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# Bell Notes

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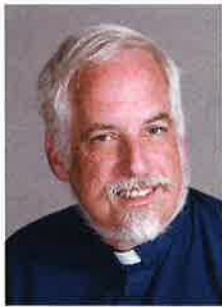
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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*  
*Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.*  
*Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



*January 2019*

*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*



### Pastor's Ponderings:

First of all a happy and blessed New Year!

A prayer:

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen*

You've probably spent some time in this past year and a few months, trying to figure out the new Pastor. What is he really like? What makes him tick? Ketchup or Mustard? Things like that.

Well, you've undoubtedly figured out my passion for working with youth. It is likely my favorite "church thing" to do. I enjoy planning youth activities, working with the advisors and the youth, and being part of the events. This probably stems from my history; as my youth group was essential to me; as I trudged through the teen years with all it's drama, and challenges, and (usually) ascending maturity. Youth group kept me sane, and kept me in touch with God. It also provided me with a peer group, and a group of friends I will always cherish.

That is kinda my vision for our Lift group. We realize that for many of our youth, Sunday School and worship is not enough. The youth need something else to make the connection to church and God. They need a group where they can feel welcomed, take ownership, get support, be honest and not feel like that honesty will bring laughter or scorn. A place to have fun, and make friends, grow in and live out their faith in Jesus. It is the small group that we have established here at Belleman's for our older tweens and teens.

But why is it just for tweens and teens? Maybe everyone can have the opportunity for a small group? Because in today's complex, busy, and fast changing world, for many just going to worship is not enough. "Just worship" does not fill up the spiritual glass that needs to overflow with God's love, and grace and forgiveness.

### Pastor's Ponderings (continued)

And to be practical. One of the best strategies for church growth is to establish small groups. Not only do they work, they are needed by so many. And God works his wonders through them.

This Spring I'm hoping to develop some small groups. Perhaps one for mother's of young children, or mother's of teens. A senior citizens group would be neat. Groups centering around hobbies would be great.

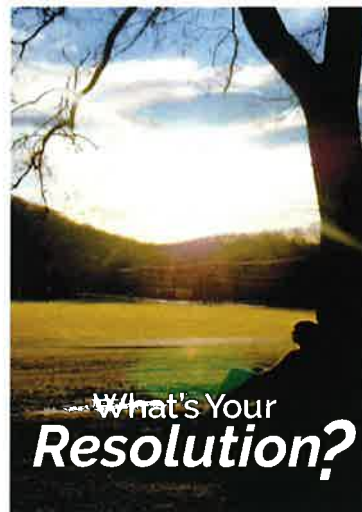
What I need from you are people to step up and say, "Yes! I need something like that, and I'll help start it." This is what ministry is about in a congregation, to step up and take the lead on something that will be helpful to yourself, and others, and allows the Lord to work his wonders. To say, "I need that further connection so that the church will be a place where I can feel I belong, and where my faith can grow, and God's love will flourish."

After all, Jesus preached before thousands. But most of his ministry happened through his small group of twelve.

**Pastor Dave's contact info:**  
Phone: 484-663-4911  
Email: revblitch@msn.com



### New Year's Resolution Check In!



On **Feb 21st** from **6:30-7:20** in the **Chapel**, Jess Cammauf will be hosting a free, informational and interactive session on goal setting, planning for your goals and overcoming obstacles. We will be working on the tools you will need to create a new goal or stay on track with your New Year's Resolution already in place. This session is open to **anyone from 6th grade to adult**. Babysitting can be provided. **Please RSVP to Jess Cammauf at [jcammauf@gmail.com](mailto:jcammauf@gmail.com) or 610-406-7270 or to James in the Church Office by February 19th.**

**Church Board Highlights** December 17, 2018

Rev. Dennis Ritter was present to discuss stewardship. He outlined the particulars of running a successful Stewardship Campaign. He suggested that springtime is a good time to accomplish this campaign. The Board decided to order the materials which were discussed and look to have a campaign this spring sometime.

The Property Committee reported that the Organ Blower motor bill arrived. The cost was \$2,170. This was paid out of the Building Fund.

The Pastoral Relations Committee reported that they met recently and with the plan for this committee to have 3 year terms, the initial terms will be as follows. One year terms: Phil Kistler and Dawne Clay, two year terms: Jim Holcombe and John Lewis, three year terms Brenda Kelly and Teisha Madden. Teisha has agreed to serve as the liaison/communication lines to the Board and Personnel committee.

The Board discussed Nominations for 2019 officers. It was suggested to make sure the opened spots are filled prior to going forward with selecting officers.

