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

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*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](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)*  
*Web Site: [bellemanschurch.org](http://bellemanschurch.org)*



## From the Pastor

As a church we believe in the power of prayer. Our prayers range from the universal to the individual. We can go from "let there be peace on earth" to "good God where are my KEYS?!?" Our bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Prayer seems like a pretty good idea.

Here at Bellemans we do have a prayer list. We compile this so that people can pray for specific people and that people can benefit from the power of prayer. This is good.

But we do need to make some adjustments to how we utilize this prayer list. The first adjustment is:

"The Belleman's Administrator needs to be confident that the person knows they are being put on the prayer list."

If you would like to put a person's name on the prayer list, that person must know that you are taking that action. It is a right of personal privacy. So, please ask them before you offer a name for the list.

Additionally: "The prayer list will be monitored and kept current. It is up to the pastor and the administrator to determine whether someone should be removed from the prayer list."

Sometimes people get better and their conditions change. We will remove names from this list. That does not mean that we no longer care. It keeps the list current and manageable. Also, please make the Pastor and Administrator aware if someone can be removed.

I believe in the power of prayer. I also emphasize personal privacy and individual sensitivity. We will live in this balance to the glory of God.

Thanks!  
Pastor Kevin

**Pastor Kevin's contact info:**

Cell Phone: 610-334-5130

Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Please know that not all hospitals notify the church when a member has been admitted. Please make the office or Pastor Kevin aware if any of our Belleman's family has been hospitalized. Thank you!

## Church Board Highlights March 23, 2026

*The meeting was postponed from March 16 due to weather.*

Minutes, Treasurer, Pastor and Administrator Reports were approved.

Treasurer Larry Henne noted that February was a low income month as a result of the weather and service cancellations. Also, it was reported that the 2025 Lutheran interest in the amount of \$9,803.24 was transferred to Joint Board.

Pastor Kevin reported on various wider church activities. This includes Committee on Ministry meetings as well as required continuing education hours. He will also be representing Belleman's at the Covenant Association spring meeting in April as well as the first Keystone Conference meeting the first weekend in June.

James Fitterling reported that the key cylinders at the church have been changed out at the beginning of March, so the church is fully changed over to the new key. Additionally, a new quote has been received from Ken's Locksmithing to change over the Fellowship Hall locks as well. This will make the hall key a security key, too. The quote is for \$1,155.25. Additionally, the locksmith needs a letter authorizing who is allowed to have keys made for the church if needed. It was suggested to have Pastor Kevin and James authorized for this. This was approved along with the quote for the Fellowship Hall lock quote.

The Mission Team completed another successful trip in March. There are plans to have a Mission Sunday in May for the team to share more about the trip. Plans are also being made for a local summer mission. Plans would be to do it in June once schools are on summer break.

Director of Music Ministry, Oliver Blatt was in attendance to share more about the specific need as well as options to replace the piano in the sanctuary. He began with a handout that compares and contrasts the different kinds of pianos. Ultimately, he has found a used piano dealer near Manheim that he would like to deal with and make a deal on a good used piano. In terms of preference, Oliver would like a Disklavier model Yamaha Grand Piano. To address the question of space, he brought a cutout of his grand piano from home for a sizing comparison in the sanctuary. This shows adequate space in the current piano location for it. In looking through some current models listed online, Oliver believes that it's possible to find what he is looking at for under \$15,000. It was asked for the board to approve this budgetary

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amount which will allow Oliver to make a purchase when the right model comes along. This was approved.

James Fitterling reported that the Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus asked to change their concert at Belleman's from August 16 to November 29 which would be their Christmas Concert like they have for the past few years. This was approved.

Ken Borkey brought samples of black, white and burgundy Belleman's mugs that would be for sale. Each mug sold for \$20 will result in a \$5 donation back to the church. Ken will work on an article for the newsletter and an order sheet to make these available to the congregation.

