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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.



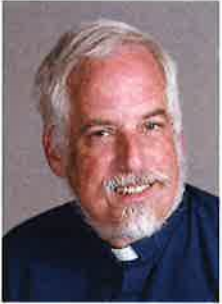
December 2018

Rev. David W. Blich, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org

About the Cover... Belleman's Lift Youth Group spent a day of service and fun on November 17. They made blankets for Glenside Elementary School and capped off the day by visiting an escape room. The next youth event is the Bowling/Overnight, keep on the lookout for details!

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### Pastor's Ponderings



It's time to get out the Christmas lights. I know there's other things to get out too, but I want to talk about Christmas lights.

It is my job to ensure that all those beautiful twinkling bulbs are glowing brightly. I've been doing this for about 45 years now.

I'm really tired of doing it.

I mean I used to look forward to it. It was a challenge, something to conquer against all the odds. In the midst of stepmom/wife/kids telling me just throw that light string out and buy a new one...

Well, NO. I'm going to fix this. You just wait and see. So what if every other bulb is lit. I will figure this out.

So I meticulously remove every bulb not lit and test it in the half of the string that does light up. And if it works I place it back, If it doesn't work I remove the bad bulb from the little plastic holder and take a naked, fresh bulb and insert it in the holder and bend back the wires and put it back in the socket and, Eureka! It works-see! And I do this for the other 1000 bulbs that don't work and as I know that they are all good bulbs now, the whole string should be lit.

But why isn't it!!!!??? I've done everything I can and look.....Start from the beginning and do it over. This took hours sometimes. Can't quit now. Jesus doesn't like quitters.

I was determined! Was is the operative word. This year I think I'll just duct tape a flashlight to the wall and point it towards the general direction of the tree.

Merry Christmas and have another glass of eggnog!

Sometimes we get tired of the Christmas grind. Things we seem to have done over and over and over and over are no longer a joy or pleasant. It's drudgery! When I saw my first Pennsylvania lottery Christmas commercial the day after Halloween I knew it was going to be one of those years.

By the way in the commercial the nice man gives his friend who runs a newsstand a lottery ticket for Christmas. The friend exclaims, "Thanks! What a great gift!"

#### Pastor Dave's contact info:

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Two things. He runs a newsstand. He probably sells lottery tickets. It's like giving a lobsterman a lobster for Christmas. What he always wanted? Secondly, it is more than likely just a worthless piece of paper. That's a great gift!? Really!?

So to get over all this we need to focus on Jesus. A Pastor writes: In my favorite Christmas TV special, Charlie Brown asks if anyone knows what Christmas is about, and Linus recites the story of Christ's birth from Luke 2. Have we forgotten that Christmas is not primarily about us- our family, friends, church, presents- but about Him?

One year a Christmas afternoon visitor asked five-year-old Ruth, "Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?" After a moment's hesitation, she answered, "No, but then it's not my birthday!"

Isn't it easy to get so wrapped up in the celebration that we forget what it is we are supposed to be celebrating? The world does that..... But even without buying into the world's ways, you can forget what Christmas is all about by forgetting Jesus.

If you are a Christian, focusing on Jesus means that you not only remember the Savior in the manger, but remember the Savior in your heart. Remember that this baby grew up and went to the Cross to pay for your sins, that He rose again to give you a new life, and that He lives in your heart today to give you joy! In Galatians 2:20 we read I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me. Not only was Jesus born in Bethlehem, but by faith and by His Spirit He lives in me. That should fill us with joy!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Dave and Karen

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In the case of inclement weather, information regarding any possible church service cancellations will be on the church (610-926-0461) answering machine, the 69 News website and WEEU. Thanks!

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**NOTICE:** Collection envelopes for use in the year 2019 are available in the Chapel

Reminder: In January, please begin to use your new envelopes and destroy any remaining 2018 envelopes at that time, since your number may be different. **Thank You!**

**Church Board Highlights** November 12, 2018

- The minutes from the previous meeting, Treasurer's Report, Pastor's Report and Administrator's Report were reviewed and approved.
- The Bazaar income was reported to be \$11,256. There are some advertising bills to be paid out of this yet though.
- It was reported that the Organ Blower motor died prior to church on Reformation Sunday, October 28. After consultation with Columbia Organ Works, who diagnosed the problem as something that should be handled by an electrician, Denny's Electric was contacted to fix it. Their technician installed a new motor and also re-wired the organ blower room which had the oldest remaining wiring in the church. It was questioned as to if this was part of the rebuild. It was not, the rebuild contained everything from the bellows out to the pipes. The mechanical room consisting of the motor, blower and electrical supply was not a part of the rebuild. The organ was operational by the following Sunday, November 4.
- It was reported that the Belleman's Church Women have voted to disband. They voted to split up their remaining account balance to the Capital Campaign, Smile Fund and to the Music Ministry which they have requested be put toward the organ restoration by buying pipes.
- There was a request from a member in need to help with their electric bill. The Board voted to pay the \$100 using Heffner Tithe money.

