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Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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# Bell Notes

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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*  
*Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.*  
*Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



# April

**2018**

*Rev. David Blich, Pastor*  
*Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry*  
*James Fitterling, Administrator*  
*Church Office: 610-926-0461*  
*Church email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)*  
*Web Site: [bellemanschurch.org](http://bellemanschurch.org)*

## Pastor's Ponderings

Easter Sunday has just passed. But we are in the Easter season until Pentecost. So here is a holy week/Easter story.

Here's a story some claim is true: A man was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage

here!! What will happen to my mortgage?!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read, "WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY." I guess Easter was not uppermost in her thoughts, because she thought that the bank was going to close "for good" that coming Friday.

Sometimes it's not a language barrier, but an understanding barrier. Words can mean many things and as the Fishwrapper once asked us, "Why do 'slow up' and 'slow down' mean the same thing, when 'oversee' and 'overlook' are opposites?"

For instance, when I say the word, "Christian," I mean a person of faith who loves the Lord and serves his or her neighbor. Someone else might be referring to a stuck-in-the-mud legalist trying to purge all fun from the planet.

Church for me is a place where worship and ministry happens and we connect with God. For someone else it might mean a nice place to take a nap. Or perhaps a place where hypocrites gather to point fingers at people who aren't in the room with them.

What is a Christian? What is a church? And perhaps better asked: "Who am I as a Christian and who are we as a church?"

Here are some humorous bogus church names. Some may ring a bell:

Potluck Assembly  
Little Bit O'Bible Church  
The Short-Term Pastor Center  
Theology-Free Church  
Seldom United Church  
Church of the Perpetual Building Program  
Comfortable Pew Family Center

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Clean Bathroom Bible Temple  
Better Than the Rest Believer's Fellowship  
The Church Where the Pastor's Family Runs Everything  
and so on...

I prefer Belleman's church, our lovely house of God. What does it mean to be a house of God in Mohrsville Pa? Why is the church here and what should it be doing in this community?

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## Church Board Highlights March 19, 2018

Ray Bauder's niece, Bonnie Scott was present to report on the Estate of Ray Bauder. Bonnie reported that Belleman's share of the Estate will be between \$40,000 and \$60,000 dollars and the family's wish is to have a new project completed in Ray's name. Some suggestions were replacing the doors at church and replacing Lexan on the Stained Glass windows. Some price estimates will be sought and discussed at future meetings

The minutes, Administrator's report, Treasurer's report and Pastor's report along with Pastor Dave's vacation from June 26-29 were all approved.

The Fundraising Committee noted that the dough roller has been sent back to Seigfried's and the cost of the dough roller will be applied to the work they are doing in the Fryer shed. The committee will continue to look into other options for a roller and see what situation will best suit us.

The Property Committee reported that in the one recent wind storm two trees blew over, one taking down the electric line to the Sexton house and ripped the anchor out of the wall. This is one of the dead trees that we have been asking Met-ed to remove due to its proximity to wires.

The Endowment committee had their annual meeting and voted to give \$50,000 to the Capital Campaign to be applied to the loan with the highest interest. The Board also approved this, a congregational meeting will need to be scheduled for final approval.

Pastor Dave made arrangements for the Board to meet at Zion Spies Cabin on May 19 for a retreat. The Board discussed times and decided on 8 am-1pm.

The Board approved a Heffner Tithe donation of \$300 to Kate Kauffman who is dealing with the untimely death of her son Michael Phillips.

**Belleman's Joint Board**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 7,414.34  |
| Income            | \$ 11,452.00 |
| Expenses          | \$ 14,207.77 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 4,658.57  |

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**Attendance/Offering**

	7:45AM	10:15AM	Offering
March 4	27	95	\$3,277.00
March 7 No Lent - Snow			
March 11	22	92	\$2,803.00
March 14 (Lent) - 27			
March 18	31	94	\$3,161.00
March 21 No Lent - Snow			
March 25	38	128	\$3,900.00
March 30 (Good Friday) - 54			

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**Jingle Offerings**

|              |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| April 1, 8   | Belleman's Youth Group and Ministries |
| April 15, 22 | Keystone Military Families            |
| April 29     | Undesignated                          |

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**Donations from Robert and Marie Dietrich**

There were many items donated to Belleman's that are available to members who might need them.

