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Bell Notes

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

**Sunday School returns September 21 at 9 a.m.
and Sunday Worship will be at 10 a.m.**



Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org



From the Pastor

I wish...

I wish there were more kids in Sunday School. I wish there were more adults in Sunday School. I wish more people came to church. I wish the church had more resources. I wish we could just do things the way we used to thirty years ago. I wish,

I wish, I wish...

I wish I was 30 pounds lighter. I wish I could get more sleep. I wish I would eat a better diet. I wish, I wish, I wish...

Wishing will not accomplish the objective. I wish it could. Actions accomplish the objectives. Bellemans is trying to provide meaning-filled education opportunities for young people and slightly less young people. The programs will continue to grow not because we wish them to, but because we work to grow them. Every time you attend worship or Christian Education, the program is strengthened. Every time you bring your children or grandchildren to worship, the church is strengthened. Every time you choose to offer your hard-earned resources to God through the ministry of Bellemans Church, the community is strengthened.

I PRAY. I pray that God will continue to bless your life and the life and ministry of the church as we move deeper into the fall program year. I pray that your extravagant generosity will be evident as we move to serve God in even more powerful ways. I pray that each one of you will realize that you have the power to choose and that you have the freedom to choose to serve God to the best of your ability.

If you are not able to serve the church like you want to or like you used to, then don't just wish... PRAY. Pray for the church, pray for the volunteers, pray that the Spirit of love and hope and promise and potential will continue to infuse our church community. WE are the church together.

See you in church,
Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:

Cell Phone: 610-334-5130

Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Church Board Highlights

August 18, 2025

Cindy Batdorf was present to discuss the operation of the stoves and ovens at the Fellowship Hall. She stated that they don't seem to stay hot enough and food takes longer to cook than it should. The Board approved to have Blue Mountain Mechanical come out to take a look.

Cindy also spoke about the recent Fundraising Committee meeting where they discussed the purchase of a used cabbage chopper from Brubakers for \$3,500 plus \$350 for a cart. This is a total cost of \$3,850 to be paid from the Fundraising Account. This machine is about the same as what Plum Creek uses and Cindy went to see theirs in action. This new chopper will reduce labor when it comes to dealing with making pepper cabbage and could have some additional uses. The Board approved this purchase.

Treasurer Larry Henne reported that in July the 2024 UCC dividends and capital gains in the amount of \$36,382 was turned over to the Joint Board to help with expenses.

It was reported that Pastor Kevin has vacation from August 31 – September 13 and James has vacation from September 25-30.

Property Committee reported that the LED lights have been installed at the Fellowship Hall and the last section of lighting to be installed is in the chapel at church. They are also meeting with Dave Weidenhammer to look over some repointing needs at the church and looking into some options on making some repairs to the Church Parking lot.

Pastor Kevin asked if the church has a procedure for receipt of larger designated gifts such as the one for the repairs of the old church organ and thought it would be best to have a board action to receive the donation. The board approved to accept the anonymous gift to be designated to the Old Church Organ Repairs.

James Fitterling noted that we will likely end up right around \$5,000 in donations for the scholarship in memory of Jim Holcombe. We will be doing some looking into what some other churches have done to setup a Scholarship Fund like this.

James also reported that he was contacted by Tompkins about the Church safe deposit box and noted that Gladys Staab was technically the only name on it and that it should be updated. The Board approved to add Larry Henne, Carla Rozsitch and James Fitterling to it.

Lastly, with the recent barn fire at Jake Leiby's farm the Board approved a \$500 donation from the Heffner Tithe to Jake Leiby.

Belleman's Joint Board for July

Beginning Balance	\$ 21,739.79
Income	\$ 53,843.90
Expenses	\$ 51,605.67
Ending Balance	\$ 23,978.02

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### Attendance/Offering

9:00AM

|           |                              | Offering   |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
| August 3  | 94(Hall), n/a (Facebook)     | \$2,810.00 |
| August 10 | 73 (Sanctuary), 52(Facebook) | \$3,255.00 |
| August 17 | 72 (Grove), 40 (Facebook)    | \$3,009.00 |
| August 24 | 60 (Sanctuary), 34(Facebook) | \$2,485.00 |
| August 31 | 65 (Grove), 29(Facebook)     | \$2,887.00 |

\*Facebook views convey the number of viewers who watched for at least one minute.

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The September **Jingle Offerings** go to
Chris Ivey Character Juggler - Rally Day

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### Congregational Vote Results - August 10, 2025

Motion to approve the quote from Brunner & Associates - Organ Builders in the amount of \$41,912 for restorative work to the Bohler organ located in the Old Church.