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ (\$1,688.90)
Income	\$ 23,483.15
Expenses	\$ 13,143.77
Ending Balance	\$ 8,650.48

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**Attendance/Offering**

|             | <b>7:45AM</b> | <b>10:15AM</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| November 4  | 31            | 93             | \$3,285.00      |
| November 11 | 33            | 95             | \$4,225.00      |
| November 18 | 20            | 88             | \$5,466.00      |
| November 25 | 26            | 105            | \$2,482.00      |

**Jingle Offerings**

- December 2, 9, 16 Local family House Fire  
- Rudy Arceo Family
- December 23, 30 UCC Christmas Fund Appeal

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*Holy Communion will be celebrated
December 24th (Christmas Eve) and January 13*

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 4:30 p.m. *Altar Assistant:* James Fitterling
Head Usher: Maura Wesner
Ushers: Jim Blatt, Bernice Hartman, Dennis Felix
Phil Kistler, Sam Stump, Eric Weyandt,
Diane Driesbach, Frank Kornfeind, Jackie Lynn
Jim Holcombe, Stephani Mohn, Sandy Gring
- 7:30 p.m. *Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler
Carla Rozsitch
Ushers: Michael Holcombe, Sam Stump
Cup Stations: Carlene Kissinger, Louise Elliott

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*Holy Communion will be on Sunday, January 13th*

- 7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler,  
Liz Veres  
*Ushers:* Linda Henne, Larry Henne
- 10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Dawne Clay, James Fitterling  
Sandy Gring  
*Ushers:* Dennis Felix, Sam Stump  
*Cup Stations:* Jim Holcombe, Eric Weyandt

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**Two Worship Services
on Christmas Eve**

We will celebrate Christ's birth at two worship services on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th. Holy Communion will be offered at both services. Please plan to join us at 4:30 p.m. and/or 7:30 p.m. on that special night.

Lift Youth Group

Lift has some upcoming dates to keep in mind and more information will follow:

- **Bowling/Overnight** - an evening of bowling and games followed by a sleepover at church. Dates and details will be forthcoming
- **Winter Jam Concert** - Thursday, February 14 at the Santander Arena in Reading.
- **Wildwood Retreat** - May 3, 4 and 5, 2019



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Counseling available at Belleman's!!

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers individuals, families, couples and groups to accomplish wellness, mental health, education, and personal goals. Counselors work with clients on strategies to overcome obstacles and personal challenges they are facing.



Jess Cammauf is a master's level, certified counselor. She has been a school counselor for the past 12 years in the Fleetwood Area School District and the Wilson School District. For the past 6 years, she has also been working towards her LPC, which is a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Please contact Jess directly to receive more information or if you have any questions at 610-406-7270 or jcammauf@gmail.com.

2019 Proposed Budget

	2016 Proposed	2017 Proposed	2018 Proposed	2019 Proposed
Administration				
Pastor Salary	\$43,670.00	\$43,670.00	\$44,712.00	\$44,712.00
Pastor Housing	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Pension / Health Insurance	\$30,195.00	\$30,708.00	\$33,886.00	\$35,559.00
Social Security	\$5,330.00	\$5,330.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Mileage	\$4,400.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Professional Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Administrator	\$23,772.00	\$23,772.00	\$24,732.00	\$24,732.00
Secretary -- Part Time				
Sexton	\$7,572.00	\$7,572.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00
Payroll Taxes (FICA)	\$3,787.00	\$3,787.00	\$3,902.00	\$3,902.00
Salary Reduction Expenses	\$1,996.00	\$1,996.00		
Benevolence				
Regular	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Other	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Worship				
Organist	\$18,156.00	\$18,156.00	\$18,888.00	\$18,888.00
Musicians	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supply Pastors	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Worship Materials	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Program				
Committees & Departments	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Outreach	\$3,000.00	\$2,909.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Property				
Maintenance	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Telephone	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
Electric	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
Insurance W/C	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Insurance Fire/Boiler	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Church Propane	\$12,422.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Property Taxes	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,500.00
Office Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,027.00
Miscellaneous/Unplanned Exp				
Fellowship Hall				
Hall Electric	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,300.00
Hall Propane	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Hall Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Totals				
	\$250,000.00	\$248,500.00	\$242,500.00	\$ 242,500.00

