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

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service every Sunday at 10:00 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

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Bellemans Mission Team who just returned from North Carolina. They gave a week of their time to serve God by repairing homes damaged several years ago by a hurricane. I also imagine that they learned about God, themselves, and our world by stepping outside their comfort zones and learning something new.

I also stepped into an eye-opening adventure as I visited my son and his wife and her (extended!) family as Eileen and I traveled to Taiwan. I am sure I will share more about the trip later, but I certainly learned about God, myself, and this world God made for us.

Echoing the mildly campy Disney tune, it really is a small world. The majority of this world simply wants to live in peace. Yes we may worship differently and speak differently and live differently, but we are ALL children of God. The **same God**. The vast majority of people on earth want to live and love and raise families and celebrate the gift of each day.

Unfortunately some choose to emphasize our differences and promote exclusion and alienation and separation and fear. Some try to make you believe that the "other" is going to try to take what you have and so you will have less or be less if someone else has more.

Grace does not work like that. God's love is immeasurably abundant. God loves all people on all sides of all man-made borders. May we try our best to model this love.

I pray that as we journey deeper into this Lenten season, we might recognize that as we strengthen our church to serve the community and the world, we have the opportunity to see and learn and grow and step outside our comfort zones to continue to be amazing in God's name.

Moving into the future with hope,

Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:
Cell Phone: 610-334-5130
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Church Board Highlights - February 16, 2026

The minutes from the January 19, 2026 Board Meeting and February 1 & 8, 2026 congregational meetings were approved.

Treasurer, Pastor and Administrator reports were all approved.

Pastor Kevin noted that January was a challenging month with weather cancellations and worship changes.

James Fitterling noted a thank you to Michael Holcombe for the connection with the company he works for to get a new desk for Pastor Kevin's office.

The Fundraising Committee met to plan the 2026 Fundraising Events. A main event change is to make the September event a Turkey Dinner instead of Turkey and Waffle. Also, half pies will be available as part of the pre order events in 2026. Lastly, Karen Harle agreed to be added as an authorized signer for the Fundraising Account and serve as backup to Treasurer Carla Rozsitch.

The Property Committee continues to look into quotes and options for redoing the parking lot. Lastly, there are some door issues at church again that will be getting looked into.

The Community Outreach Committee met on February 8. They are planning a bowling event on March 22 after worship in Hamburg, an April trip to Pine's Dinner Theatre and the May 16 hoedown. Additionally, the committee is sponsoring ads in the SV and Tulpehocken school musical program books. Lastly, they are looking to sponsor a Reading Phillies Community night to coincide with the VBS week if possible.

Diane Rothenberger was approved as the new treasurer for the Christian Ed account.

The Endowment Committee had their regular yearly meeting on February 15 to review the yearly report and approve officers which are the same as last year.

Pastor Kevin reported that he and Oliver have worked on a plan to have some special music for the 10 summer services held in the Sanctuary. This would involve paying some additional musicians on these Sundays similar to how we have been doing Easter and Christmas. The request is to approve \$1,500 total to have the extra musicians with us. This was approved.

The Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus presented the board with a check for \$100 from the use of the church for their Christmas Concert.

Board approved \$500 from the Heffner Tithe toward a family that recently experienced a house fire.

Belleman's Joint Board - Month of January 2026

Beginning Balance	\$9,481.42
Income	\$29,920.84
Expenses	\$25,400.95
Ending Balance	\$14,001.31

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**Attendance/Offering**

| <b>Worship Attendance</b> |                                         | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 1                    | 157 (Sanctuary), 50 (Facebook)          | \$4,273.00      |
| Feb. 8                    | 73 (Sanctuary), 47 (Facebook)           | \$2,298.00      |
| Feb. 15                   | 79 (Sanctuary), 34 (Facebook)           | \$3,566.00      |
| Feb. 18                   | Ash Wednesday: 1 p.m. - 27; 7 p.m. - 32 |                 |
| Feb. 22                   | No Service - Snow, 73 (Facebook) n/a    |                 |

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

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Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants

April 5 - Easter (Pew Communion)

Ushers: Roxanne McMurtry, Eric Weyandt,
 Carlene Kissinger, Allen Loeb, Ken Borkey,
 Sam Stump, Kim Smyre, Diane Rothenberger

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**Upcoming Jingle Offerings:**

March: **Bethany Children's Home**  
 April: **Relay For Life**

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Soup and Pie Sunday is March 22

March 22 after worship there will a soup and pie sale. Items available will be quarts of cheeseburger soup as well as whole and half pies. Pies available will be: cheese custard, lemon sponge and shoofly. This sale will be by pre-order using the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Extras will be limited.



