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Salem (Belleman's) Church

*3540 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA*

19541-8910

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.

FEBRUARY



2018

*Rev. David Blitch, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
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Web Site: www.bellemanschurch.org*



Pastor's Ponderings:

I want to thank everyone who planned, participated and attended my Installation service last month! It was a wonderful welcoming experience.

Pastor Jane Kropa preached a powerful sermon! But after the service was over, she told me that she had forgotten a paper that included the final

illustration of the sermon. She said that she wanted to share it with me, and that maybe I'd like to share it with all of you:

Cyril of Jerusalem, 4th Century, quoted in Christian Century, by Susan Johnson, Jan 1 1997

A pre-baptismal lesson for his catechumens

Perhaps you have come for some other reason? A man may want to please a woman and may come for that reason. The same may be true of a woman... or a friend [may come to please] a friend. I take whatever is on the hook, I pull you in, you who came with an evil intention but will be saved by your hope of the good. Doubtless you do not know, did you, where you were going, and did not recognize the net in which you have been caught? You have been caught in the church's net! Jesus has you on his hook, not to cause your death, but to give you life after putting you to death... Begin today to live!

So the question asked by Cyril, do we trust the Lord to lead us to life? Or are we too worried that it will somehow kill us instead? You're blindfolded and on the edge of something. You can tell that there is nothing but air in front of you, nothing solid. The person who led you to this place speaks softly and firmly into your ear-Jump!

Yeah right!!!! That's your first reaction. Why? Is the unknown that scary?

January 14 was a special day for Belleman's! Pastor Dave was officially installed as our new Pastor, with many other clergy, members and friends present. **Welcome Pastor Dave!**



It all comes down to trust. How much do you trust that the person speaking softly in your ear can be trusted with your safety, even your life? How much are you sure that if that voice tells you to jump, it's safe to jump? Or how much are you concerned that that voice might have led you to the edge of a cliff?

Trust. When we put our lives into the hands of someone else, when we cede control to another, we need to have an extraordinary level of trust. Because we want to be the boss, we want to determine for ourselves that it's safe. We want to decide. We trust our judgment; that in this situation is not necessarily any better or any worse than the person without the blindfold. But our judgment is useless without our sight. The only thing we can decide is whether to trust one who can see.

In life we are blind to the future. We can guess about it and be pretty confident to expect some things. But we don't know for certain anything. In a way we are constantly being asked to step forward without really knowing where we are going and at times to make that leap of faith and jump into something that really is a risk, or at least seems to be a risk.

As Christians and a congregation we do have someone speaking softly into our ears, the Holy Spirit. Do we trust God enough to follow what God says? Do we acknowledge that ultimately we know we are blind and it is God who has the sight? Do we believe God is trustworthy and we do not need to fear the leap?

A story: One day, while my son Zac and I were out in the country, climbing around in some cliffs, I heard a voice from above me yell, "Hey Dad! Catch me!" I turned around to see Zac joyfully jumping off a rock straight at me. He had jumped and then yelled "Hey Dad!" I became an instant circus act, catching him. We both fell to the ground. For a moment after I caught him I could hardly talk.

When I found my voice again I gasped in exasperation: "Zac! Can you give me one good reason why you did that???" He responded with remarkable calmness: "Sure...because you're my Dad." His whole assurance was based in the fact that his father was trustworthy. He could live life to the hilt because I could be trusted. Isn't this even more true for a Christian?

God Bless Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:

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Church Board Highlights

January 15, 2018

James Fitterling noted that the insurance boiler inspector did their two year inspection. This was their last inspection to verify the removal of the boiler. The inspector noted that the company will be happy to see some of the upgrades we did.

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that all the benevolence has been paid for 2017. Also, the Heffner Fund interest check for 2018 has been received in the amount of \$19,600 which is \$100 less than last year. The 2018 Insurance bill has also been received, that expense is \$9,993. Which is around \$1,000 less than last year.

The Fundraising Committee reported that they scheduled their meeting for Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mission Team reported that their sandwich sale is scheduled for February 22.