Calendar of Events

**Sun. 12/9 Holy Communion/
First Communion Sunday**
7:45AM **Worship Service**
9:00AM **Sunday School**
10:15AM **Worship Service**
Congregational Meeting
following 10:15 service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
12/10 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
12/11

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship Mtg
12/12 6:30PM Sr. Choir/Christmas Choir

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
12/15 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
10:00AM Sunday School Singing
Kids Play Practice

Sun. 12/16 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
Christmas Program
10:15AM Worship Service
11:15AM "The Promise" Rehearsal
For ALL CHILDREN
participating in the 4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Service

Mon. 5:45PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
12/17 6:00PM Belleman's Bells
6:30PM Choir/Instrumentalists for
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
12/18

Wed. 6:00PM Harmony Singers
12/19 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Sun. 12/23 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 12/24 Christmas Eve
4:15PM *Special Handbell Music*
4:30PM **Worship Service with
Holy Communion**
7:00PM *Special Music*
7:30PM **Worship Service with
Holy Communion**

Tue. 12/25 Christmas Day
"Merry Christmas"

Wed. NO CHOIR REHEARSALS
12/26

Sun. 12/30 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE
12/31

Tue. *Happy New Year!*
1/1

Wed. NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
1/2

Sat. 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting
1/5 in the chapel

Sun. 1/6 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE
1/7

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
1/8 6:30PM Mission Trip Meeting

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
1/9

Sun. 1/13 Holy Communion
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
1/14 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
1/15

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
1/16

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
1/19 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 1/20 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

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### Mission Trips 2019

The **next meeting** for those signed up to go on a Mission Trip in 2019 will be on **Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30PM**. At the meeting on January 8, please be prepared to pay your \$60 deposit to assure yourself a spot on a trip. We will start preparing ourselves for the trips at this meeting.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 12/3/18**

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

**Monthly Contributions 2018** \$9,171.00  
(December Collection = \$878.00)

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| IMO Jimmy Phillips            | \$50.00    |            |
| IMO Warren Danenhower         | \$25.00    |            |
| IMO Paul Phillips             | \$175.00   |            |
| IMO Lee Staab                 | \$1,220.00 |            |
| IMO Charles and Esther Norton | \$5,000.00 |            |
| Belleman's Church Women       | \$814.90   |            |
|                               |            | \$7,284.90 |

**Fundraising Projects**

|                         |           |            |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Organ Restoration       | January   | \$1,527.50 |
| Chicken BBQ             | March     | \$2,006.60 |
| Easter Candy Sales      | March     | \$3,198.08 |
| Country Music Show      | June      | \$1,840.51 |
| Country Festival Picnic | August    | \$720.00   |
| Mum Sale                | September | \$243.75   |
|                         |           | \$9,536.44 |

**Grocery Gift Cards**

|            |               |              |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sold       | \$ 166,695.00 |              |
| Profit     |               | \$8,497.40   |
| Cash Total |               | \$248,589.77 |

**Interest Paid**

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid            | \$9,050.00 |
| Total VIST Interest Paid - Current Loan | \$7,292.50 |

**Loan Balances**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fairview Cemetery Company           | \$87,000.00         |
| VIST Bank Loan                      | \$87,999.40         |
| <b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b> | <b>\$174,999.40</b> |

\*\*\*\*\* VIST Bank Loan 1 (larger loan) paid off 12/2018\*\*\*\*\*

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Notice: The full monthly loan payment that needs to be paid to Vist Bank each month is: **\$590.67**

