

Bellville Methodist Believer

SUNDAYS

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MAC)

DISCERNMENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that we can rest content and untouched by trouble when we put our faith in You. Thank You that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all Truth as we rely on You, read Your Word, and pray in faith. Open our minds to understand and believe scripture. Thank You that You will make Your way known to us if we seek You with all our hearts.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 18

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(MAC)

Free Socks for Donors!



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Called Church Conference -
October 23, 12 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 27, our Church Council voted to make our annual Charge Conference on October 23, a Church Conference to both handle all the regular, annual business of the Church and also to officially vote about disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church and affiliating with the Global Methodist Church.

On October 23, we will have one service at 10:30 a.m. After the service we will head to the MAC. All Professing Members who are interested in voting that day, will have their membership verified, sign in and receive a ballot. The Church Conference will begin at

noon, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Woody, will lead us through approving our Officers, budget, pastoral salaries. Rev. Woody will receive the motion recommending disaffiliation with the UMC and affiliating with the GMC. A written ballot will be taken. The results will be tabulated and announced that day.

PRAYER WALK

A Prayer Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 at 4:00PM. It will be a simple walk around the property with purposeful prayer asking for GOD's will to be done in our church. All are welcome! Join us if you can.

BUMC METHODIST MEN
FAJITA SUPPER & AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
SERVING BEGINS AT 4:30PM
AUCTION BEGINS AT 6PM
BELLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
234 S MASONIC
BELLVILLE, TEXAS 77418
PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER ARE USED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS & HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



IN OUR PRAYERS...

Bobby Spiers, Delores Parr, John Musslewhite, Veronica Ashorn, Michelle Maderer, Ervin Kiesewetter, Jr., Paul Jones, Jane McKinley, Jessica Engler, Bill Moebes, Everly Lunsford, Bill Schmidt, Kay Marek, Billie Grounds, Irene Herreth, Susan Crutchfield, JoAnn Gillum, Jerri Hurta, JoAnn Hinze, Sharon Dyer, Mary Gibson, Mike & Pat Aldredge, Katie Huebner, Janice Engelking, 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, Rachel Hoag, Cheryl Munoz, Rachel Munoz, Ryan Tull

All the men/women serving our country and their families



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 4: 9:30 a.m. Nursing Home Communion, 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship (204), 7:00 p.m. Methodist Men (204); Wednesday, October 5: MDO Popcorn Fundraiser begins; Sunday, October 9: No MYF; Wednesday, October 12: No MDO, No Children's Choir, No Children's Ministries, No Youth; Thursday, October 13: Office Closed for Austin County Fair; Friday, October 14: Office Closed for Austin County Fair, Women's Retreat at Round Top; Sunday, October 16: No MYF; Monday, October 17: No MDO; Tuesday, October 18: 6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle (204); Wednesday, October 19: 11:00 a.m. Blood Drive (MAC); Thursday, October 20: 5:20 p.m. Bus leaves for Bluebonnet Opry (Silver Wings, Brenham); Friday, October 21: 6:30 p.m. Fun Night (2nd & 3rd Grade); Sunday, October 23: 10:30 a.m. Worship (sanctuary), Noon Charge Conference, Church Conference (vote); Sunday, October 30: 3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY SCHOOL RUTH CIRCLE

CHILDREN

Rm 215 - Nursery, Rm 214 - 3s - Pre-school, Rm 217 - K - 3rd grade, Rm 212 - 4th & 5th grade

YOUTH

Meet in the Kitchen

ADULTS

Rm 204 - Joy Class, Rm 206 - Seekers Class, Rm 208 - Disciples Class, Rm 211 - Young Families Class, MAC - Berean Class (all ages) (Studying Isaiah)

Tuesday, October 18, Card Writing at 5:30 p.m., Meal at 6:00 p.m., Program: Bellville Chief of Police, Jason Smalley, All ladies of BUMC are invited.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Hord family for being the highest bidder for the Elephant Reserve tickets. We sincerely appreciate your donation to the Ruth Circle scholarship fund!

HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help at the Welcome Center desk or help with snacks on Sundays, please contact Linda Ludwick. ludwick1950@hotmail.com

We will also soon be looking for volunteers for the front office reception desk. If you are interested in greeting people and answering the phone during business hours, please let Donna know!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, October 4

Room 204, GAMES & LIGHT EFRESHMENTS, Adults of all ages are welcome!!