Eric Weyandt looked at the windowsills and a few wall issues at the Sexton house. He figures that the sills can be capped with aluminum and the cracks in the living room walls should be covered with ¼ inch drywall. This will be looked into as a Mission Team project maybe this year.

It was suggested to form a bylaw committee to review the Bylaws for any corrections and updates, since it has been about 10 years since this has been done. To get this started, Eric Weyandt and Frank Kornfeind have agreed to serve on this Bylaw Committee.

As was stated last meeting, there is still \$1,000 from the Heffner Tithe left to be distributed for 2017. After some discussion, it was agreed to give \$300 each to the families of the two Tulpehocken students recently killed in a car accident, \$200 to another person in need and \$200 to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

The Board was given its choice of week to cover the Lenten Soup supper and the remaining weeks of coverage were discussed. The coverage is as follows: February 21 (Music and Worship), February 28 (Board), March 7 (Belleman's Church Women), March 14 (Council and Consistory) and March 21 (Choir).

It was reported to the Board that Linda Hartman is trying to get her Carpel Tunnel fixed this year and her procedure is scheduled for January 18. This means she will miss at least Sunday, January 21. Oliver Blatt agreed to play for the late service that Sunday. Linda is thinking she can maybe be back by the 28th, but will play that by ear. Her request was to be able to use two leftover vacation weeks from 2017 to cover her time off for this. This was approved.

The Board also voted to approve:

- To cover all the expenses from Pastor Dave's Installation Service
- For Larry Henne to join the Board and take the open Lutheran position

The officers as approved for 2018 are:

Eric Weyandt, President
Colleen Bungarz, Vice President
James Fitterling, Recording Secretary
Larry Henne, Treasurer
Carla Rozsitch, Assistant Treasurer
Carlene Kissinger, Financial Secretary
John Rausch, Special Funds Director
Linda Henne, Fellowship Hall Coordinator

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### Communion Assistants For February 11

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler,  
Liz Veres

*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Linda Henne, Larry Henne

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistant:* Maura Wesner

*Head Usher:* Jim Holcombe

*Ushers:* Carla Rozsitch, Jim Blatt,

Carlene Kissinger, Frank Kornfeind

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$6,497.45
Income	\$23,761.89
Expenses	\$27,763.36
Ending Balance	\$2,495.98

Attendance

	<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Offering</u>
January 7	20	72	\$2,142.00
January 14	30	93	\$3,121.00
January 14 (Pastor Dave's installation service: 77)			
January 21	23	86	\$2,354.00
January 28	27	108	\$3,024.00

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**Jingle Offerings**

**February 4, 11**      **2018 FARM Family Celebration**  
**February 18, 25**    **Samaritan's Purse**

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**The Candy Sale is right around
the Corner!**

Keep your eyes open for details about the 2018 Candy Sale in upcoming Sunday Bulletins. Deadline to order will be March 11.
It will be here soon!

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**Redner's Tapes**

Thank you to everyone who brings their receipts for this program. Please be reminded to not highlight portions of the receipt and please try to organize your receipts if you are bringing a bunch at a time, it makes it easier on those who have to put them together for Redners. In 2017, Belleman's made \$1,282 through this program. Thanks again and please keep those receipts coming!

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People are prepared for: A God who strikes hard bargains but not for a God who gives as much for an hour's work as for a day's. The mustard seed kingdom of God but not for the great and amazing tree of Life that it becomes. For the church fellowship supper but not for the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Frederick Buechner

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 1/14/18

Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts	\$214,100.03
Monthly Contributions 2018	\$0.00
(Jan. Collection = \$777.00)	
Fundraising Projects	
Organ Restoration	January
Chicken BBQ	March
Easter Candy Sales	March
Country Music Show	June
Country Festival Picnic	August
Mum Sale	September
	\$0.00
Grocery Gift Cards	
Sold	\$ 140,132.00
Profit	<u>\$7,169.25</u>
Cash Total	\$221,269.28
Interest Paid	
Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$6,440.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$12,103.80
Loan Balances	
Fairview Cemetery Company	\$90,000.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Owed Amount	\$87,000.00
VIST Bank Loan	\$254,500.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$87,571.39</u>
Owed Amount	\$166,928.61
Total Principal Balance Owed	\$253,928.61

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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!

## Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
1/31 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the  
2/2 Fellowship Hall

2/4-2/10 Mission Trip #1 to Texas

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**2/4 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 9:30AM Tot Time  
2/5 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch at Perry  
5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
2/6

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
2/7 6:30PM Sr. Choir

**Sun. Boy Scout Sunday/**  
**2/11 Holy Communion**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. NO HANDBELLS  
2/12

Tue. 6:30PM Fundraising Committee  
2/13 7:00PM Dutch Class

**Wed. Ash Wednesday**  
**2/14 1:00PM Worship Service**  
6:00PM Sr. Choir  
**7:00PM Worship Service**

Thu. Sandwich Orders must be called in  
2/15 to Karen Harle

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
2/17 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**2/18 9:00AM Sunday School**  
9:25AM Cantata Choir  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
Endowment Committee Meeting

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
2/19 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
2/20

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship  
2/21 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper  
6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

Thu. 4-6:00PM Mission Trip Sandwich  
2/22 Pick Up at the Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Youth Sunday**  
**2/25 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
9:25AM Cantata Choir  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. NO HANDBELLS  
2/26

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
2/27

Wed. NO Kids' MelodyChimes  
2/28 NO Sr. Choir  
6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

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3/2 Fellowship Hall

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9:25AM Cantata Choir  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
Kauffman's Chicken BBQ  
2-4PM Choir Bowling at Heister's Lanes

### **Ash Wednesday**

We begin the season of Lent on "Ash Wednesday" with two services of Holy Communion, **at 1 PM and 7 PM on February 14.**

Both services include an opportunity to receive ashes on your forehead. Ashes are a sign of both our penitence and our mortality, allowing us to begin our Lenten journey in a spirit of humility.

### **Lenten Wednesday Services**

During the season of Lent, we will once again have evening services, **starting February 21.** The services are at **7 p.m.** with a **soup and bread supper each week at 6 p.m.**

This year, Pastor Dave will be sharing some videos by the Skit Guys and discussing the given topic of each evening. Please plan to attend!

## Bake Sale!!

Nikailyn Madden will be holding bake sales benefitting Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

This is part of a school project at SV called Genius Hour. Nikailyn has a passion for baking and helping her community, so this is a great match. A variety of cookies will be available for purchase in the narthex before and after church on February 11th and 25th.



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Congratulations!!!

Our Boy Scout Troop 154 placed first and second out of 35 sleds in the 2018 Klondike Derby. Congratulations boys!

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## Reminder from the Cemetery Board:

Please remove Christmas decorations by March 1.  
The cemetery will be cleared by March 15.

**Thank You!**

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Just in case it *really* snows...

Worship services and Sunday School will be called off. Announcement of the cancellation of Sunday activities at the church will be recorded on the church answering service. **Call the church number 610-926-0461** for this information, listen to **WEEU**, check the **WFMZ website** or **Belleman's Facebook**. The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.

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## Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available can help support Belleman's. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

## Mark your calendars.....

for our popular **Sandwich Sale** which will be to benefit the **Mission Trip Teams**.



**Orders are due NLT February 15 & can be picked up on Thursday, February 22nd** at the Fellowship Hall from **4:00 to 6:00PM**. The 10" (ham, Italian or turkey) sandwiches are **\$6.00**.

Give yourselves a break and don't cook.  
Make this your Thursday evening's meal or Friday's lunch.  
Contact Karen Harle (926-4887) to place your orders.  
There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

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A Kauffman's **Chicken Bar-B-Que** is planned for the benefit of the Capital Campaign Fund on Sunday, March 11th @ the Fellowship Hall. Half a chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & beverage to eat at the Hall or take home, \$8.50. Homemade pepper cabbage, baked beans & dessert will be available for purchase. Also, donations of cakes and pies will be welcomed for the BBQ. Please have it at the Fellowship Hall the morning of the BBQ before 10:00AM.