James reported that for years we have sent balloons to members for 50, 55 and 60 plus wedding anniversaries and 90 plus birthdays. Kevin Gilmer has been our guy to handle this. It has gotten harder and harder for him to get helium to complete his jobs. He asked us to have a backup plan at least until he may be able to get back in business. James suggested working something through the Smile Fund at least temporarily. He will discuss this with Sindy Bachman.

Also receiving Board approval:

- The addition of Terrorism/Active Shooter insurance to the Church policy
- Heffner Tithe contributions to Aubrey Hennigan and Larry Phillips
- Sexton's vacation either the week of January 20 or 27

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,650.48  |
| Income            | \$ 27,675.00 |
| Expenses          | \$ 24,180.20 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 12,145.28 |

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

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**Attendance**

	<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 2	34	98	\$3,959.00
December 9	35	128	\$3,079.00
December 16	31	123	\$4,798.00
December 23	22	109	\$3,248.00
Christmas Eve (4:30 Service: 334) (7:30 service: 114)			
December 30	25	94	\$3,627.00

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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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**Communion Assistants For February 10**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis, Connie Mohn

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

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistant:* James Fitterling

*Head Usher:* Jim Holcombe

*Ushers:* Carla Rozsitch, Jim Blatt,

Carlene Kissinger, Frank Kornfeind

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**Jingle Offerings for January**

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| January 6, 13  | Reading Berks Conference of Churches |
| January 20, 27 | Lutheran Congregational Services     |

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# WINTER JAM

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**SANTANDER ARENA - READING, PA**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019**  
 DOORS OPEN/PRE-JAM PARTY: 8 PM | MAIN SHOW: 7 PM

If you are interested in going to Winter Jam, please talk to Pastor Dave.

The **Social Ministry** Committee needs donations of cookies to fill Valentines baskets for shut-ins. Collections will be on Sunday, January 27th. If possible, please bring them in sandwich bags with 5 cookies per bag. Thank You!



Let's see if Belleman's can pick the Super Bowl winner!

On Sunday, January 27 and February 3 (Super Bowl), bring a food item for the SV Food Pantry to support the team you think will win.

Support your favorite team and the SV Food Pantry!

*There is an ongoing need by the Pantry for canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal (generic is fine!)*



**First Communion Sunday** was celebrated on December 9th.

Following instruction, the following two young members received their First Communion:



**Kaleigh Phillips**  
 Daughter of Nathan and Lisa (Werley) Phillips

**Rowan Gilmer**  
 Son of Jason and Stephanie (Lynn) Gilmer

**Congratulations Kaleigh and Rowan!**

## Calendar of Events

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
**1/13 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

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

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

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

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 1/21 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship Mtg  
 1/23 6:30PM Sr. Choir

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/27 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
 Congregation Meeting Review

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 1/28 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

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

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the  
 2/1 Fellowship Hall

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**2/3 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch  
 2/4 at Perry  
 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir  
 2/6

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

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
 2/11 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir  
 2/13

Thur. Please call your Sandwich orders to  
 2/14 Karen Harle  
 Winter Jam (see page 6)

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
 2/16 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**2/17 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
 Endowment Committee Meeting  
 Following the 10:15 service

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE  
 2/18 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. NO SR. CHOIR  
 2/20

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**Family  
Fun  
Night**

The First Family Fun Night of 2019 will be on  
**February 1 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**  
 Come out for supper and a good evening of  
 fun and games with a  
**SNOW theme!**

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**Notice:** If anyone is in need of firewood please contact the church office.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**January 27, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Important Notes:**

- Year End Ministry Report.
- 2018 Financial Report.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND NEWS

Save the date...A Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que is planned for the benefit of the Capital Campaign Fund on Sunday, March 10th @ 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.



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**

Thank you for your continued support!

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Mark your calendars.....

