer Don Moore

John Grube Sally Schaefer Doug Lottridge Molly Lottridge Avis Pouncy Billy Armstrong



#### SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Hunter Morris** Chad Holloway Sean Whitfield Gregory Hill Mitch & Emily Bruce Maj. Zachary & Lt. Cassidy Jones John Lanier David Anderson Dalton Flannigan Jesse Worthen **Hunter Berry** Rachel Hoag Cheryl Munoz Rachel Munoz Ryan Tull

All the men/women serving our country and their familias

#### APRIL CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 5

1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship (204) 7:00 p.m. Methodist Men (204)

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Living Last Supper rehearsal

Friday, April 8

5:00 p.m. All Church Fish Fry

Sunday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Children's Choir sings

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 p.m. Kingdom Tithe (204)

Wednesday, April 13

Noon Lenten Lunch (204) (Carey Tise) No Children's Dinner or Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Living Last Supper rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

No CBS

5:30 p.m. Living Last Supper (MAC) 7:30 p.m. Living last Supper (MAC)

Friday, April 15

Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Good Friday service (sanct)

Sunday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Easter worship (sanct) 10:00 a.m. Easter worship (sanct)

11:15 a.m. Easter worship (MAC)

No Sunday School

No confirmation or youth group

Monday, April 18

Office Closed No MDO

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Construction meeting (204)

6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle (204) Sunday, April 24

Pastor Bryan's last Sunday at BUMC

Wednesday, April 27

6:00 p.m. Confirmation practice

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **CHILDREN**

Rm 215 - Nursery

Rm 214 - 3s - Pre-school

Rm 217 - K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Rm 212 - 4th & 5th grade

#### YOUTH

Rm 213 (SS Workroom)

#### **ADULTS**

Rm 204 - Joy Class

Rm 206 - Seekers Class

Rm 208 - Disciples Class

Rm 211 - Young Families Class

MAC - Berean Class (all ages)

#### THANK YOU!!

We want to thank everyone who supported our recent Bake Sale. It truly helped our scholarship fund and we appreciate your support.

-Ruth Circle of BUMC

A BIG thank you for all the people who helped set up, for and clean up after the All-church Pot Luck lunch. It was great.

-Linda Ludwick

collecting cans of tuna and Chef Boyardee. Thank you for your generous support.

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of April we are

#### BUMC PARKING

A concern has been raised that people are parking in handicap spaces without displaying a plate or placard. Please display if you are parking in those spaces, and if you do not have one, please reserve the spaces for those that do.

#### RUTH CIRCLE

#### Tuesday, April 19

Room 204

Program:

Providence Place Adoption Agency

5:30 p.m. Write Cards 6:00 p.m. Meal Ladies - All members of BUMC are welcome

#### BLUEBONNET

#### **OPRY**

Bluebonnet Opry holds events at the Silver Wings Ballroom in Brenham the third Thursday of each month. Tickets sold at the door are \$8.00.

BUMC will take the church bus for anyone who wants to ride. Please call the church office. Next date: April 21.

#### SURVIVING

#### **GRIEF**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month

Allumine Hospice Office 540 W. Main Street, Bellville

A free support group, giving you an opportunity to meet with other grieving people.

Ruth Dinges (281-734-9111) Sharon Glentzer (713-303-2237)

7:00 p.m.

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### Sundays

9:00 a.m Traditional Worship

(sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

(sanctuary)

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:00 p.m. MYF

#### Mondays

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (204)

#### **Tuesdays**

Noon AA (206)

#### Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out

4:00 p.m. Children's Choir (217)

5:00 p.m. Children's Dinner (217)

6:00 p.m. Wild Wednesdays (211)

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (211) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (sanctuary)

#### **Thursdays**

6:30 p.m. AA & Al Anon (206, 211) 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (MAC)



Mother's Day Out little ones listened intently to Jason Greene from the Bellville Volunteer Fire Department as he explained fire safety rules. "Mr. Jason" explained how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and then had everyone practice.

Children were then given a tour of Engine #1. They were excited to be able to climb up and sit inside, but the highlight of the day was hearing the horn and siren!

A big thank you to Mr. Jason and our BVFD!



# REGISTRATION

It's time to start planning for the 2022-2023 school year... already! Fall registration is open!!

Turn in your applications early as classes fill up fast, we had a waiting list for most classes this entire school year!

MDO will not be offering a summer program this year since we will be spending the summer transitioning from our current rooms to the new Children's Building. We're looking forward to starting a new school year in brand new rooms!