Thank you in advance for your help!
Meet you there for lunch!

Call 610-926-4506 for tickets or see **Linda Henne** in the Chapel on Sundays.

Please help support our Organ Restoration!

Some Facts about our fundraiser:

The total cost for the restoration is: \$94,100

- \$89,500 pipe organ work
- \$ 2,800 for refinishing of the console exterior
- \$ 1,800 for incorporation of the carillon

The parts of the organ which need your support:

- We have 11 ranks which include the following sounds:
Violin Diapason; Clarabella; Dulciana; Salicional; Vox Celeste;
Twelfth; Oboe; Principal; Rohrflute; Trumpet; and Pedal Bourdon.
- The ranks are comprised of anywhere from 61 to 85 pipes.
- In addition to the ranks we have 21 tubular chimes.

If you have been doing the math to figure out how many pipes which are part of our organ you will come up with approximately 700. You are close. There are 762 pipes. Each of these pipes were cleaned, rebuilt, and carefully restored to their prideful position.

How can you help:

- You can donate in many ways:
 - You can become a rank donor for \$8,137 a rank and choose which one you would like to donate.
 - You can donate a note, or two or three for \$117.50 each. Sorry, we are unable to designate specific pipes.

Your name or the name of those you will be dedicating your donation to will be placed in an "Organ Restoration Dedication Book."

It's easy....

To support the Organ Restoration Fundraiser, fill out the form below along with your check made payable to Belleman's Capital Campaign Fund and give to Linda Henne or James Fitterling.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes, I would like to support the Organ Restoration Project with the following donation:

___ Rank Sponsor *Name of Rank _____

___ Pipe Sponsor Number of Pipes _____

How would you like to see your donation recognized in our Dedication Book?

*We cannot guarantee your rank will be available. First-come, first served.



A heartfelt **thank you** for the colorful balloons and the wonderful card shower for my 93rd birthday. It's a blessing to be remembered through the years. Thank you. **Love, Catherine Holcombe**

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**To those who made us smile-Thank you!** It was quite a surprise but we are so blessed to be surrounded by God's love in everyone at Belleman's. We all carry our own burdens. Having the strength of the Lord to carry us along is what keeps us seeking each new day! Thank you again and when things slow down, we will have dessert! We appreciate all of you and your way of spreading happiness!

**God's Blessings to you! Frank, Mica and Jack Kornfeind**

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Dear friends, Thank you so much for the visit of your car-olers and also for the lovely poinsettia. It is much appreciated!

Sincerely, Ruth Ohlinger

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**Belleman's Church, Thank you** for the beautiful and colorful bouquet of balloons for our 64th wedding anniversary.

**Annabell and Paul Lesher**

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I want to thank everyone for the beautiful wreath I received.

Hope everyone had a nice holiday.

Dorothy Sandridge

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**Thank you Belleman's Smile Committee,** The beautiful poinsettia plant Pastor Dave delivered certainly did bring a smile to us. Also, thank you for all the prayers and concerns for Lee's heart procedure, he is not into therapy.

**Most Grateful, Lee and Gladys Staab**

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Words cannot express how grateful I am for your kindness and support during my time of need. I had no idea as to the impact Ben had on and how many lives he had touched. My entire family and I **thank you** with all our hearts.

Joelle Parto

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On behalf of the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry, I want to thank you for the generous donation of toys to the food pantry. We were even able to get Santa to hand them out to the children.