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Belleman's Joint Board - February 2026

Beginning Balance	\$14,001.31
Income	\$13,861.79
Expenses	\$19,097.62
Ending Balance	\$ 8,765.48

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**Attendance/Offering**

|          | <b>10:00AM</b>              | <b>Offering</b> |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| March 1  | 56 (Church), 35(Facebook)   | \$2,848.00      |
| March 8  | 84 (Church), 43 (Facebook)  | \$2,112.00      |
| March 15 | 102 (Church), 33 (Facebook) | \$4,775.00      |
| March 22 | 92 (Church), 25 (Facebook)  | \$4,529.00      |
| March 29 | 116 (Church), 47 (Facebook) | \$5,873.00      |

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

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The April **Jingle Offerings** go to
Relay For Life - Live Long and
Prosper Team

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**Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants**

**May 3 - Altar Communion**

*Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Maura Wesner  
Dawne Clay

*Cup Stations:* Eric Weyandt, Roxanne Mcurmury  
*Ushers:* Larry Henne, Sam Stump

**May 24 - Altar Communion - Confirmation Sunday**

*Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, James Fitterling  
Dawne Clay

*Cup Stations:* Diane Rothenberger, Kim Smyre  
*Ushers:* Allen Loeb, Frank Kornfeind

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Join us for the Relay for LIFE of Kutztown & Eastern Berks to benefit the American Cancer Society.

It;s more than a walk. There will be food, drink, raffles, fun activities and the Way Har ice cream trailer.

Has your life been touched by cancer? Consider dedicating a Luminary for a love one, who is a survivor or a loved one lost to cancer. Luminary's are lit at sunset!

Are you a survivor?? you are invited to come at 4 pm for a Cancer Survivor Ceremony followed by a FREE dinner along with other Cancer Survivors.

WHAT.....Hometown Hero's Walk for Cancer

WHEN.....May 16,2026

Time.....12 noon to 9pm

WHERE....Bower's Park,235 Bower Rd, Mertztown,Pa

For more Information: Ann or Mark Stump -6109263416
email: mstarduster@aol.com

Calendar of Events

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
4/12 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Disciples - Mark 8: 27-38)
10:00AM Worship Service
Belleman's Day at Pine's Dinner Theatre

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
("Images of Christians" - Beloved Friends 3 John 1:1-14)
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (4/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (4/21) 5:00PM Oyster Patting at the Fellowship Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/22 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (4/25) 3:00-5:30PM Oyster Supper Pick-up at the Hall

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
4/26 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Givers - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9: 6-15)
10:00AM Worship Service
Council/Consistory Meeting after worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/29 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Holy Communion
5/3 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Ambassadors - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21)
10:00AM Worship Service

Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/6 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Mother's Day/Mission Sunday
5/10 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Rescuers - Colossians 1: 9-14, 21-23)
10:00AM Worship Service with Mission Presentation

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/13 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (5/14) Ascension Day

Sat. 8:00AM-Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
5/16 7-10PM Community Hoedown at the Fellowship Hall
Food and Ice Cream beginning at 5:30

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
5/17 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Reconcilers - Philemon 1-25)
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (5/18) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (5/19) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/20 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday - Holy Communion
5/24 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group
("Images of Christians" - Runners - Hebrews 12:1-13)
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. **Memorial Day**
5/25 1:00PM - 7:00PM Picnic
2:30PM Service
4:00-7:00PM Music by the Washington Band Of Annville
Sponsored by Leibensperger Funeral Homes, Inc.

EGG HUNT 2026



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## 2026 Easter Candy Sale Report

This year's sale was spearheaded by Cindy Batdorf who produced 188 pounds of candy that was sold by the family and friends of Belleman's Church. This amounted to a donation of \$1,620 to Belleman's. These funds will be utilized for benevolent causes such as giving through the Jingle Offerings and used for emergency situations. Recently, a donation of \$500 from the candy sale proceeds was donated to the Hoffert Family who recently lost their home to fire in the Shoemakersville area. A huge thank you to Cindy for all her work on this project!