**Yes: 60                      No: 1**

**The motion passed. Thank you for all who took part in this congregational process.**

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Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants

September 14: (Pew Communion)

Ushers: Kim Smyre, Roxanne McMurtry, Eric Weyandt, Ken Borkey, Sam Stump

October 5: (Altar Communion)

Altar Assistants: Linda Henne, Dawne Clay, Carla Rozsitch

Cup Stations: Frank Kornfeind, Eric Weyandt

Ushers: Larry Henne, Allen Loeb

Communion note: Ask the ushers for Gluten Free options!



#ADVENTUREON



Join us for incredible adventures!

Cub Scouting offers something for everyone. Come take an adventure while learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun!

Meet the Pack Night

September 18th, 7:00pm

The Fellowship Hall at Belleman's Church 3540 Bellemans Church Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19541

(fellowship hall is opposite the cemetery from the church)

Pack 154 Registration

In person or online!

Visit BeAScout.org or Scan the QR Code →



Have questions? Contact us below.

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Assistant Cubmaster

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Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America

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cubpack154.com

Sunday School is coming soon!

Sunday School returns to its 9:00 a.m. time slot on Sunday, September 21. (Worship moves back to 10:00 a.m.)

Children's Classes will meet in the basement area classrooms. These classes are for children aged preschool through 6th grade. All are welcome to attend!



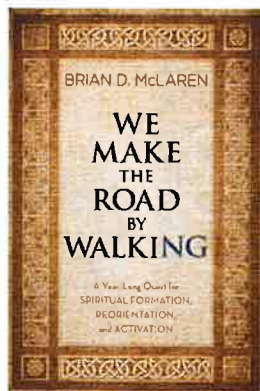
Confirmation Class will meet in the upstairs Loft area. This class is for students in grades 7 and 8. The orientation meeting for the class is scheduled for September 21st at 9:00AM. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending classes, be sure to **come to the first meeting!**

Adult Sunday School: The traditional Adult Sunday School will once again be held in the church sanctuary and led by Crystal Cammauf-Young and the Belleman's Orchestra.



The Coffee Talk Adult Discussion group meets in the Chapel and continues on *A Year-Long Quest for SPIRITUAL FORMATION, REORIENTATION, and ACTIVATION!*

There are still a few copies of Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking* for anyone who wants to participate in this guided study by engaging in weekly Bible readings, devotions & prayer or if you just want to follow along in our walk of faith. The Coffee Talk discussion on Sunday mornings is encouraged but not required. **Connect on Facebook by following "Belleman's Walkers"** See Eileen Fruchtl (in person or text 610-858-2053) for a book.



APPEARING LIVE

A black and white photograph of Chris Ivey, a man with a beard and a baseball cap, juggling several balls. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. Two other people are visible in the background, also juggling.

CHRIS IVEY

At Belleman's for Rally Day
September 21, 2025
10:00 a.m. Worship

NEW ADDITION TO RALLY DAY!
Stay after the worship for some Peaches and Ice cream in the chapel!
Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee for adding this time of Fellowship to our Rally Day festivities!

Calendar of Events

- Sun. Rev. Josh Fitterling Leading Worship (Pastor Vacation)**
9/7 With Pottery Demonstration by Jessica Harle
 8:00AM Coffee Talk Meeting in the hall (Chapters 49-52 & 1)
9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group Weekly Readings
 (Chapter 1– Awe and Wonder, Genesis 1: 1 - 2:3,
 Psalm 19:1-4, Matthew 6: 25-34)
- Sun. Holy Communion**
9/14 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group Weekly Readings
 (Chapter 2 – Being Human - Genesis 2:4-25, Psalm 8,
 Mark 3:1-6)
- Mon. (9/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Tue. (9/16) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
- Wed. (9/17) First Choir Rehearsal (time to be announced)
- Sat. (9/20) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food
 Pantry @Trinity Leesport
 (Belleman's Month to serve)
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
9/21 9:00AM Confirmation Class First Meeting
upstairs in the Loft for confirmands and parents
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
 (Chapter 3 – A World of Meaning, Psalm 145:1-16,
 Proverbs 8:1-36, John 1:1-17)
10:00AM Worship Service with Rally Day presentation
by Chris Ivey Character Juggler entitled "Lifting Praises"
- Wed. (9/24) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 2:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church
 9/27 3-5:30PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall
- Sun. Harvest Home Sunday - in the Old Church**
9/28 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
 (Chapter 4 – The Drama of Desire, Genesis 3: 1-13,
 Psalm 32, Philipians 2:3-11)
10:00AM Worship Service

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- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
 9/29
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
 10/1 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. World Communion Sunday**
10/5 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
 (Chapter 5 – In Over Our Heads, Genesis 4:1-17, 6:5-8,
 7:1-5, 8:1, 9:7-17, Psalm 51, James 4:1-8)
10:00AM Worship Service
Community Outreach Meeting after Worship
- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
 10/6 6:30PM Mission Trip Meeting
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
 10/8 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
10/12 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
 (Chapter 6 – Plotting Goodness, Genesis 12: 1-9,
 Galatians 3:6-9, Mark 11:15-19)
10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
 10/13
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
 10/15 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. (10/16) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle
- Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
 10/18 6:00PM Family Movie Night
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
10/19 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
 (Chapter 7 – It's Not Too Late, Genesis 18:9-33, 22:1-14,
 Micah 6:6-8, Acts 18:19-34)
10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
 10/20 7:00PM Board Meeting



Bazaar Flea Market is Back!!