**Thanks once again, The Rev. Dr. Dennis Ritter**

## February Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Matthew Schappell  
 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Jane Farr,  
 Gary Kunkle  
 19<sup>th</sup> David Moll  
 Warren Danenhower  
 20<sup>th</sup> Robert Sweigart,  
 Jacob Moll  
 Calvin Conrad,  
 Timothy Hart  
 21<sup>st</sup> Patty Ann Kintzer  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Christian Hoffman  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Smith  
 Lyn Bohn  
 24<sup>th</sup> Eric Kissinger,  
 Ryan Weber,  
 Michael Kozik, Jr.  
 26<sup>th</sup> Paige Kozik,  
 Jennifer Hill, Ken Jacoby,  
 Terry Schaeffer,  
 Keara Lynn Patrick,  
 Jeffrey Savage  
 27<sup>th</sup> Dennis Dougherty  
 28<sup>th</sup> Brenda Eisenhower  
 Ruth Marko, Bret Edwards,  
 Jeff Fitterling

## February Anniversaries

- 21<sup>st</sup> Marian & Oscar Miller  
 Alfred & Renee Cross  
 26<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Sandra Burkhart

## March Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Dower  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Florence Deisher,  
 Leslie Feeney  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Potteiger, Lincoln Lush  
 4<sup>th</sup> Michael Hartman,  
 Arlene Hoffert  
 5<sup>th</sup> Pattie Botscheller,  
 Karen Strohl  
 6<sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Kunkle,  
 Thomas Rausch,  
 7<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Zimmerman,  
 Sallie Polack, Sarah Phillips  
 8<sup>th</sup> Nathan Stump  
 9<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Burkhart,  
 Robert Heister,  
 Michele Edwards,  
 Dustin Spatz  
 10<sup>th</sup> Stephen Lynn, Roy Moser,  
 Jennifer Jozwiak  
 11<sup>th</sup> Louise Elliott,  
 Christopher Young  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Starkey,  
 Julie Kunkle, Danielle Moser,  
 Katrina Lukawski  
 14<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Wallace,  
 Matthew Rozsitch

## March Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald & Sharon Duvall  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie & Stephen Lynn  
 10<sup>th</sup> Marilyn & Larry Zimmerman  
 11<sup>th</sup> Donna & Dennis Kunkle

## Belleman's Military Members

### Overseas

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

### Back in U.S.A.

SGT Josh Linderman  
 Andrew Potts

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



## We're Going Bowling!!!

It's time for our annual  
 Choir Family Bowling Party!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**  
**2:00-4:00 P.M.**

### HIESTER LANES

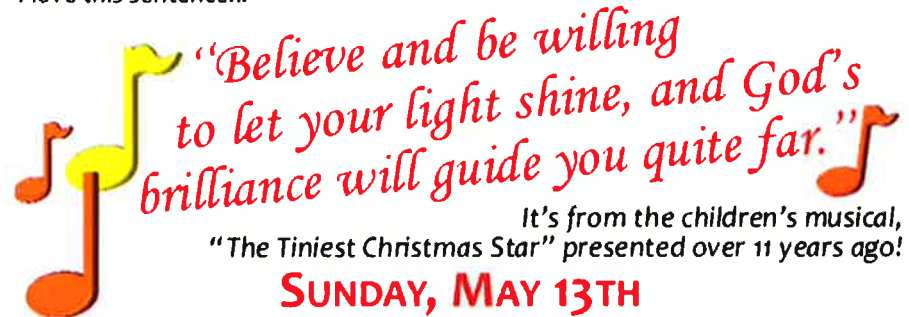
801 Hiesters Lane, Reading, PA 19605

Let's set 'em up and knock 'em down (or clean the gutters)!!!

SIGN UP IN MUSIC ROOM OR CALL 610-562-0238 TODAY

TO LET LINDA KNOW YOU ARE JOINING IN THE FUN!!!

I love this sentence...



It's from the children's musical,  
 "The Tiniest Christmas Star" presented over 11 years ago!

**SUNDAY, MAY 13TH**

**AT THE 10:15 A.M. SERVICE**

## WE WILL CELEBRATE CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

The Senior Choir will present their gift of music  
 through Sue Smith and Russell Mauldin's cantata

### "THEN CAME THE MORNING"

Celebrating the Hope that was brought to us through Jesus!  
 Here's where you and your God-given shining/singing light come in...