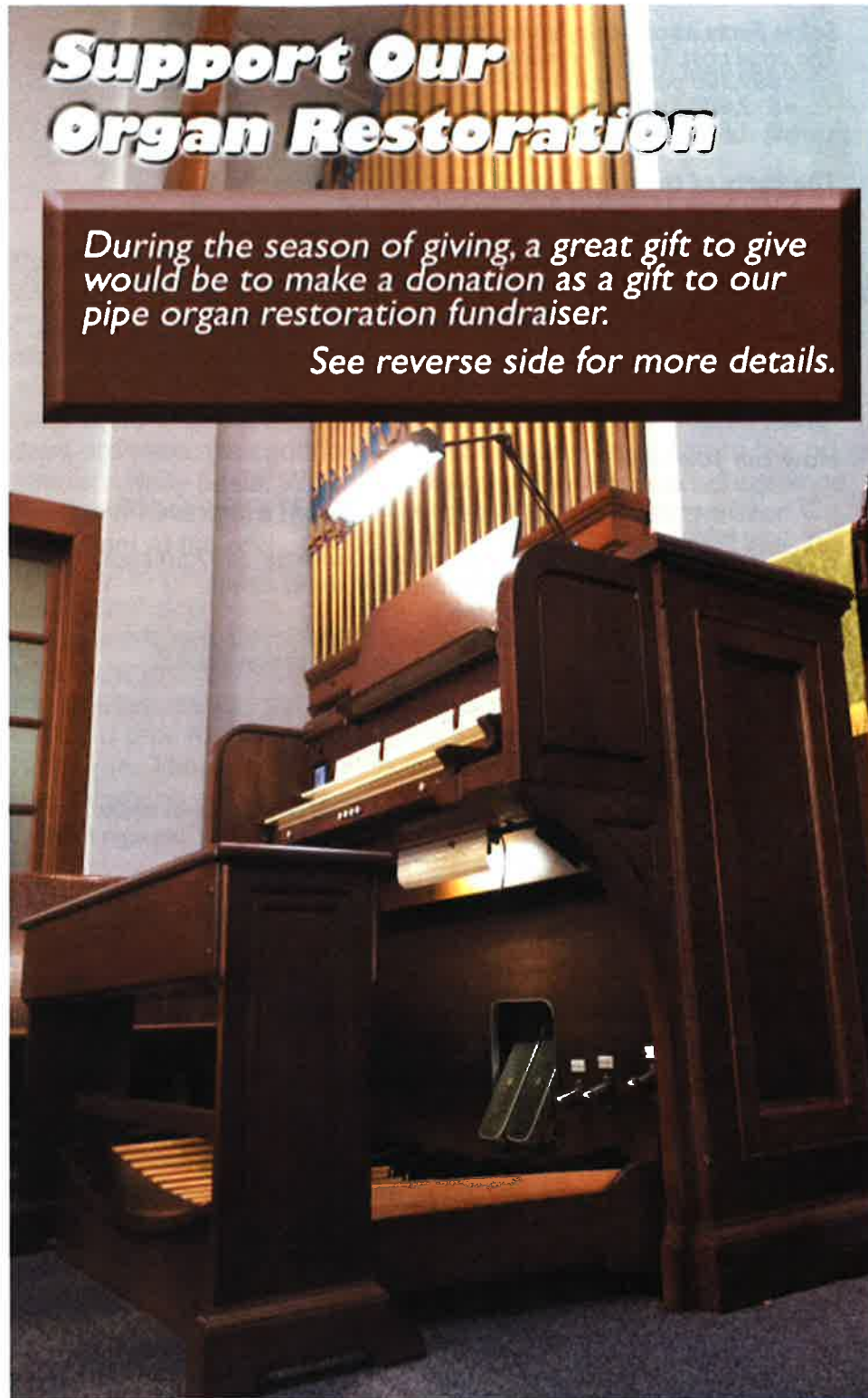
Any monthly giving in excess of the \$590.67 will be applied directly to the outstanding principal to help pay off the remainder of the VIST loan faster!

Thanks to the congregation for your continued support of the Capital Campaign!

**Support Our
Organ Restoration**

During the season of giving, a great gift to give would be to make a donation as a gift to our pipe organ restoration fundraiser.

See reverse side for more details.



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.



Thank you for allowing us to use the Old Church and Fellowship Hall for our wedding. Our day was perfect.