**Upcoming events
 by the Community Outreach Committee...**

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**BOWLING @ State Street Lanes, Hamburg**

We have reserved the whole place!!

It is a 30 bowler capacity, so come on out on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1230-230pm.**

Bowlers and cheerleaders are both permitted.



Pizza and sodas will be available. There is no cost to you!

Please arrive early at **12noon** to get your shoes and settle in. Wear sneakers just in case they run out of your size in the fancy bowling shoes, as they may be limited.

Please sign-up in the narthex or text your **RSVP** to

Kim Smyre 484-256-3719 by **3/15/2026** to save your spot!

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**Belleman's Church day
 at the Pines**



When: April 12, 2026, dinner at 12:30 p.m., show at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Pines Dinner Theatre
 (315 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown PA 18103)

We will plan to organize a car pool for anyone interested.

Cost: \$65 per person due to the Church Office

The show presented this day is titled Lucky Malone's Not So Lucky Night.



Contact the Church Office or sign up in the narthex to assure yourself a ticket!

Lenten Worship Series Continues

Presented by the Schuylkill Valley Pastors Association

This Lenten Season we have been worshipping alongside the churches of the Schuylkill Valley Pastors Association. Here is the remaining schedule of the coming Worship Services:

Lenten Wednesday Services

During the season of Lent, there will be weekly Lenten worship services **every Wednesday at 12 noon**. Lunch will be served first and will be followed by a brief worship. Services should be over by 1 for anyone planning to attend during their lunchtime. We look forward to embarking on this Lenten journey with the SV Churches as we head toward Easter Sunday! Lenten Service locations are as follows:

March 18: Bern UCC (luncheon)
(3196 Bernville Road, Leesport PA 19533)

March 25: Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity (luncheon)
(102 Apple Street, Leesport PA 19533)

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### Maundy Thursday



This years Maundy Thursday Worship services are on **April 2** and are hosted by **Bethany EC Church (308 Main Street, Leesport Pa 19533)**. We commemorate Jesus's Last Supper with services at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
(Note: there is no meal with these services)

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Good Friday

The Good Friday Worship Service on **April 3** will be hosted here at Belleman's in the **sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.** as we observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus.
(Note: there is no meal with this service)



Easter Egg Hunt 2026

This year's egg hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 4**. The egg hunt will start around **1:00 PM** and will take place in the church grove. We hope to see you there!

In preparation for this, the Primary Department requests **donations of small wrapped candies** for the Egg Hunt. Please drop them off in the Primary department with Brenda Weyandt or with James in the office. Thank You!



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### Easter

The season is capped off on **Easter Sunday, April 5** as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from death. The day begins by joining at the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren for the Easter Dawn Service at **6:30 a.m.** which is followed by a light breakfast in their Fellowship Hall.



The day continues with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. followed by Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**We hope you will join us in this years journey to the cross.**




**Calendar of Events**

- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**3/15 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
 (Chapter 4: Unlikely Companionship: Simon of Cyrene)  
**10:00AM Worship Service**
- Mon. (3/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Bern UCC**  
**3/18 (3196 Bernville Road, Leesport PA 19533)**  
 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (3/21) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**3/22 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
 (Chapter 5: Unlikely Courage: The Women at the Cross)  
**10:00AM Worship Service**  
*Bowling at State Street Lanes 12:30-2:30PM (info page 5)*
- Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Lutheran**  
**3/25 Church of the Holy Trinity**  
**(102 Apple Street, Leesport PA 19533)**  
 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (3/28) 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting in the Chapel
- Sun. Palm Sunday**  
**3/29 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
 (Chapter 6 - Unlikely Allies: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus)  
**10:00AM Worship Service**
- Tue. (3/31) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 4/1 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. Maundy Thursday - 1 & 7PM Service at Bethany EC**  
**4/2 Church (308 Main Street, Leesport Pa 19533)**
- Fri. (4/3) Good Friday - 7PM Service here at Belleman's**