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



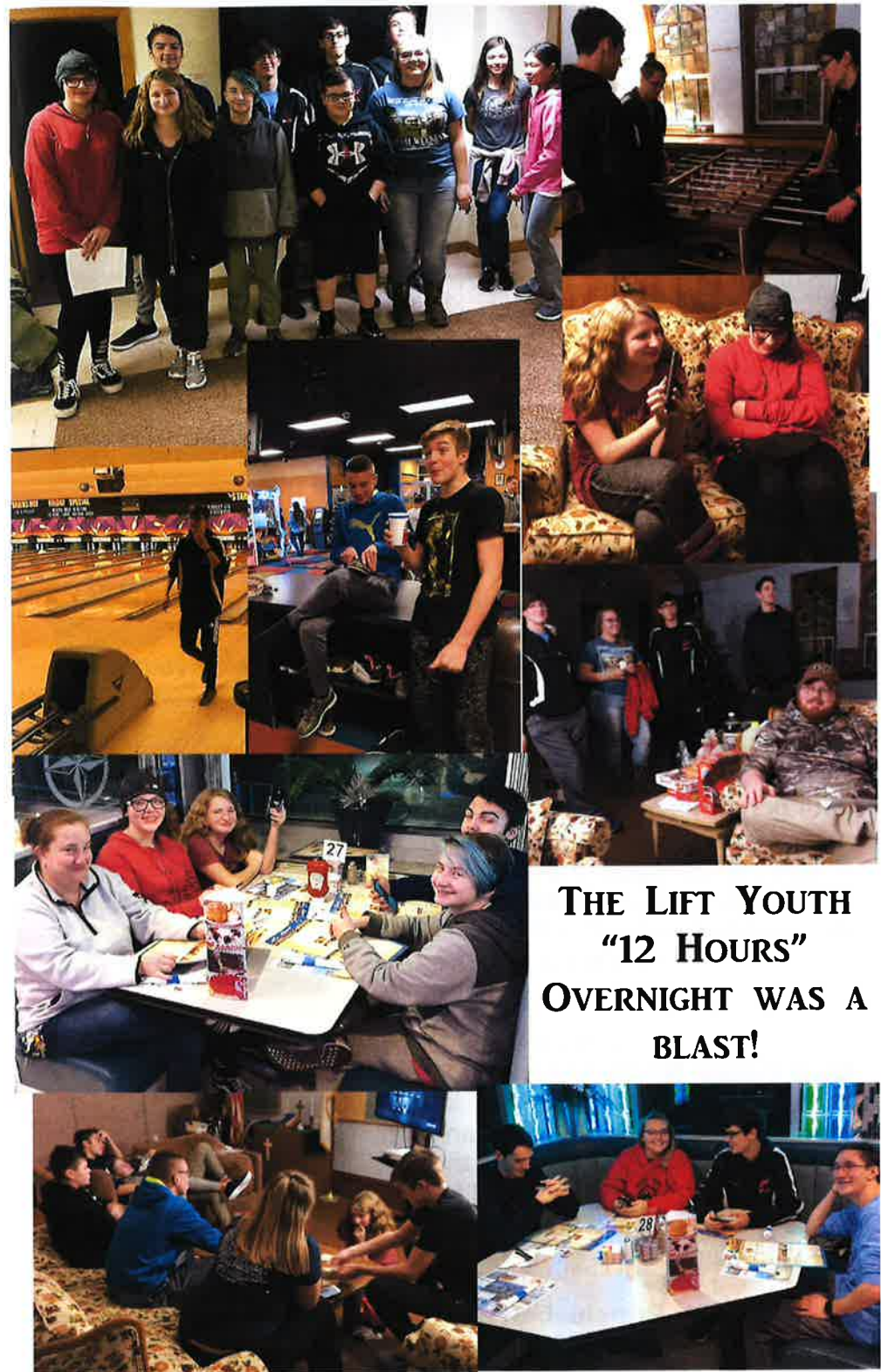
**Orders are due NLT February 14 & can be picked up on Thursday, February 21st at the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00PM.** The 10" (ham, Italian or turkey) sandwiches are **\$6.00**.

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.



**THE LIFT YOUTH  
 "12 HOURS"  
 OVERNIGHT WAS A  
 BLAST!**



**Dear Salem Belleman's Church,**  
**Thank you** for your recent gift of \$265 (jingle offering) to Youth and Young Adults and for your support of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA. As we enter the final year of the campaign, I want to thank you for your continued investment in the future of this church and in the ministry we share. **In Christ**  
**The Rev. Ron Glusenkamp,**  
**Director, The Campaign for the ELCA**

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**Dear Belleman's Church,** I'm writing to offer my heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$259 (jingle offering) to Susan G. Komen. Your generous donation is helping us get closer to our Bold Goal - to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by 50% by the year 2026. **Thank you** again for stepping up and helping us win this fight against breast cancer.  
**Warmly,**  
**Christina Alford, Senior Vice President, Development**

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**Belleman's Church,** This letter is to gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$297 and the Angel Tree Gifts to the Children's Home of Reading. Your support helps to advance our mission of *Caring for the needs of children and families in crisis and preparing them for success in life.* We couldn't do it without the generous support of friends like you.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Vincent J. LaSorsa, Ph. D., President and CEO**