Ali Perzel & Ryan Peters



Dear Congregation of Salem Belleman's Church,

We would like to thank everyone very much for their generous donations. Any amount of help we can get during this time is very much appreciated. The food and gas cards definitely take away some of the burden since we are driving out to the hospital at least twice a week. Leilani continues to fight and although some days are hard, we continue to get smiles and laughs from her on almost a daily basis. We have continued her chemotherapy since the last MRI and are mostly likely going to be needing a liver transplant at the end of this year, beginning of next year. We continue to pray that the transplant won't be needed as it is our last option with her treatment and we would ideally like to avoid surgery all together. We ask that our family continues to be in your thoughts and prayers specifically Leilani as she will need all the positive energy and strength that she can get. We also ask that you pray for her older brother to have understanding in this hard time. Thank you again to the church and congregation for the donations and prayers.

Sincerely, Leilani's family



Poinsettias

Rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by placing poinsettias in church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin for your use, or you can see Linda Henne at Church or call her at 610-926-4506. Plants are available this year @ \$8.00 each and are available in various colors. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.



Poinsettias

Orders should be placed by December 16. Thank you.



Birthdays

December

- 16th Michele DeBoeser, Ryan Bausher
 17th Linda Imbesi, Sharon Borkey,
 Brenda Nelson
 18th Mason Strohl, Richie Spatz,
 Elizabeth Cichowicz,
 Douglas Troutman
 19th Joyce Strause, Elizabeth Veres,
 Mae Huber, Bethany Werley
 20th Brian Reynolds, Alex Paris
 21st Carol Spatz
 22nd Jackie Lynn, Nathan Hill,
 Karla Lawrence
 23rd Fern Fisher, Cydney Lawrence,
 Kylee Cammauf
 25th Kimberly Smyre, Mary Miller
 26th Catherine Holcombe,
 Robert Fenstermacher,
 Brianna Schoen
 27th Harold Spatz, Carlene Kissinger,
 Alyssa Kriner
 28th Alma Klinger
 29th Anthony McCloskey,
 Ashlie Dreibelbis
 30th Diane Klopp, Whitney Shurr,
 Nicole Jacoby

January

- 1st Elisha Zimmerman
 2nd Gena Runge, Carl Hein
 3rd Dana Screffler
 4th Alex Younker
 5th Robert Flay, Jr.
 6th Linda Henne,
 John Rausch
 Gavin Haas, Angela Potts
 Susann Cammauf
 7th Carolina Blatt, James Blatt
 8th Donald Miller,
 Shelby Dougherty
 9th Justin Cox, Larry Henne
 10th Marian Gordon,
 Pamela Haas,
 Thomas Noecker,
 Rex Kissinger
 12th Mica Kornfeind,
 Connor Kunkle
 13th Archer Kauffman
 14th Phillip Smith,
 Nathaniel Shatto,
 Raymond Shuman
 15th Michael Dailey

Anniversaries

December

- 25th Damian & Sallie Polak
 31st Lindel & Karen Hahn

January

- 2nd Paul & Annabell Leshner
 9th Randy & Cathleen Phillips

Belleman's Military Members

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



Kids, this Invitation is for You

On Christmas Eve at the 4:30 p.m. Family Service,
 we are going to be doing "The Promise."

"The Promise" is a Christmas pageant with Christmas carols.

THERE WILL BE

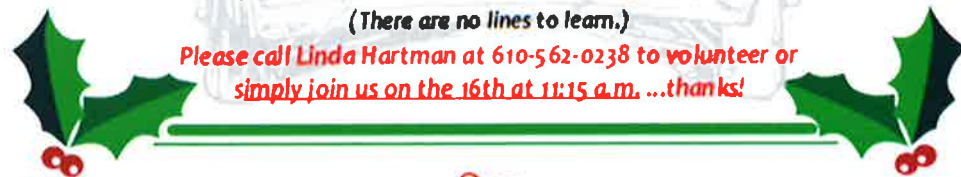
**ONE REHEARSAL
 FOR "THE PROMISE"**

WHICH WILL BE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
 AT 11:15 A.M.**

Please be a part of this special night
 as you help to make the Christmas story come alive!
 (There are no lines to learn.)

Please call Linda Hartman at 610-562-0238 to volunteer or
 simply join us on the 16th at 11:15 a.m. ...thanks!



OUR
Christmas

WISH TO ALL OF YOU...

The light of the Christmas star, the warmth of home,
 the cheer of friends, the hope of heart, the joy of angels,
 the love of The Son and the peace of God...

May the joy of Christmas bring peace and happiness to you and your
 family and be with you throughout the New Year!

Love always,

BELLEMAN'S CHOIR FAMILY