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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs.
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

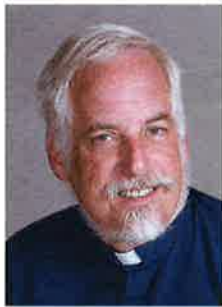
*Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



**Celebration of a house completed in
North Carolina.
More Mission Trip pictures on page 6.**

March 2019

*Rev. David W. Blitch, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Pastor's Ponderings

Our Lenten Journey

There is a tale for Lent that comes from a far-off place... One day, the Devil decided to close up shop in a certain part of the world, and so he decided to hold a fire sale and an attitude auction.

Some evil people were pleased to get his tools like fear, ignorance and prejudice and be able to play his infernal games at half price...

But one person seeking to be more spiritual and caring, wandered into the shop. Intensely curious, he looked around at all the tricks of deception and the tools of malice, until he spotted the quality on the highest shelf that had the highest price. Boldly, he asked the devil what that quality was, and why was it so expensive. The devil replied, "That is discouragement. Why is it so expensive? That's simple. It's my favorite. With the tool of discouragement, I can pry into any person or any group and cause all kinds of havoc and damage."

So let us pray for hope, for compassion, for the courage to look deeply at ourselves. By not being discouraged by life's challenges, we uncover the diamonds among the dust, to find new insights and opportunities, and learn how best to accept ourselves as being love-worthy, just, and kind.

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:
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Email: revblitch@msn.com

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## FREE Community Meal



Tuesday, April 16  
5:30 p.m.  
At the Fellowship Hall

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Church Board Highlights February 18, 2019

- Minutes from the January 21, 2019 meeting and from the January 27, 2019 congregational meeting were approved.
- The treasurer's report was distributed to the Board members and approved subject to audit.
- The Pastor and Administrator Reports were presented and approved. James and Pastor Dave have completed the parochial reports for the Synod and Conference.
- It was reported that Pastor Jim Bauer will be the supply pastor for Feb. 24 while Pastor Dave is on the mission trip.
- Pastor Dave reviewed the plans for Ash Wednesday and Lent. For Lent, Pastor Dave has access to a series of videos called Nooma. The Lenten evening setup will be similar to previous years and the congregation is invited to sign up to bring soup for each week. Lastly, Maundy Thursday service will be at Bern Lutheran this year.
- The Lift youth group is planning to have a meeting on March 10, the same day as the Chicken BBQ. The youth are planning to get Chicken BBQ dinners for lunch. Youth Sunday is scheduled for April 28 and they will look to do a fundraiser after church that day to support their Wildwood retreat. It was also approved that the Lenten midweek collections at the meal be used to help make the Easter baskets for the Children's Home.
- Lester and Gloria Gambler, Kelly Kauffman, Linda Henne and Carlene Kissinger were approved as members of the Stewardship Committee
- The Endowment Committee recently had their annual meeting. Their request to the Board is to allow Bernice Hartman to remain as the treasurer even though she is no longer a member of the committee. Their second request is to be allowed to amend the Endowment Bylaws to clarify the Treasurer position that it is not required to be a committee member to be the treasurer for the Endowment. This was approved.
- A quote of \$705 for the new quarterly mailings of offering envelopes to start in 2020 was received. The Board approved to change to the new envelope system in 2020.

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### Jingle Offerings for March

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| March 3, 10  | Potato Project                            |
| March 17, 24 | One Great Hour of Sharing                 |
| March 31     | Children's Home of Reading Easter Baskets |

**Belleman's Joint Board**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,975.36  |
| Income            | \$ 11,253.00 |
| Expenses          | \$ 13,248.65 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 6,979.71  |

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Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. You can choose to give weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available. Please contact Carlene Kissinger at 610-926-3342 if you would like to fill out a form.

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**Attendance for February**

|             | <b>7:45AM</b> | <b>10:15AM</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| February 3  | 20            | 92             | \$2,552.50      |
| February 10 | 25            | 160            | \$3,619.00      |
| February 17 | 23            | 119            | \$4,316.00      |
| February 24 | 18            | 70             | \$2,104.00      |

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The Candy Sale is Here

2019 Candy Sale order sheets are included in upcoming Sunday Bulletins or you can call the office to order. Deadline to order will be March 31.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

AS OF 2/4/19

Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts \$305,589.63

Monthly Contributions 2019 \$710.65
(Feb. Collection = \$740.00)

Fundraising Projects

Organ Restoration	January	\$1,019.00
Chicken BBQ	March	
Easter Candy Sales	March	
Chinese Auctions	June	
Mum Sale	September	
Poinsettia Sale	December	

Grocery Gift Cards

Sold	\$ 171,895.00
Profit	\$ <u>8,757.40</u>

Cash Total \$316,076.68

Interest Paid

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$9,920.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$18,694.51

Loan Balances

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$85,500.00
VIST Bank Loan	\$71,251.87

Total Principal Balance Owed \$156,751.87

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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!