Only about 20 days until the first collection of items for the market.

Three groups of people are responsible for the success of the market: those who organize and work the sale; those who donate items; those who purchase items. The combined efforts of all have resulted in very nice profits.

Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, September 29. Items should be brought to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:30.

Collections will be made on every Monday through October 27.

Things that cannot be accepted: outdated electronics, items that are broken or not in working order, shoes, clothing, baby items that do not meet safety code, car seats, microwaves, computers & computer components, and old television sets. Almost anything else is welcome. Especially welcome- volunteers to help unload, unpack, organize, price and enjoy the fellowship. Please do not drop off items if no one is at the Fellowship Hall. Questions- call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.

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Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual Blood Drive which will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the Fellowship Hall.



To schedule an appointment call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 or visit [GIVEaPINT.org](http://GIVEaPINT.org) and use Sponsor Code 3227.

## Mission Team 2026

The Belleman's Mission team is looking to plan its next Mission Trips for 2026. If you are interested in seeing what Belleman's Mission trips are about plan to attend **our next meeting on October 6 at 6:30PM at the Fellowship Hall**. Also, mark



your calendars for our **next Sandwich Sale...**

### It is Sandwich Sale time again!

**Could you eat one?** We are hearing that folks are anxious to bite into a Belleman's hoagie.

Date of the sale will be:

**Thursday, October 23.**

**Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.**

Call 484-256-5705 to order.

**Please call in orders by October 16!**

As always, options are Italian, Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.

**Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.**

**Thanks for your support of this project!**



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Mark your Calendar...

Family Movie Night at the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 18, 6 p.m.

Feel free to come dressed in your Halloween Costume!

Presented by the Community Outreach Committee



Pork BBQ Sale

Take-out or Eat-in

Sponsored by:
Centre Township Land
Protection Foundation
With assistance by Boy
Scout Troop 154

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Price: \$14.00

When: **October 12, 2025** from 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: **Bellemans Fellowship Hall**
3730 Bellemans Church Road
Mohrsville Pa 19541

Also featuring a Basket Auction and Bake Sale

Call for tickets 610-926-4506 or see Larry Henne

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## Blessing of the Animals Sunday



We had seven  
dogs, one goat  
and one cat  
receiving a  
blessing on  
August 31  
during our  
annual Blessing  
of the  
Animals!



The Jim Holcombe family wishes to thank their Bellemans Church Family for all of the cards, texts, phone calls, plants, flowers and generous monetary gifts to honor Jim. We would also like to thank all of the ministers and musicians who participated in the service and shared their talents. Many people raved about the beautiful music. Jim loved his family, his friends, his church, his music, sports and most of all his Lord and Savior. The outpouring of love and support from family and friends has been overwhelming but very much appreciated at this most difficult time.

**God Bless You All.**

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Thank you to all those who shop at Boyers Markets and use your Key Tags. Every time you present the tag at checkout the Bellemans Old Church receives a small percentage of your total. There is no cost to you or the church to participate in this program. If you're interested please contact John or Barbara Rausch or contact the Church Office. **Thank you!**

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## Bellemans Military Members

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

MAJ James Fluck  
MSgt Kevin Mohn  
GYSGT Phillip Spatz  
Alfred Cross  
Cydney Lawrence  
Dustin Spatz

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SV Food Pantry needs your help...mark your calendars!

Bellemans is the sponsoring church for the **September 20, 2025** distribution. **That means that we need your help at the food pantry that day.** Help will be needed from **8 a.m. till noon.** There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!



September Birthdays

- 17th** Bridget Hoffert,
Jeffrey Mohn
18th Ryan Moser,
Shannon Perzel
19th Brandon Corolla, Colin Smith,
Jay Grube, Brian Gery
20th Nichole Leibensperger
22nd 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, Natalie Redd
Randy Phillips, Ellie Weyandt
27th Brian Boyer
28th Kenneth Bungarz III,
Lindsey Bradbury, Andrew Smyre
29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,
Michele Zimmerman
Theodore Cortes
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
28th Pastor Kevin and Eileen
Fruchtl

October Birthdays

- 2nd** Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,
Holly Jean Wesner,
Daylin Dalton
3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn
4th Harold L. 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

Music News

We're back!



Our Sanctuary Choir returns to lead the
music for our church services
beginning **October 5!**

Our Bell Choir begins rehearsal
in October!

We always have room for more singers, and we
are in need of a few more ringers to complete
our bell choir! Interested? Let me know!

Musically,

Oliver