*thank you*

## Mission Trip Recap

Over the next couple pages, you'll get to see some sights from the recent mission trip to North Carolina in March 2026. The team tackled a number of projects during their time in NC. They will be sharing more about the trip on May 10 during worship for Mission Sunday.

But, before we can do any of these trips... we make sandwiches...



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make, sell and eat the 1,200 sandwiches sold as part of the February 19 sale to benefit the mission team and their work locally and afar!



# Belleman's Mission Trip - North Carolina - Hurricane Helene Recovery - March 1-7, 2026



## Team Members:

Tom Resh  
 Sam Stump  
 Linda Henne  
 Mike Harle  
 Karen Harle  
 Sara D'Ancona  
 Taylor Witman  
 James Fitterling  
 Eric Weyandt  
 Dennis Felix  
 Josh Fitterling



## Our Work



To wrap up the week, we were able to participate in a Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders Home Dedication Service. This marks the completion of a project and celebrates a homeowner returning home.



Thank you for your prayers and support of the Belleman's Mission Team!

Of course, no trip is complete with out having some fun...



## April is Oyster Month at Belleman's Church!!



Remember to pick up your orders via our DRIVE-THRU on Sat., April 25, 2026 from 3-5:30 pm

At the Fellowship Hall



- Oyster Patting on Tuesday, April 21 at 5 p.m.
- Helpers are needed at various other times throughout the week leading up to Oyster Day on April 25. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to signup to help out. Thank you!

# MAGIC LANTERN SHOW



*Presented by the Patriotic Order Sons of America  
Washington Camp #446, Centreport, and  
Belleman's Church Historian, John Rausch*

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026**

Belleman's Church Fellowship Hall  
3540 Belleman's Church Rd.  
Mohrsville, PA 19541

**\*DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM - SHOW BEGINS AT 7:00 PM\***

In celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we invite you to attend a presentation of the History of the United States on original glass slides from the landing of the Pilgrims to the end of World War II, plus updated slides through today's War on Terror. There will also be historic glass slides of early Reading and Berks County from John Rausch's private collection.

***EXPERIENCE STATE OF THE ART ENTERTAINMENT  
AS IT WAS IN THE LATE 1800s AND THE EARLY 1900s***

**\* NO ADMISSION CHARGE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED\***

***FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE***

The Historic Old Belleman's Church will also be open for tours

# COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

**FEATURING CALLER KEN SAUL**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**BELLEMAN'S CHURCH**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**3730 BELLEMAN'S CHURCH ROAD,  
MOHRVILLE, PA 19541**



**FOOD AND HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AT  
5:30 P.M.; HOEDOWN 7-10 P.M.**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT!**

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**



**SPONSORED BY THE BELLEMAN'S CHURCH**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS? ... CALL 610-926-0461**

# MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC at Belleman's Church

Monday, May 25, 2026

Picnic Food available 1:00-7:00 p.m.



*Items available include:*

**Burgers - Hot Dogs - Fries - Turkey BBQ - Drinks**  
**Chicken Noodle Soup - Ham and Bean Soup - Beef Vegetable Soup**  
**Ice Cream - Desserts - Raffle**  
**Quarts of soup and BBQ available for take-outs**

**Music by: The Washington  
Band of Anville**  
**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by Leibensperger  
Funeral Homes, Inc.**



## Memorial Day Service - 2:30 p.m.

**The service takes place in both cemeteries with participation  
by local groups including the POS of A and Cub Pack 154.**

### **We need YOU!!!**

*Your help will be greatly appreciated for Memorial Day.*

**There are many ways to help:**

1. Help by **donating a cake** at the Refreshment Stand.
2. Help in the **refreshment stand**. There are a variety of jobs for you to choose from.
3. Help **setup and clean up** the grove.
4. Help **carry a flag** for the Memorial Service.