The items include:

- Potty Chairs
- Bath chair
- Walkers
- Canes

If anyone is in need of any of these items, please contact James in the church office at 610-926-0461. **Thank you** to the Dietrich family for the generous donation of these items.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 3/18/18**

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts** \$214,100.03

**Monthly Contributions 2018** \$1,542.00  
(March Collection = \$718.00)

**Fundraising Projects**

Organ Restoration	January	\$1,527.50
Chicken BBQ	March	\$2,006.60
Easter Candy Sales	March	
Country Music Show	June	
Country Festival Picnic	August	
Mum Sale	September	
		\$3,534.10

**Grocery Gift Cards**

Sold	\$ 144,730.00	
Profit		\$7,399.15
Cash Total		\$226,575.28

**Interest Paid**

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$6,440.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$13,262.59

**Loan Balances**

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$90,000.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Owed Amount</b>	<b>\$87,000.00</b>
VIST Bank Loan	\$254,500.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$89,594.08</u>
<b>Owed Amount</b>	<b>\$164,905.92</b>
<b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b>	<b>\$251,905.92</b>

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Donations for the Capital Campaign are always accepted through the mail. Please send your donation to:

**Salem Belleman's Church - Capital Campaign Fund**  
**3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, Pa 19541**

The first Sunday of the month collection continues to be a great way to donate to the fund as well.  
Thank you for your continued support!



## Church Directory

A new edition of the Salem Belleman's Church pictorial directory is happening!

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- A pictorial directory helps put names and faces together, uniting the congregation.
- It can be used as an outreach tool for the church.
- It can be used in the home as a conversation starter and a tool for sharing your church.
- It will be a great aid in making prayer requests more personal.
- It will be a good tool for showing the history of your church at this point in time.
- It tells the story of your church with pictures.
- You'll receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a directory for participating.

Sign up for your sitting on Sundays after worship or **online** by going to Belleman's Facebook and following the link.

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### These are our Photo Dates:

**Tuesday, May 8 - Saturday, May 12**

*Weekday Photography Hours - 2:00 - 9:00 PM*  
*Saturday Hours - 10:00 - 4:30 PM*

**See you in the directory!**

## Rogation Sunday

**Reminder that** Rogation Sunday (April 22nd) is a time of celebration and prayer which is set aside to remind us of our dependence upon the land for our food and of our dependence on God for the miracles of sprouting seeds, growing plants and a maturing harvest. We ask our members to donate packages of vegetable seeds which will be sent to St. Vincent's Mission in David, Kentucky. The mission distributes the seeds to needy families in the area helping them to plant gardens and grow food for their families. The following week on **Sunday, April 29, Sister Kathleen from St. Vincent's Mission** will be here to help lead worship and pickup the seeds. Please make note of these special worship services.

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## Spring Fling Craft and Vendor Event

**When:** Saturday, May 5th, 2018 from 9am-2pm

**Where:** Belleman's Fellowship Hall

Spring fling vendor and craft show will be held in the fellowship hall of Belleman's Church. Proceeds from tables will go to the church, so come out and support a local church and vendors! There will also be a raffle drawing for baskets from each participating vendor. The event is the weekend before Mother's Day, so come shopping for Mom or even bring her with, or just come yourself!

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Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **May 16th** from 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Jean Smith for further information (610) 926-1784.

Your Blood. Their Hope.®



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 BLOOD CENTER

## Calendar of Events

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**4/8 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 9:30AM Tot Time  
 4/9 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
 4/10

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship Mtg  
 4/11 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**4/15 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 4/16 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
 4/17

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
 4/18 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
 4/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport  
 (Belleman's month to serve)

**Sun. Rogation Sunday**  
**4/22 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Kids' MelodyChimes rehearsal*  
*after the 10:15 service*

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 4/23 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
 7:00PM Council/Consistory Meeting  
 7:30PM Confirmation Class meeting  
 with Council/Consistory

Tue. 5:30PM Oyster Patting  
 4/24 7:00PM Dutch Class

Wed. 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir  
 4/25

Thur. 6:00PM Pie Dough Rolling at the  
 4/26 Fellowship Hall

Fri. 8:00AM Pie Baking at the  
 4/27 Fellowship Hall

Sat. 2:30PM Old Church Hymn Sing  
 4/28 3:30 - 7:00 PM Oyster Supper  
 at the Fellowship Hall  
 (Servers please report at 3:00PM)