## Please Join the Cantata Choir!

Our first rehearsal for "Then Came the Morning" will be on  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 9:25 A.M. IN THE MUSIC ROOM**

*Believe and be willing to let your light shine!*

CALL LINDA HARTMAN (610-562-0238) TO TELL HER YOU WANT TO BE PART OF  
 THE CANTATA CHOIR OR COME TO THE MUSIC ROOM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH!



The document below was presented to the congregation during Pastor Dave's Installation service on January 14. It was suggested to be included in this newsletter for the Congregation to read.

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## **The Local Church in Relation To Its Pastor**

### **The Ministry**

This local church recognizes itself as a part of the People of God and fulfills its purpose as it becomes a community for ministry and mission. We recognize our pastor as a person called by God who has attained particular skill and competence in leading our local church in fulfilling its mission and ministry.

We have called our pastor to preach and teach the Gospel, to administer the sacraments and rites of the Church and to exercise pastoral care and leadership. As we expect the pastor to be responsible in preaching and teaching the Gospel and in administering the sacraments and rites, so will we be responsible for receiving and heeding the Word of God which comes through the proclamation of the Gospel and the celebration of the sacraments and for responding to the pastoral care and leadership offered.

### **Partnership in Ministry**

We believe that the ministry and mission of the Church is given to all baptized Christians. We will nurture and join our gifts for ministry with those of the pastor in the Church and in the World.

In all matters pertaining to the life, organization and mission of this local church, we will work cooperatively and collegially with the pastor.

We recognize that our Church and our pastor are part of the larger faith community which is the United Church of Christ and we will be, and support our pastor in being, a responsible participant in our Association, Conference and the United Church of Christ.

We recognize that our Church and our pastor are part of the Church Universal and we will be, and support our pastor in being, responsible participants in ecumenical activities in order to strengthen the unity, witness and mission of the Church everywhere.

### **The Ethics of Ministry**

We will regard all persons with equal respect and concern, and support and expect our pastor to undertake to minister impartially. We will not discriminate against any person, group or organization on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, faith, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, or physical, mental or emotional disability.

We recognize that we have called our pastor as the pastoral leader of this local church, and we will not invite other pastors to provide pastoral services within this church or to members of this Church without our pastor's consent.

We recognize and respect that our pastor receives confidential and privileged communication.

We will establish policies regarding baptism, communion, marriages, funerals, use of church facilities, and personnel in consultation with our pastor and will honor them in our life as a local church. We respect the privacy of the pastor's family and the family's right to time together without interruption.

We do not expect the pastor's family to assume roles of leadership or levels of involvement beyond the family's wishes.

We recognize that conflict or tension between our pastor and the local church can arise. Should divisive tensions threaten our life together, we will seek the counsel of the Conference or Association Minister or the Association Committee on the Ministry.

### **Commitments in Ministry**

We recognize the many and diverse expectations we have of our pastor and we will offer our support through prayer, encouragement and partnership in the ministry of this Church.

We recognize our responsibility to provide our pastor with adequate compensation and fringe benefits. We will make these decisions in consultation with our pastor and in light of the compensation which considers effectiveness, cost of living, ministerial competence and years of service.

We recognize our pastor's need for physical and spiritual renewal and we will provide adequate time and resources for study, devotion, leisure, vacation and sabbatical.

**Relying on the grace of God, we will lead worthy of the calling to which we have been called.**

# BOOK DRIVE

We are collecting new and gently used religious, inspirational, self-help and children's books to update our church lending library.

Examples of donations can include but are not limited to:

books by Max Lucado, Joyce Meyer, Billy Graham, Eckhart Tolle, Beverly Lewis, Wayne Dyer, Joel Olsteen, bibles, Veggie tales, etc.

**Donations can be placed in the box located in the narthex.**

Any questions please contact [mysunrise12@outlook.com](mailto:mysunrise12@outlook.com)



**Easter Plant Order Form**  
2018



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies 6" pot \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Hybrid Lilies 6" pot \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Mums - Asst. colors 6" pot \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Azaleas - Asst. colors 6" pot \$11.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Martha Washington Geraniums  
- Asst. colors \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips - Asst. colors 6" pot \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils 6" pot \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Orders due by March 25th

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