- Sat. (4/4) 1:00PM Egg Hunt at the Fellowship Hall/Grove
- Sun. Easter Sunday - Holy Communion**  
**4/5 6:30AM Sunrise Service at the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren**
- 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 4/8 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**4/12 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**  
 Belleman's Day at Pine's Dinner Theatre (info page 5)
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 4/15 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (4/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
- Sun. Seed/Soil Sunday; Grange Sunday**  
**4/19 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THIRD ANNUAL**  
**COMMUNITY HOEDOWN**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
**BELLEMAN'S CHURCH**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



# BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

## DRIVE-THRU

# OYSTER SUPPER

Saturday, April 25, 2026

3-5:30 pm Pick-Up at the Fellowship Hall

### PRE-ORDERS ONLY!!!

Choice of (3) different platters:

~Oyster Platter (5 fried oysters)

~Shrimp Platter (12 steamed shrimp)

~Ham Platter

*Platters include potato, applesauce, pepper cabbage*

Also available:

Oyster Stew (*Qt* – 8 oysters; *pt* – 4 oysters)

Single Fried Oysters-Oyster Pie (6 oysters)

Pepper Cabbage – Dessert Pies

New This Year... Half Dessert Pie options

**\*\*DEADLINE\*\***  
**FOR ORDERS**  
**APRIL 10, 2026**

**\*\*\*Available once again\*\*\***  
After pickup of your pre-ordered meal, the dining room will be open for indoor dining from 3-5:30 p.m. No table service.

## OYSTER SUPPER ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster platter @ \$16 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp platter @ \$13 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham platter @ \$11 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster stew (QT) @ \$11 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster stew (PT) @ \$6 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster pie @ \$11 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fried oyster @ \$2.50 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepper cabbage (QT) @ \$7 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepper cabbage (PT) @ \$4 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Old fashioned lemon whole pie @ \$9 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Old fashioned lemon half pie @ \$5 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wet Bottom Shoo Fly whole pie @ \$9 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

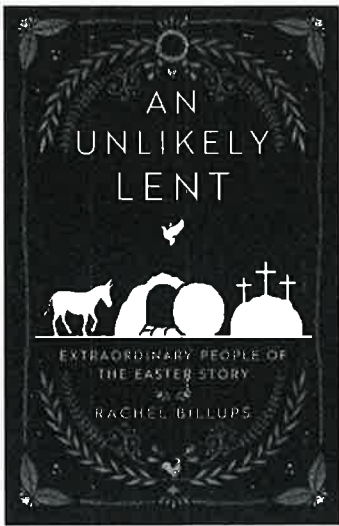
\_\_\_\_\_ Wet Bottom Shoo Fly half Pie @ \$5 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherry crumb whole pie @ \$14 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherry crumb half pie @ \$7.50 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: "Bellemans Church" and send to:  
3540 Bellemans Church Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541  
Or email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)



## New to the Coffee Talk Discussion Group

We will be using a new text for the season of Lent entitled "An Unlikely Lent, Extraordinary People of the Easter Story" by Rachel Billups.

The group meets in the chapel on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Come on out and join in the group. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eileen Fruchtl.



## Easter Plants for 2026

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               | \$9.00 each |
| Hybrid Lillies              | \$8.00 each |
| Martha Washington Geraniums | \$8.00 each |
| Tulips                      | \$8.00 each |
| Large Daffodils             | \$8.00 each |

**All orders No Later Than March 29.**

Please make checks payable to Belleman's Youth.



**In the case of inclement weather,** Announcement of the cancellation of Sunday activities at the church will be recorded on the church answering service. **Call the church number 610-926-0461,** check Facebook or the WFMZ website for this information. The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.



*Thank You Notes*

On behalf of the Covenant Association, **thank you** for your pledge and donation of \$75. Your contribution provides the means for the Association to provide financial support for the various responsibilities of the Association, as well as, to function as a viable member of the Keystone Conference. **Blessings, Tom Wright, Treasurer**



**Thank you** so much for your generous donation (Heffner Tithe and October Sandwich Sale Profits) and for keeping our family in your prayers during the loss of our dad. Your kindness, support and compassion have meant more to us than words can express. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year filled with blessings.

