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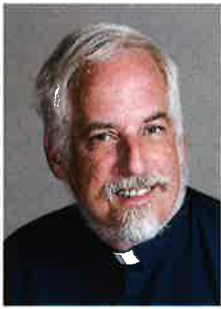
September

Bell Notes

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Pastor's Ponderings

We have two cars. Karen's car is a Hyundai Tucson and mine, a Nissan Sentra. Yesterday was Sunday, so at about 7:45 I got into the Hyundai for a ride to Belleman's grove for worship. Because her car is not getting much use right now, every now and then I drive it. In the old days we'd say we were gonna "blow out the carbon" or something that we no longer really have to worry about.

I'm about a block or two from my house and the low tire pressure indicator lights up. Realize that when that goes on I want to immediately go to a gas station and fill up the sagging tire, because, well I'm supposed to and something bad could happen if I don't!

But it's right before church, so I'd rather deal with it later. So I drive home and I stick my head in the entrance and tell Karen, "dear, your low tire pressure light is on. I'll take care of it later. I'm taking my car." To which she replied, "your low pressure light will go on too!"

Yeah right. Ha, ha, ha! What are the chances that my tire decided to run a little low on my car the same morning that Karen's car did? And for the record, I had driven both cars the day before with no low pressure light a glow. What are you psychic? Are you predicting the future now? Geesh!

So I hop in the Nissan, and drive away, and about a block or two from our house... the low tire pressure....indicator light goes....on!

How did she know? So on the way to the grove, it's a quick trip to Rutters, I like their air compressor the best, and I make it to Belleman's in plenty of time. When I get home after worship I tell Karen that her tire prophecy had come to pass and how did she know?

"Well, it got chilly last night. You know that chilly weather makes tire pressure go down. So I figured..."

Yes! A great deduction! Very scientific and well thought out!

God has given us an amazing brain to reason with. We can come to great conclusions about what is going on in the world, and maybe have a good take on what's coming down the pike.

But we need to follow the evidence, and the science, the historical context, and the reasonableness of what we believe to be true. Going after, and believing something, just because we

want it to be true, or because it reinforces a favorite narrative is not good enough. It has to also be truthful in the pure sense of the word.

It has to make sense, and not just be conjecture or someone's take on things fueled only by their hate, bias or paranoia. We need to remember our old Sunday School Song, "They'll know we are Christians by our LOVE."

A columnist in Christianity today puts it this way:

In Matthew 5, our Lord and savior uttered a powerful declaration exhorting us to shine the light of this loving truth: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Beautiful Orthodoxy is the stand upon which we shine the light of the glorious truth of Christ. This Christ-rendered exhortation compels us to embrace the transcendent and transformational truth that we may have "light" but it may very well be hidden under the bowl of anger, complacency, apathy, and religious exuberance. Further, the implicit-yet-convicting narrative reveals that the "light" is only as good as where it stands.

If we are to "be light" then we must remove all vestiges of contention, bitterness, apathy, complacency, and anger while we stand on his Word, projecting grace. We know this for certain: as we stand on love and elevate biblical truth, the beauty of Christ will shine—beauty incarnate indeed! Then and only then can we proceed, certain of the physically and spiritually undeniable fact that when light stands next to darkness, light always wins.

While religion requires us to get rid of darkness in order to prompt the light to shine, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus conveys the very opposite. Be light and darkness will flee. What do we call such a revelation? Beautiful Orthodoxy.

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Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

The September distribution on **September 19** is Belleman's month to serve. If you are able to help that day, please arrive at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport around 7:30 a.m. to help setup. The distribution is 9:00-10:30 a.m. Thank you!

Church Board Highlights

August 10, 2020

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that the property taxes have been paid and the propane tanks have been filled. Additionally, \$2,000 of propane has been prepaid.

James reported that he took part in a webinar provided by Thomkins regarding the forgiveness for the PPP loan and it is anticipated that applications will be accepted beginning on August 12.

Michael Holcombe, Eric Weyandt, Crystal Cammauf and Tina Phillips have agreed to serve as the Safety Committee. The group discussed various options and items. After discussion, the suggestion was to continue with worship outdoors in the grove as long as possible. The group will meet again in September prior to the next Board meeting to evaluate the situation at that time and report back to the Board.