**Sun. Guest Speaker - Sister Kathleen**  
**4/29 from St. Vincent Mission in**  
**David, KY**

**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 4/30 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
 5/1

Wed. 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir  
 5/2

5/4-5/6 *Youth Retreat to Wildwood*

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the  
 5/4 Fellowship Hall

Sat. Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Event  
 5/5 9:00AM-2:00PM at the  
 Fellowship Hall (info page 7)

**Sun. Speaker - Georgia Sarnosky**  
**5/6 Synod Mission Interpreter**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Kids' MelodyChimes rehearsal*  
*after the 10:15 service*

Mon. 9:30AM Tot Time  
 5/7 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch  
 at Perry  
 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
 5/8

Tues. - Sat. Lifetouch Photo Sessions  
 5/8 - 5/12 in the chapel

Wed. 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir  
 5/9

Sat. Final Cantata Rehearsal  
 5/12 Time TBA

**Sun. Church Music Sunday**  
**5/13 Mother's Day**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**



**Belleman's Annual Oyster Supper**  
**Saturday, April 28th - 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The menu will once more feature the popular oyster pies, stew, fried oyster platters, as well as ham-steak platters and Steamed Shrimp. All items will be sold a la carte with a favorably revised menu and pricing.



Help is needed in all areas.

A list of all committees and chairpersons are available in the Narthex.

Work schedules are as follows:

- Oyster patting - **Tuesday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m.**
- Pie dough rolling - **Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.**
- Pie baking - **Friday, April 27 at 8:00 a.m.**

Saturday, April 28th, the kitchen opens at 8:00 a.m.

Servers please report at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call

Larry Henne at (610) 926-4506.



**Belleman's Youth Carwash**

**Sunday, April 29 from 11:30AM till 2:00PM**  
**at the Fellowship Hall**

**Cost is \$7 with a presale ticket** available from a Belleman's Youth, cost the day of will be \$8.

Cost includes car wash, hot dog and soda.

There will also be a Bake Sale!

Please support the Youth and their retreat to Wildwood by buying a ticket and attending the carwash.



**Youth Car Wash**

**Youth Retreat to Wildwood is May 4-6**

All youth grades 5-12 are invited to attend this retreat. For information, please contact Pastor Dave or James in the office. 610-926-0461

**Sights from the Easter Drama and Egg Hunt on March 31**



**Belleman's Military Members**

Overseas

Capt. Jeffrey A. Starr  
BDOC, Blue Diamond  
APO AE 09346

1LT Bradley P. Hoppes  
SGT Andrew Cichowicz  
Nathan P. Stump  
SGT John R. Wesner  
Jason Kozik  
MAJ James Fluck  
Kevin Mohn  
SGT Phillip Spatz  
Alfred Cross

Back in U.S.A.

SGT Josh Linderman  
Andrew Potts



**Thank you** for the Valentine Bag and the many cards and prayers.

**Nancy Zipp**

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**Thank you** so much for the Valentine Bag of goodies, it is much appreciated.

**Helen Ernst**

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To the members of Belleman's, We would like to say a big "**Thank You**" for the beautiful balloons we received for our 65th wedding anniversary. They helped make our day special.

**Marian and Oscar Miller**

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**Smiles**, Yes it made us smile. **Thank you** for the plant, it is beautiful.

**Smiles, Larry and Marilyn Zimmerman**

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**Belleman's Church**, **Thank you** so very much for the lovely balloon bouquet for our 62nd anniversary. They are beautiful.

**Sincerely, Marilyn and Larry Zimmerman**

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**To Mr. and Mrs. Smile**, You really brightened my day and made me smile. Thanks! **Thank you** so much for the nice planter.

**Melrose**

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I want to **thank** everyone for the balloons on my birthday. I appreciate them.

**Betty Dower**

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**Thank you** for your generosity, care and prayers. It is nice to see all the communities coming together in a time of sorrow. Thanks again.

**Lorie and John Orner**

(\$300 Heffner Tithe for the family of a Tulpehocken student killed in a crash in December)

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Thanking the Smile Program and all the close knit concerned Belleman's members. It all works to make us proud. We have a good thing going, lets spread the word and fill the church wall to wall.

**Bless you all, Gladys Staab**

P.S. The flowers are prettier than my fall.