**Mission Trip #1 2019  
New Bern, North Carolina**



**Thank you to the congregation for  
your continued support of the  
Mission Team!**

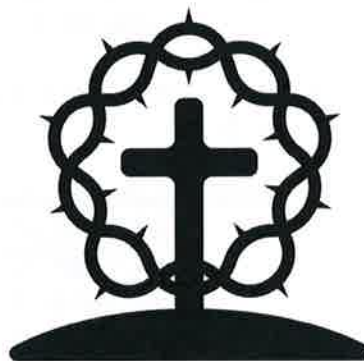
**Lift Youth Group Meeting was held Sunday, March 10**

The youth met in the Loft and discussed a variety of things while enjoying a lunch of Kauffman's chicken from the Capital Campaign Fundraiser. Time was spent beginning to prepare for Youth Sunday on April 28 and discussing a fundraiser after church that day to help fund the youth retreat to Wildwood and other youth events. More information will be in the April newsletter. The group also discussed the June mission trip which will likely head back to Maine, with more youth expressing interest in going. There was a suggestion to try to have a youth meeting once a month, a youth service project once a month and a fun youth activity once a month. In addition to all the business, those in attendance took part in a variety of fun games. If you know someone who would like to be involved with the Lift Youth Group, please put them in contact with Pastor Dave.

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The Second Family Fun Night of 2019 will be on **April 5 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Come out for supper and a good evening of fun and games as we think Spring.

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**Schedule for Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday, April 18** - service 7:00PM At Bern Lutheran Church

**Good Friday, April 19** - Service at 7:00PM in the Church.

**Children's Easter Drama and Egg Hunt, April 20** at 1:30PM. At the Fellowship Hall

**Easter, April 21** - Dawn Worship at Mohrsville Church of the Brethren, 6:30AM, Worship Services at 7:45AM and 10:15AM with Holy Communion offered at both.

## Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
3/13 6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
3/16 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**3/17 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
3-5PM Choir Bowling at Heister's Lanes

Mon. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
3/18 5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping  
5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
6:30PM Board Meeting

Tue. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
3/19 5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping

Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
3/20 6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**3/24 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
VBS Meeting after 10:15 service

Mon. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
3/25 5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping  
5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
3/26 5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship mtg  
3/27 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

Sat. 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting  
3/30 in the Chapel

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**3/31 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
4/1 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch  
at Perry  
5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping  
5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 9:00AM Easter Candy Rolling  
4/2 5:00PM Easter Candy Dipping  
6:30PM Dutch Class

Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
4/3 6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

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

**Sun Consecration Sunday (info pg. 11)**  
**4/7 NO 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
Congregational Luncheon in the  
Fellowship Hall following service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
4/8 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
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Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
4/10 6:15PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

**Sun Palm Sunday**  
**4/14 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
4/15 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 5:30PM FREE Community meal  
4/16 in the Fellowship Hall  
6:30PM Dutch Class

**Thu. Maundy Thursday**  
**4/18 7PM at Bern Lutheran**

**Fri. Good Friday**  
**4/19 7PM Service in the Sanctuary**

Sat. 11:15AM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
4/20 11:30AM Belleman's Bells  
12 noon Belleman's Bells/Easter  
Choir/Instrumentalists  
1:30PM Easter Drama & Egg Hunt  
at the Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Easter Sunday - Holy Communion**  
**4/21 6:30AM Sunrise Service at**  
**Mohrsville Church of the Brethren**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Please remember to use your Redner's Card and bring your receipt to church. We have been asked to NOT highlight the total on the Redner's receipts that can be dropped off in the Narthex. Also, remember to bring the entire receipt, not just a portion of it. Thank You!

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Easter Plants for 2019

If you would like to purchase an **Easter plant** or to place a plant in church for Easter Sunday, in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please call Linda Henne (610-926-4506) or see her in church. There will also be order blanks available in Sunday Bulletins for your convenience.

Plants that are available this year are as follows:

Easter Lilies	\$8.00 each
Hybrid Lillies	\$8.00 each
Azaleas	\$11.00 each
Martha Washington Geraniums	\$8.00 each
Tulips	\$8.00 each
Daffodils	\$8.00 each

All orders No Later Than April 14. Make checks payable to Belleman's Capital Campaign Committee.

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**Dutch Class will resume, Tuesday, April 2**

Dutch Class meets every Tuesday evening  
From 6:30-8:30 p.m. As usual, a \$5 donation per person per class is suggested for the upkeep of the old church.