The Fundraising committee met on August 3 to discuss possibilities for fundraisers this fall. The group plans to move forward with take out only options to replace the Turkey and Waffle Supper and the Bazaar. They will be working to get the details together and get the events advertised. It was also noted that the Sunday after worship soup/bbq sales have yielded a profit of \$1,100 to this point.

After babying the 20 year old zero turn mower for the past two years it was deemed time to look for a replacement. After shopping around a bit the Board approved the option to purchase a new zero turn from Miller's, via email vote on July 28.

Christian Ed had a meeting to discuss plans for Rally Day. Plans had been previously made to have the puppet group back from last year for Rally Day on September 13. With uncertainty around plans for Sunday School and Rally Day, the group suggested having the puppet group still come on September 13 for worship in the grove and serve as the sermon portion of the service.

James reported that he took care of all the paperwork for the Ella Hix bequest and the check has arrived.

Pastor Dave reported on an idea for Confirmation Class this year. His suggestion is to plan to have a monthly "mini retreat" following worship once a month in lieu of weekly class meetings. If things line up to be able to accomplish this, he suggested starting this at the end of September.

The Board approved to hold our regular fall Blood Drive on October 14 at the Fellowship Hall. Miller Keystone will have appointments spread out and precautions taken to maintain distancing.

The Board approved to remove Chris Livinghouse from the Church Board due to non-attendance. He has mentioned in the past that he wouldn't be making meetings. Pastor Dave mentioned about the possibility of adding a confirmed youth member to the Board. With no objection, Pastor Dave will check with some of the active youth.

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### Belleman's Joint Board

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 38,206.07 |
| Income            | \$ 13,803.73 |
| Expenses          | \$ 24,667.45 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 27,342.35 |

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Jingle Offerings

September 6, 13	Belleman's Christian Ed - Puppet and Story Works
September 20, 27	Belleman's Old Church

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### Attendance/Offering

|           | 9:00AM                     | Offering   |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| August 2  | 40 (Grove), 261(Facebook)  | \$1,480.00 |
| August 9  | 75 (Grove), 104 (Facebook) | \$2,860.00 |
| August 16 | 43 (Grove), 112 (Facebook) | \$3,182.00 |
| August 23 | 80 (Grove), 141(Facebook)  | \$5,217.00 |
| August 30 | 78 (Grove), 130(Facebook)  | \$2,304.00 |

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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!



Capital Campaign Mum sale!



On Harvest Home Sunday, September 20th, the Capital Campaign will decorate for worship with beautiful mums. Members may purchase mums to beautify the grove and then to decorate their homes. **Mums** are \$6.00 each and locally grown by **Penny Hill Farms**. Please see Linda Henne to place your orders. **All orders must be received by Sunday, September 13th** and please make checks payable to **Belleman's Capital Campaign**. Coupons will be in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

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### Service Opportunity: Potato Project

The **Potato Project** is a local ministry aimed at defeating hunger. The Potato Project needs volunteers to help harvest their acres of potatoes near Fleetwood, which will then be distributed to food pantries throughout Berks County. So, mark your calendars, on **September 12** from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. we will likely be gathering at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 265 Maiden Creek Rd., Fleetwood (Molltown), PA 19522. If you'd like to meet to follow to the plot, please meet at church at 9:30 a.m.



God's work.  
Our hands.

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Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **October 14th** from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Personnel from the blood center will be from Berks County. Please call Roxanne Loeb for further information (610) 926-1089.

Your Blood. Their Hope.®



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Belleman's Family Sunday Fun Day Worship Service

September 13, 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Grove with performance by:



The PUPPET AND STORY WORKS



With

KID KAPOWWOW Lights His World



Can this ordinary
Cheyenne
kid become



a warrior
for Jesus?

OR

Jesus's Super
Hero sidekick?

Biblical truth - laughter & Song for ALL ages

Let's find out!

Calendar of Events

Sat. Potato pickin' for the Potato Project
9/12 (info page 6)

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service
9/13 Special Presentation by the
Puppet and Story Works
(info page 7)

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir at the
9/16 Fellowship Hall

Fri Orders due for Turkey and Waffle
9/18 take outs (see insert)

Sat. 9:00AM – 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
9/19 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
(Belleman's Month to Serve)

Sun. Harvest Home Sunday
9/20 9:00AM Worship Service
9:00AM Kids Sunday School
Outdoor Program

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
9/21

Sat. 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle
9/26 Dinner pickup
(Please follow signage
for drive thru pickup)

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service
9/27 9:00AM Kids Sunday School
Outdoor Program