**Karina, Relles, Eduardo, Consuelo Barcenas**



**Thank You** to everyone who supported our Super Bowl Food drive for the S.V. Food Pantry!

We were able to provide a truckload of 647 food items to help feed our neighbors in need!

296-Seahawks 351-Patriots



**Dear Salem Belleman's Church,** **Thank you** so much for hosting and facilitating a clothing drive for Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are deeply appreciated and your contribution will directly help those in our community who need it most. We want you to know that your gifts of clothing, warm coats and sweaters are already making a difference by providing comfort and warmth for our residents. We are so grateful for your support and for helping us create a more positive environment for everyone we serve. **Thank you,**

**Diane Schenk, Hope Rescue Mission**



## March Birthdays

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leslie Feeny                                                                                | 16 <sup>th</sup> Dan Gordon,<br>Pete Lukawski                                                                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anna Potteiger,<br>Lincoln Lush                                                             | 17 <sup>th</sup> Kelly Kauffman,<br>George Rubright<br>Curtis Eitel                                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Michael Hartman,<br>Arlene Hoffert                                                          | 18 <sup>th</sup> Robin Linderman,<br>Miriam Mohn                                                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Pattie Botscheller,<br>Karen Strohl                                                         | 19 <sup>th</sup> Jaclyn Kunkle,<br>Carter McRae,<br>Joshua Schlottman,<br>Lynda Marks,<br>Dylan King, Tyler Berube |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Kunkle,<br>Thomas Rausch,                                                           | 21 <sup>st</sup> Mildred Stoyer                                                                                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Sallie Polack,<br>Sarah Phillips                                                            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Kendall Gery,<br>John Schlappich<br>John Schmauch, Jr.                                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Nathan Stump                                                                                | 24 <sup>th</sup> Melissa Boyer                                                                                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Mitchell Burkhardt,<br>Robert Heister,<br>Dustin Spatz                                      | 26 <sup>th</sup> Kaley Gehris                                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Stephen Lynn,<br>Roy Moser,<br>Jennifer Jozwiak,<br>Cathy Malone                           | 28 <sup>th</sup> Leah Kopicz,<br>David Snyder                                                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Louise Elliott,                                                                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> Chris Brian Wesner<br>Sara D'Ancona                                                               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Jennifer Starkey,<br>Julie Kunkle,<br>Danielle Moser,<br>Katrina Lukawski,<br>Dennis Felix | 31 <sup>st</sup> Chad Fitterling                                                                                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Charlotte Wallace,<br>Matthew Rozsitch                                                     |                                                                                                                    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> John David Rausch, Jr.,<br>Cassandra Mitten,<br>Jean Haag                                  |                                                                                                                    |

### March Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donald & Sharon Duvall      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jackie & Stephen Lynn       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Donna & Dennis Kunkle      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Ruth & Kenneth Borkey, Sr. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Bernice & Richard Hartman  |

### Belleman's Military Members

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| CWO2 Josh Linderman   | MAJ James Fluck     |
| Andrew Potts          | MAJ Michael Kufro   |
| 1LT Bradley P. Hoppes | MSgt Kevin Mohn     |
| SGT Andrew Cichowicz  | GYSgt Phillip Spatz |
| Nathan P. Stump       | Alfred Cross        |
| SGT John R. Wesner    | Cydney Lawrence     |
|                       | Dustin Spatz        |

## Music News

Did you know that music is the best medicine?

***If you need a dose of good news,  
you are welcome to join us  
as we worship through music!***

There is always room for more in our Sanctuary Choir, and no experience is required! We practice every Wednesday evening at 6:30, so if you've ever had a hankering to dust off those vocal cords, come and hang out with us during any of our practices!



If you have questions about what it's like to be part of our musical family here at Belleman's, just talk to any member of our choirs, and they will happily answer any questions you might have. There is a place for everyone in our musical family here at Belleman's.

And, if you want to be part of the fun, but you're more technically inclined than musically, we need help with our tech team too!

Musically,

*Oliver*