***Kumme Dinschdagg owed!***

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**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

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming April 7!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's church board has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

**Mrs. Diane Driesbach, Church Board President**



**Social Ministry Committee of Belleman's Church,** Thank you for the Valentines bag full of goodies and thank you to Faye and John for delivering it. The card is beautiful and very meaningful.

**Helen Danenhower**

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Dear Social Ministry Committee, A big **Thank You** for the Valentine's Day treat bag. I'll enjoy all the treats and the puzzle book. **Thanks again.**

Marian Gordon

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**Thank you** so much for the Valentine's Bag. It is very much appreciated.

**God Bless, Helen Ernst**

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Dear Belleman's Church, Thank you so much for the Valentine's gift bag. It was so thoughtful and much appreciated.

Sincerely, Marie Bayer

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Your thoughtfulness meant so much. Sometimes the smallest gesture to one can mean the world to another. **Thank you** for always thinking of me.

**Mary Ellen Zimmerman**

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Belleman's Church Social Ministry, Thank you very much for the visit and the treats, which by the way, I am enjoying. Your concern and goodness is greatly appreciated in my life at this very difficult time.

Regards, Jean Haag

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**Salem Belleman's Church,** We want to thank the church for the beautiful flower plant for our 66th wedding anniversary. It helped make our day special. **"Thank You"**

**Marian and Oscar Miller**

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Salem Belleman's Church Smile Fund, Thank you for the bag full of goodies and the very cute card I received. The Smile Fund is great for helping people who need a smile.

Thank you very much and God Bless You. Donald Miller

Dear David, James and Congregation, Thank you so very much for the gift of seeds once again. I will try and get Lori who runs the program to send you some pictures during the season. We are grateful for the friendship we have shared over the years. Blessings on all of you.

**Love and prayers,
Sister Kathleen, St. Vincent's Mission, David, KY**

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**To the congregation of Belleman's Church,** On behalf of the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry, we would like to extend a note of gratitude for all of the generous Super Bowl and other 2018 donations provided by your congregation. We serve over 110 families on a monthly basis so it is greatly appreciated to have fellow congregations aid in the collection of food. The families and people of the S.V. Food Pantry **thank you!**

**Blessings,  
Judy Corl, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity**

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Thank you to the congregations for your generosity with the "Warm Their Hearts" cereal and blanket collection for Glenside Elementary School. **The Students thank you all very much!**

Blessings, Missie Boyer



March Birthdays

- 15th John David Rausch, Jr.,
Cassandra Mitten, Jean Haag
16th Dan Gordon, Pete Lukawski
17th Kelly Kauffman,
George Rubright
Curtis Eitel
18th Robin Linderman,
Miriam Mohn
19th Jaclyn Kunkle,
Carter McRae,
Joshua Schlottman,
Lynda Marks, Dylan King
20th Gloria Unger
21st Mildred Stoyer
22nd Kendall Gery,
John Schlappich
John Schmauch, Jr.
23rd David Haag
24th Robert Beissel
Helen Danenhower
26th Kaley Gehris
27th Brenda S. Waits
28th Leah Kopicz, David Snyder
30th Melrose Kunkle
Chris Brian Wesner
31st Chad Fitterling,
Pastor Bruce Potteiger

March Anniversaries

- 21st Kenneth & Sherry Weist
24th Ruth & Kenneth Borkey, Sr.
Kelly & Phillip Smith
25th Bernice & Richard Hartman

April Birthdays

- 1st Linette Baer, Sherry Weist
Cody Wesner
2nd Arlene Gilmer, Megan Snyder
Rowan Gilmer
Karen Eisenhofer
3rd Teri Frederick,
Yasmin Loose
4th Mark Eisenhower,
5th John Noecker
6th Diane Driesbach,
7th Kelsey Jean Patrick
8th Brian Folk
9th James Holcombe,
Tanner McRae,
Dennis Wayne, Parker Rhein
10th Linda Kirkhoff, Tom Nelson
11th Lynn Fenstermacher,
Karen Harle, Tara Stiefel
12th Dylan Beerman
13th Kevin Jroski,
Janet Kemp, James Weber
14th Maynard Hook, Daryl Bohn,
Eric Weyandt
15th Amara Mohn

April Anniversaries

- 5th Harold and Sandy Sunday
14th Gene & Diane Driesbach

Sunday, March 17
3:00-5:00 p.m.

CHOIR FAMILY, IT'S A...

St. Patty's Day Bowling Party!!!

There
will be pizza,
too!!!

HIESTER LANES
801 Hiesters Lane,
Reading, Pa.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

Highest Score • Lowest Score
Oldest Bowler
Youngest Bowler
Best St. Patty's Day Outfit

SIGN UP IN THE MUSIC ROOM!