We meet the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information or if you need transportation contact: Dianna Norton, 979 270 5075, diannashippmannorton@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

BUMC Women's Retreat

Round Top, TX, October 14 - 16

Save the Date cards and registration forms are in the MAC gathering area.

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of October, we are collecting small cans of soup.

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 dates: 10/20, 11/17

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (sanct), 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages), 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MAC), 5:00 p.m. MYF; Mondays: 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out; 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, 6:00 p.m. Wild Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Youth, 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (102); Thursdays: 6:30 p.m. AA & AI Anon (206, 217), 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (MAC); Fridays: [blank]



Thank you from Ruth Circle for your generous support of the Bake Sale held October 1.

Members of Ruth Circle would like to portray our deepest appreciation for everyone who contributed their time and talents for the September 18 church-wide luncheon.

BUMC-Thank you!

I would like to thank the church and members for the thoughtful get well cards, food, and prayers after my recent surgery. It is through your prayers as well as all of my many friends and the wonderful hands of a great surgeon that I improve daily.

Thank you again,

- Jane McKinley

BUILDING UPDATE

Progress is being made on the new building, even though it is slow. They are working to complete the final items from the July 19 punch list. We are still waiting on a few hardware pieces for the interior doors. We have asked to get on the city's schedule for inspection in order to get a conditional certificate of occupancy.

Work on the children's playground is beginning!

This will be a several month process, but once complete will be a fun addition for the children.

Thank you for your continued support of our project.



From Pastor John...

I called my step-mother Saturday afternoon a week ago. She lives just north of Little Rock, AR and is a big University of Arkansas Razorbacks fan. Since the Aggies were playing Arkansas later that evening, I told her I figured I had better call while we were still speaking to each other. We both chuckled a little over that.

One of the challenges we face in times of disagreement and tension with others is the tendency to pull away from the relationship. We often seek to make ourselves more comfortable by simply cutting off contact with the other. We tend to tell ourselves stories about how wrong they are, and how they might even be bad people. We don't consciously think it, but if we can view them as enemies, then we feel it's ok for us not to like them and have nothing to do with them.

That's completely the wrong instinct for followers of Jesus.

Jesus' command to us is that we "love one another," that we "love our neighbor as ourselves," and that we even "love our enemy."

In times of challenge and disagreement, rather than pushing away from others, we need to work harder to maintain the relationship.

One of my big concerns as we go through the split in the UMC is the relationships. We have come to a point where we might not be able to be in the same denomination any longer, but that doesn't make those I disagree with bad people. It just means I disagree with them.

As a follower of Jesus, it then falls to me to actively maintain those relationships - even where it is uncomfortable. Not cut them off. Not look at them as horrible people. My work is to still see them as God's children whom He loves and whom I am called to love - even if we disagree.

But it can be hard. We didn't get to the point of denominational split easily. And there are some profoundly deep disagreements over a host of issues.

But, still, the call of Christ is for us to love.

So as we approach our Church Conference on October 23 at noon and even beyond that date, let us be intentional. Let us love one another. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves. And where someone else considers us an enemy, let us love even them.

Now, considering the way that field goal kick bounced off the top of the uprights, I guess I ought to call my step-mother back and see if we actually are still on speaking terms...

Keep praying,

John

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MOTHER'S DAY OUT



October is always a busy month for our community with the county fair, fall festivals, and, for Mother's Day Out, our big Fall Fundraiser with Deanan Gourmet Popcorn. The money generated through this fundraising drive will go to support programs for our children throughout the year. Your participation in this sale, whether large or small, will have a real impact and is important. Sale price of popcorn is \$3.00 per bag. Please take a look at the flavor options and make sure to share it with friends, family and co-workers.



*Caramel Corn - vanilla Corn
Dark Chocolate Corn
Kettle Corn - Cheese Corn
Salsa w' Cheddar Corn
White Cheddar Corn
Say Simple! Corn*

This fundraiser runs Wednesday, October 5 through Monday, November 7. You can place your order with any staff member, MDO parent, or in the church office. Your orders will arrive before Thanksgiving. Mother's Day Out thanks you!

TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday, October 30

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Back Parking Lot

We are needing trunks!

If you would like to be a part, please contact Laura Stinnett at laura@bellvilleumc.org or call the church office.