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING MUSICAL



SUNDAY, MAY 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

#### **Easter Events**

Palm Sunday ~ April 10 - Children wave palms at both services

Easter Festival ~ April 16, 10:00 a.m. to Noon - Back parking lot Come for a morning of activities, egg hunt, and pictures with the Bunny

Easter Sunday ~ April 17 - No Children's Church or Sunday School Worship with your family

## We need volunteers for VBS! Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God!

June 13 – 17 9:00 a.m. to Noon

If you would like to help in a centers area or lead the children from place to place, please contact Miss Laura, <a href="mailto:laura@bellvilleumc.org">laura@bellvilleumc.org</a> or call the church office

Children's Ministries is needing empty paper towel rolls for VBS. You may place your donations in the baskets located in the Snack and Children's area.





#### **FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

# May 3 June 7

Room 204 GAMES & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

Adults of all ages are welcome!!

Feel free to bring a game you'd like to play or let me know what you'd like to play and I'll see if I can round it up! Recent games: Dominoes: 88 Hand & Foot Mexican Train Pegs & Jokers Rummikub

Interest expressed in Bridge & Mah Jong - need 4 players for each of these games.

For more information or if you need transportation contact:

Dianna Norton, 979 270 5075 diannashipmannorton@gmail.com

#### BACKPACK BUDDY MINISTRY

Thank you to the congregation and all those who have donated to help our ministry to the children at O'Bryant Primary, O'Bryant Intermediate, and Bellville Junior High School. Backpack Buddies started with 26 children. We are now sending food bags home to 60 children.

Recently, we have been moved into a larger space allowing us to better serve this program. Thank you to all who made this possible.

We want to welcome two new members, Sharon Pederson and Jan Kimes, who recently joined our team. A big thank you to all our team members who have served faithfully each week.

If you have any questions about our ministry or would like to join, please contact me, Jane Couch at <a href="mailto:ir.couch@yahoo.com">ir.couch@yahoo.com</a> or 713-203-0966.

#### Dear Church,

On April 29, our District Superintendent, Rev. Wanda Bess, met with our Staff Parish Relations Committee to inform us that Rev. Bryan Jody has been appointed to be the Associate Pastor for College Ministries at A&M United Methodist Church in College Station beginning May 1, 2022.

Bryan has served faithfully among us for the last five and a half years, first as our Director of Youth Ministries and then as our Associate Pastor. We are saddened to hear that he is going, but we are excited for the new opportunities his new appointment presents him. We know he will do great work there, just as he has done great work here.

Bryan's last Sunday with us will be April 24. While this is a bit atypical for a move time, because so much youth and college ministry happens during the summer, getting him into his new position and our new Associate into position here prior to the beginning of summer will bless all.

To that end, Rev. Bess also informed us that we will be receiving Kyle Abshire as our new Associate. Kyle is finishing up his internship at League City UMC and will graduate from Perkins School of Theology May 14. Kyle brings with him over a decade of youth ministry experience. He was even the speaker for the UM ARMY mission camp our Senior High attended last summer. Kyle will no doubt be a great blessing to us and especially our youth in the years to come. Kyle's first Sunday will be May 15.

In the next few weeks, we will announce how we will formally celebrate Bryan, Sarah and their girls as well as welcome Kyle and his wife Alex. Between now and then, take a moment to thank

Bryan and Sarah for all they have done in our midst. Also, please keep Bryan, Kyle, their families and the ministries in both locations in your prayers as they make these transitions.

We know God has been faithful and good to us and will continue to be so!

Blessings,

Rev. John Reasons Senior Pastor

Chad Hesters
Chair, Staff Parish Relations
Committee

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8 5:00 p.m.

BUMC Methodist Men will host an All Church Fish Fry to thank you for your support throughout the year.

## From Pastor Bryan...

Hey friends, it is with incredibly mixed emotions that I share with you that I have been reappointed by the Bishop and the cabinet of the Texas Annual Conference to join A&M United Methodist effective May 1. I will be joining the staff there as the Campus Pastor focusing on college students and their vital role as active disciples within the local church.

Over a decade ago I had the opportunity to serve as the Director of College Ministries at A&M UMC and a piece of my heart has always felt called to college ministry. Through prayer and seeking guidance, Sarah and I both feel strongly called to this ministry and gave our "yes". We are so excited about what is in front of us - reaching students in the name of Christ, creating a community of people seeking to be active in God's kingdom, and growing active and future members and leaders of Christ's body. We are eager and humbled by this invitation.

But with the joy and excitement also comes the sadness of saying goodbye. I have grown so much here over the past five years. Bellville UMC has supported my family by first hiring me as the Director of Youth Ministry in 2016, helping me discern my call into pastoral leadership, welcoming and helping raise Rebekah and Anna, and poured out love and support when my father passed away. The relationships we have built here will be with us forever and have been examples of Christian love and passion for God's kingdom that will continue to teach me throughout my ministry. I love this staff so much and am grateful for being a part of their lives these past years.

Rev. Bryan Jody Associate Pastor Bellville United Methodist Church