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**Belleman's Church and Sunday School**, **Thank you** so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits and the gift bag of snacks on the passing of Jim. Thanks also to all that attended the viewing and funeral.

**Paul Phillips and family**

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**Dear Friends**, **Thank you** for your generous gift toward this year's Farm Family Appreciation Celebration. Your gift was listed in the program this past Saturday, March 17th, as we gathered once again. May God continue to bless you as you most assuredly have been a blessing to others.

**Rev. Mary Gade, Associate of the Bishop**

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**Dear Friends in Christ**, **Thank you** for your gift of \$145 (Nursery class offering). God has used you to help answer a cry for help. Your kindness shines the light of Christ's love into the darkness of poverty, bringing relief, peace and inexpressible joy! May God bless you and may you feel His loving embrace. **A servant of the poor, Robin G. Mahfood, Food for the Poor**

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"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)



## April Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Jared Moser,  
Kelly Gregor,  
Cheryl Pszczolkowski  
17<sup>th</sup> Timothy Fair  
18<sup>th</sup> Gayle Diehl,  
Madelyn Nabozny  
19<sup>th</sup> Francis Jroski,  
Brenda Kelly  
22<sup>nd</sup> Teisha Madden,  
Darin Hein  
23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Felix  
24<sup>th</sup> Jackie Kochan,  
Nathan Younker  
25<sup>th</sup> Mindi Kufro, Logan Haas,  
Thomas Lawrence  
26<sup>th</sup> Russell Minner,  
Donna Schaeffer  
27<sup>th</sup> Gene Driesbach  
Diane Seaman  
28<sup>th</sup> Sherry Ebelhar,  
Terry Kinney  
29<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Gambler,  
Ashley Keller,  
Donald Duvall  
30<sup>th</sup> Brenden Livinghouse  
Logan Borkey

## April Anniversaries

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Gregory & Amy Machmer  
Stanley & Joyce Strause  
29<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Glenda Gehman  
30<sup>th</sup> Robert & Brenda  
Eisenhower

## May Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Harle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Balthaser,  
Dottie Cowan,  
Amy Machmer  
4<sup>th</sup> Trevor Moser, Brynna Kiwak  
5<sup>th</sup> Samantha Labe,  
Norma Norton, Phillip Reppert  
6<sup>th</sup> Jean Smith, Brittany Schoen  
7<sup>th</sup> Samuel Beebe,  
Mariusz Polak,  
Lynn McCullough  
8<sup>th</sup> Rylan Gilmer, Ryan Paris  
9<sup>th</sup> Gavin Miller  
10<sup>th</sup> Kayleigh Phillips,  
Logan Henne  
11<sup>th</sup> Connie Mohn, Brandon Hilbert  
12<sup>th</sup> Gregg Rubright,  
Elyssa Machmer  
13<sup>th</sup> Doreen Ottaviani  
14<sup>th</sup> Dennis Linderman,  
15<sup>th</sup> Richard Hartman,  
Karen Emer  
16<sup>th</sup> Krista Roe,  
Deanne Burkhart  
17<sup>th</sup> Beau Dalton  
Brenda Michelle Yoder

## May Anniversaries

- 4<sup>th</sup> Keith & Pamela Haas  
9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Susan Gehris  
Joseph & Bobbie Jo King  
Bruce & Anna Potteiger  
Kerry & Cindy Strunk  
10<sup>th</sup> Bryan & Lacey Baxter  
11<sup>th</sup> Larry & Connie Mohn  
Anthony & Victoria  
McCloskey  
15<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Roxanne  
McMurtry



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY  
May 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:15 a.m.  
AS OUR SENIOR CHOIR PRESENTS  
“Then Came the Morning”**

THIS MUSICAL REMINDS US,  
THROUGH THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EASTER STORY,  
THAT WHATEVER THE NEED,  
WHATEVER THE HEARTACHE,  
JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE  
WHO CAN TOUCH AND CHANGE A LIFE COMPLETELY!

*All our choirs will be singing and ringing!*

**Please Join Us!!!  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY TO JOIN US, TOO!**

## ***It's Time for You to Share Your Talents!***

Belleman's Choir Family's well-deserved summer break is right around the corner...we look forward to the rest of our talented members sharing their God-given gifts! Please give Linda Hartman a call at 610-562-0238 to reserve your Sunday.

***(Our Summer Music schedule begins June 3th!)***