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir at the
9/30 Fellowship Hall

Sun. World Communion Sunday
10/4 9:00AM Worship Service
First Sunday of the Month Collection
for the Capital Campaign
Chicken BBQ pickup at the Fellowship Hall
from 10:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service
10/11

Wed. 2-7PM Blood Drive at the
10/14 Fellowship Hall
6:30PM Sr. Choir

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

Sun. Worship Time(s)
10/18 to be announced

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
10/19

Sun. Reformation Sunday
10/25 Worship Time(s)
to be announced

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir at the
10/28 Fellowship Hall

Sun. All Saints Sunday/
11/1 Holy Communion
Worship Time(s)
to be announced
Daylight Savings Ends
First Sunday of the Month Collection
for the Capital Campaign

Fri. 9:00AM to 5:00PM Bazaar
11/6

Sat. 9:00AM to 1:00PM Bazaar
11/7

Sun. Worship Time(s)
11/8 to be announced

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Safety Committee Report

July 27 was the initial meeting of the newly formed Safety Committee consisting of members, Michael Holcombe, Tina Phillips, Eric Weyandt and Crystal Cammauf. The group is tasked with providing guidance to the Congregation of Salem Belleman's Church during this time of uncertainty caused by the Covid 19 virus. The group discussed various options and possibilities at the meeting. Ultimately, the group suggested that worship be conducted outdoors in the grove as long as the weather allows. The committee also discussed fundraising possibilities and suggested to the Fundraising Committee that any food items be made for take out only. The committee plans to meet in mid September to reevaluate the situation. Please be on the lookout for updates regarding worship services as we approach cooler weather. Thank you to these folks for their diligence in helping provide direction to Belleman's in navigating this pandemic.



Sights from the Lift Youth campout/pool party



Jack Kornfeind has broken ground on his Eagle Scout project to complete our church playground project. Keep on the lookout for updates as Jack's project progresses.



Annual Church Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The kitchen will be serving a variety of food items for **take out only**.



Notice: Beef is needed for the Bazaar. If you are able to help with this, we would need the beef by October 1. Thank you for your help!

Chicken BBQ

The P.O.S. of A. annual BBQ with Boy Scout Troop 154 participating will be held on **October 4, 2020**. This year the BBQ will be held at Belleman's Fellowship Hall, chickens are by Kauffman's and are \$9.00. Time will be from 10:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and is take out only. See Larry Henne for tickets or call 610-926-4506. Thank you for your support!



Special Kid's Sunday School

Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 9 a.m.

And

Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 9 a.m.



While we await a decision about this year's Sunday School plans, the Christian Ed Committee is planning these two special Sunday School Opportunities. As you'll notice, it is the same time as outdoor worship. This will be an opportunity for parents to worship while their children take part in an outdoor Sunday School environment. Hope to see you there!



To My Belleman's Church Family and Prayer

Angels: I just want to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, meals, flowers and gifts during my most recent surgery--reverse total shoulder replacement. I especially want to thank everyone for all of the prayers. Things are difficult at times, and it is prayers that will get us through this. It has been quite the year. Jim and I are truly blest to have such a caring church family. **God Bless You All.**

**Love and Prayers,
Karen and Jim Holcombe**

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**Dear Belleman's Church,** Thank you for your generous gift of \$165 from the jingle offering to Bethany Children's Home Brighter Future Fund. Your special gift to the Brighter Future Fund will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals. Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

**Sincerely,  
Carolyn Shultz Spano, Director of Development**

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Belleman's Church Family, Thank you for all of your generous donations in memory of Donald, cards, thoughts and prayers during our time of grief. Your expression of sympathy is greatly appreciated.

**God's blessings to all of you.
Mary Miller and Family**

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**Belleman's Church Smile Fund,** I would like to thank the Smile Fund for the beautiful flowers sent my way following my most recent surgery. They certainly boosted my spirits and were very much appreciated.

**God Bless, Love and Prayers,  
Karen Holcombe**

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Thank you to the Belleman's Congregation for the Happy Birthday wishes, cards and Facebook messages.

**God Bless,
Becky Miller**

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**Belleman's Church,** Kyle Lord was tested Monday 8/10/20 and is all clear, cancer free. She wishes to thank everyone for all the prayers.