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for these volunteer opportunities or **please contact the church office if you are available to help out. Thank you!**



**Thank you** to the Social Ministry for the goodie bag.

**God Bless,  
John and Barbara Rausch**

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Thank you so much for the Valentine's gift bag. It was a very nice surprise for me. While I am no longer able to attend Belleman's Church, I still consider you my church family. Thanks again for keeping me in your thoughts.

Sincerely, Janet Greusel

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**Thank you** so much for the gift bag and communion. The two visits were very welcome. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are deeply appreciated.

**Jean Haag**

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On behalf of everyone at St. Vincent Mission, I would like to extend our heartfelt **thanks** for your tremendous blessing of seeds. (*Donation of almost 200 pounds of garden seeds from Weavers Hardware, shipped to St. Vincent's by the Mission Team*) As the Coordinator of our Garden Program, I am especially grateful for your generosity and the impact it will have on the families we serve. **Thank you** again for your continued kindness and support. Your generosity is making a lasting difference in the lives of so many. **Peace,**

Heather Ousley, Garden Program Coordinator

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**Greetings and God bless,** We all here at the SV Food Pantry, Inc. wish to express our sincere appreciation for your very generous donation of \$300 to our food pantry. (Heffner Tithe)

**Thank you and God Bless,  
Samuel J. Reimert, President/Treasurer**

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Thank you to everyone who continues to designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Belleman's. In 2025, we received \$2,399 from all of your designations through this program. **God Bless, Belleman's Church Joint Board**

April Birthdays

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| 1 st Linette Baer, Sherry Weist
Cody Wesner | 18 th Gayle Diehl,
Madelyn Nabozny |
| 2 nd Arlene Gilmer, Megan Snyder
Rowan Gilmer
Karen Eisenhofer | 19 th Francis Jroski,
Brenda Kelly |
| 3 rd Teri Frederick,
Yasmin Loose | 22 nd Teisha Madden,
Darin Hein, Robert Marks |
| 4 th Mark Eisenhower,
Dylan Kramer | 23 rd Michael Felix |
| 5 th John Noecker | 24 th Jackie Kochan,
Nathan Younker |
| 7 th Kelsey Jean Patrick | 25 th Mindi Kufro, Logan Haas,
Thomas Lawrence |
| 8 th Brian Folk | 26 th Donna Schaeffer |
| 9 th Tanner McRae,
Dennis Wayne, Parker Rhein | 27 th Gene Driesbach
Diane Seaman,
Hannah Weyandt |
| 10 th Linda Kirkhoff, Tom Nelson | 28 th Sherry Ebelhar,
Terry Kinney,
Devin Livinghouse |
| 11 th Lynn Fenstermacher,
Karen Harle, Tara Stiefel | 29 th Rebecca Gambler,
Ashley Keller,
Donald Duvall |
| 12 th Dylan Beerman | 30 th Brenden Livinghouse
Logan Borkey |
| 13 th Kevin Jroski,
Janet Kemp | |
| 14 th Daryl Bohn, Jack Brenner
Eric Weyandt | |
| 15 th Amara Mohn | |
| 16 th Jared Moser,
Kelly Gregor,
Cheryl Pszczolkowski Barton | |
| 17 th Timothy Fair | |

April Anniversaries

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| 5 th Harold and Sandy Sunday |
| 30 th Robert & Brenda
Eisenhower |

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
MAJ Michael Kufro
MSgt Kevin Mohn
GYSGT Phillip Spatz
Alfred Cross
Cydney Lawrence
Dustin Spatz

Music News

We are thrilled to announce that the music program at Belleman's has received a major upgrade!

By the time you are reading this, our new-to-us grand piano will be in place in the sanctuary.



Thank you to everyone who helped make this purchase possible, especially those who helped with fundraisers or contributed financially.

Additional thanks to our church board for their support of the music program here at Bellemans.

Musically,

Oliver