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**Dear Pastor Blich,** Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, including the entire faculty, would like to thank you and the members of the Salem Belleman's Church for your gracious donation. We appreciate your thoughtfulness for the gloves, scarves and hats you provided for us. We will make sure that these winter supplies are given to the children and families that are in need of them. Merry Christmas to all!  
**Sincerely,**  
**Jeremy Crills,**  
**Principal, Schuylkill Valley Elementary School**

**Belleman's Smile Fund,** Thank you for the basket of goodies we received recently.  
**God Bless!**  
**Gayle Diehl and Paul Levey**

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**Thank you** to the carolers for their visit this Christmas season. It is very much appreciated.  
**Merry Christmas!**  
**Helen Ernst**

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**Dear Salem (Belleman's) Church members:** Thank you for the lovely balloons for our 63rd wedding anniversary.  
**Lloyd and Ruth Barnett**

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**Thank you** so much to the carolers who visited and sang to me. It was beautiful. Your cards and poinsettia are very much appreciated. **Thanks again!**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Ruth Ohlinger**

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**Congregation of Belleman's Church,** Thank you for the beautiful planter and flower arrangement for our 65th wedding anniversary. It was a nice surprise. **Annabell and Paul Leshner**

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**Belleman's Military Members**

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

## January Birthdays

- 16th** Garry Wesner, Caleb Weist  
**17th** Sharon Dietrich,  
Bobbie Jo King,  
Andrew Kauffman  
**18th** Susan Schollenberger,  
Kerry Strunk, Kevin Noecker  
Erin Livinghouse  
**19th** Ben Mitten, Linda Wayne,  
Kevin Weyandt  
**20th** Thomas Lukawski  
**21st** Arlene Weaver,  
Robert Flay, III,  
Nathan Phillips  
**22nd** Royce Strohl,  
Renee Cross,  
Kristopher Beerman,  
**23rd** Mary Allen,  
Kenneth Borkey, Sr.,  
Roxanne Loeb,  
Kylee Cammauf  
**24th** Robert Eisenhower,  
Rachel Fair, Sharon Duvall,  
Brenda Hein, Jason Kiwak  
**25th** Eva Pauley  
**27th** Melissa Kopicz  
**28th** Chad Kemp, Julia Patrick,  
Sherwood Galen  
**29th** Beverly Blatt,  
Deanne Berger,  
Larry Hartranft, Lonnie Klinger  
**30th** Logan Cammauf,  
Melissa Schmauch  
**31st** Chelsea Geisinger

## January Anniversaries

- 24th** Robert & Susan Heister  
**25th** John & Barbara Rausch  
**26th** Mark and Ashlie Dreibelbis  
**29th** Cate & Curtis Michaud

## February Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Cory Kunkle, Melissa Lewis  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Brian Heller,  
Lindsay Zimmerman,  
Braden McCloskey,  
Isabella Hoffman  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Donald Borkey,  
Danielle Shatto  
Charles Zimmerman, Jr.  
**4<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Rausch,  
Jamie Unterkofler,  
Samuel Stump,  
Matthew Yoder  
**5<sup>th</sup>** Kim Schlotter  
**6<sup>th</sup>** Sharon King,  
Kenneth Borkey, Jr.,  
Matthew Moll  
**7<sup>th</sup>** Holly Bradbury,  
Shaelyn Fluck,  
Tina Phillips, Galen Borkey  
**9<sup>th</sup>** John Loose, Anita Noecker  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Daniel Haas  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Marian Miller,  
Ronald Carlson  
Bonnie Madeira  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Mark Stump, Jessica Harle  
Samantha Gregor,  
Robert Reppert, Jr.  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy Stoudt  
Alexus Garber  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Jesse Gehris, Renee Delp  
David Garber  
**15<sup>th</sup>** Thomas Loose

## February Anniversaries

- 2nd** Juliet & Michael Hoffman  
**14th** Charmaine & Alan Shatto

Thank You...  
Thank You...  
**Thank You!!!**

To Our Wonderful Choir Family for adding so much beauty to our worship experience throughout the year and especially for all you did to make the Advent/Christmas Season very meaningful!

**Happy New Year,  
Dear Choir Family!**

Thank You for all your love throughout the entire year... your smiles, your hugs, your kindness, your respect, your willingness to go the extra mile to practice that song **ONE MORE TIME** to make sure we do our very best for HIM!  
I am grateful for everything but most of all...

**I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOU!**

I KNOW how truly BLESSED I am  
to have you in my life!

~ **TREASURE** ~

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, we will never lose our value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, we are still priceless to Him. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know but by WHO WE ARE! **You are special. Don't ever forget it!!!**

*Linda*