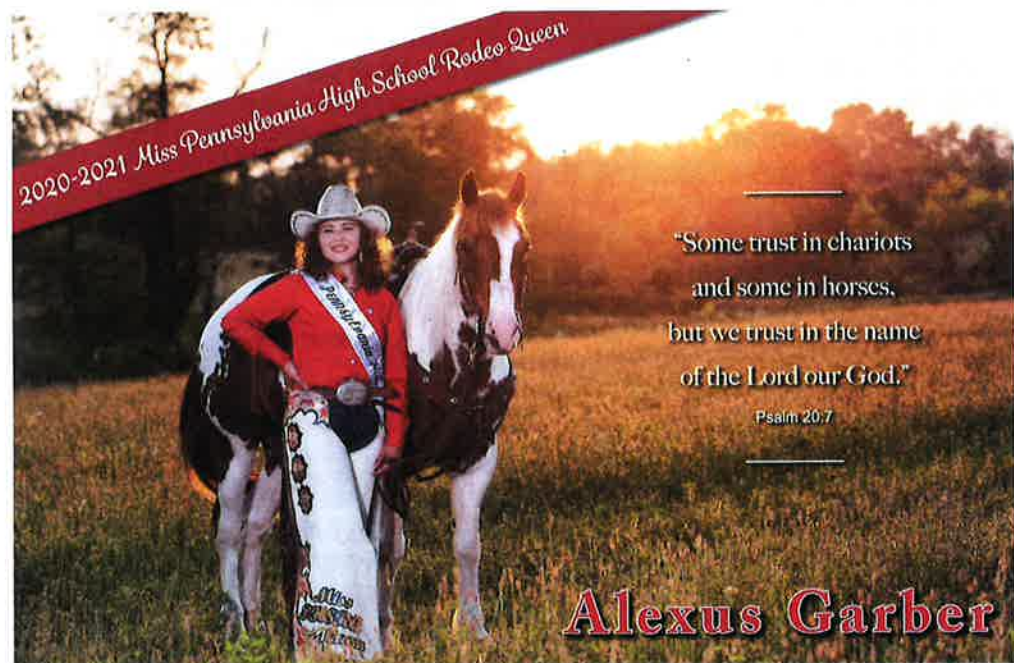
**Thank you** to the Belleman's church family for all the cards and continued prayers. I hope to be able to be at worship soon.  
**God Bless, Karen Blich**

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Belleman's Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent for our 68th wedding anniversary. Also, the balloons for Cal's 90th birthday and the beautiful red rose. They are very meaningful gifts to us and we thank you again.
God Bless, Cal and Anna Bair

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**Thank you** for sponsoring me and giving me the opportunity to represent PA as queen at the National High School Rodeo Finals. **Lexi Garber**



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Belleman's Military Members

CWO2 Josh Linderman
Andrew Potts
1LT Bradley P. Hoppes
SGT Andrew Cichowicz
Nathan P. Stump
SGT John R. Wesner

MAJ James Fluck
Kevin Mohn
SGT Phillip Spatz
Alfred Cross
Cydney Lawrence

September Birthdays

- 17th** Bridget Hoffert,
Jeffrey Mohn
18th Ryan Moser,
Shannon Perzel
19th Brandon Corolla,
Jay Grube, Brian Gery
20th Nichole Leibensperger
22nd Anna Bair,
Marilyn Yoder, Wolf Arnold
23rd Barry Edwards,
Connor Zaleski, Emma Potts
24th Michele Dietrich,
Rev. Joshua Fitterling,
Carolyn Machmer,
Richard Evans, Sandy Borkey,
Sean Livinghouse,
25th Rita Bausher,
26th Tara Beerman,
Randy Phillips, Natalie Redd
Ellie Weyandt
27th Dorothy Yeakel
28th Lindsey Bradbury,
Kenneth Bungarz III,
Andrew Smyre
29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,
Michele Zimmerman
30th George Phillips, Jr.,
Chloe Zimmerman,
Courtney Zimmerman
Luke Jack Weyandt

September Anniversaries

- 15th** Cory & Mary Ann Kunkle
16th Mark & Elizabeth Veres
17th Dennis & Robin Linderman
20th Jason & Sara Levan
21st Ryan and Cheyenne Potts
22nd Oliver and Amber Blatt
Kenneth and Nicole Jacoby
23rd Brian and Kara Gery
26th James & Linette Baer,
Therman & Bonnie Madeira

October Birthdays

- 2nd** Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,
Holly Jean Wesner,
Daylin Dalton
3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn
4th Harold Spatz,
Ryan Livinghouse,
Tyler McMurtry
5th Skip Corolla, Jillian Phillips,
Daniel Kiefer, Benjamin King,
Lynn Hart
6th Terry Clay, Naomi Arnold
8th Aaron Nabozny,
Allison Younker,
9th Myra Snyder
10th Dorothy Bausher,
Priscilla Kiefer
11th Linda Hartman,
12th Ruth Ohlinger
13th Kristy Dietrich,
14th Robert Elliott
15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle
Andrea Quillman,
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein

October Anniversaries

- 1st** Michael & Karen Harle,
Carl and Alyse Hein
3rd Darin & Brenda Hein
4th Scott & Michele Dietrich
Wayne & Arlene Hoffert
Shawn and Meaghan Bausher
5th Santi & Linda Imbesi
Cody and Lynda Marks
6th Roy & Danielle Moser,
Charles & Elisha Zimmerman
Andrew and Kelly Kauffman
8th Larry & Linda Henne
9th Richard & June Dautrich
12th Frank & Mica Kornfeind
John and Melissa Lewis

Why do I do it?

from "Please don't ask me to sing in the choir" by Thomas L. Are

"May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

COLOSSIANS 1:11-12

"Today is a special day," Reverend Walker announced. "We recognize with appreciation our Sunday school teachers. Please stand as I call your name."

We had heard a sermon on Christian education, each teacher had been given a certificate and now as I sit in the choir, I watch them all take bows. Perhaps I am jealous. Choir singers never receive such recognition. We work just as hard, serve as faithfully, and have never been ordered a rotation system. Why aren't we equally appreciated?

I'm engaging in a bit of self-pity but sometimes I ask, why do I do it? For the congregation? I don't think so. I feel good when someone compliments me or says he enjoyed the music, but I don't do it for their appreciation. I don't even do it for God's appreciation, though I hope He is pleased with what I do.

I sing in the choir for two reasons. First, because I appreciate God. It's one way I have to say "thank you" to Him. I'm grateful and need to express my gratitude.

Second, I sing in the choir because I enjoy it. It's fun to sing, and music touches me on a level deeper than words either spoken or read. In the choir, I come alive and feel in touch with my world.

Maybe that's the greatest value I have, my own self-appreciation. That may be part of what Paul had in mind when He prayed for the Colossians, "giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

On August 26th, our choir family gathered for the first time in over 5 months for rehearsal! I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it was to be together joining our voices in harmony PRAISING OUR LORD! When life is just rolling along, you tend to take the important things for granted! Years ago, I made a promise to myself that I would never, ever take life for granted and would appreciate everything and everyone God has blessed me with...these past 5 months have truly been a reality check!

Choir Family, I am truly humbled and blessed to have you in my life! I appreciate you and the opportunity of giving glory to our Lord with each one of you...THANK YOU!!!

Linda





Turkey and Waffle Order Form



Name: _____

Phone # _____

_____ # of dinners @ \$10/each = \$ _____

Additional items for sale:

_____ # of pepper cabbage \$5/qt or \$3/pt = \$ _____

_____ # of extra filling/gravy \$5/qt or \$3/pt = \$ _____

Homemade pies

_____ # old-fashioned lemon (\$6)

_____ # lemon sponge (\$6)

_____ # coconut custard (\$6)

_____ # raisin crumb (\$7)

_____ # cherry crumb (\$7)

Total \$ pies = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Belleman's Church
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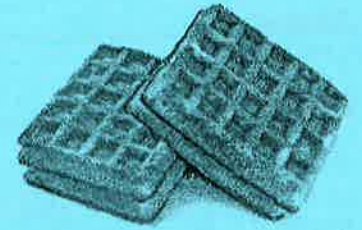
Phone or email orders can be made to the Church Office:
610-926-0461 or salembellemans@frontiernet.net

PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 18, 2020

All food preparation will follow
CDC guidelines for safe food handling

Salem Belleman's Church

Turkey and Waffle Take-Out Dinner



*Tired of cooking? Want a dinner to go?
We will be offering a take-out dinner of:*

**Turkey – Waffles – Potato Filling – Gravy
Sweet Potatoes – Green Beans – Corn**

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2020
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3 – 6 pm

3730 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville

Additional items for separate purchase:

~Pies~

~Belleman's Famous Pepper Cabbage~

~Extra Potato Filling~

Return the order form on opposite of
this page for your pre-ordered meal!

PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 18, 2020

