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

Summer Worship Schedule
Worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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From the Pastor

This year we are celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is a remarkable gift to live in these United States and celebrate the joys and struggles of being together.

As we celebrate together, we also pledge to strengthen our communities and our schools and our local, state and federal governments as we look to the next 250 years with hope.

This year we celebrate Bellemans 280! It is a remarkable gift to be part of a church that has been providing continuous ministry and praise to God for 280 years. As we celebrate being the church together, we commit to strengthen Christ's church at Bellemans by offering our energy and support and prayer and care so that the next 280 years will be even better.

Jesus of Nazareth walked on this earth over 2000 years ago. He taught, and healed, and fed the hungry and pointed to the profound power and amazing grace of our God. He was crucified, died and was buried. Through the amazing power of God Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the people who cared about him.

As followers of Jesus we try our best to live as he challenges us to live: to feed the hungry and clothe the needy and house those who are struggling.

In faith we believe in our hearts and souls that tomorrow can be better than today and that we are moving into the future with HOPE! With hope for our nation, hope for our church, and the sure and certain hope that is found in the power of our Lord Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:
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Church Board Highlights

June 29, 2026

Meeting minutes from May 18, the Treasurer Report, Pastor Report and Administrator Reports were all approved.

Administrator James Fitterling vacation request for September 20 – October 4, 2026 was approved. Along with this approval James noted two things, first the September Board meeting would be September 21, during his time off. After discussion the Board agreed to move the meeting to September 14. Secondly, with the timing of newsletters during that time, he is suggesting that he would produce one newsletter to cover September and October. This plan was acceptable.

Fundraising Treasurer Carla Rozsitch presented a Memorial Day report that was included in the meeting packet. This showed a profit of \$4,856.27 for this years Memorial Day picnic. Pastor Kevin noted the involvement of community members that took part in making this event a success.

The Property Committee gave a progress report on the Sexton House work. It was also noted that two smaller roofs will be replaced as well while they are here, this will incur an additional cost of \$8,650. This was approved by the board via text before this meeting.

Eric Weyandt reported on the mission week in June. The group completed the siding on a house on Fairview Drive in the week and all went well.

The Endowment committee will be meeting virtually with the financial advisor on July 1 to review the fund. The Finance team and the Joint Board are invited to attend.

Eileen Fruchtl prepared a price breakdown for the vestibule facelift which was presented to the Board. Estimated cost is around \$6,000. Pastor Kevin reviewed this with the board and there was a discussion on the ceiling cost. It was decided to go with a drop ceiling for the space which is guessed to cost around \$1,000. The Board approved a cost of up to \$8,000 for this project. The Board also approved to get a dumpster at the cost \$355 to coincide with this renovation and to be able to dispose of the extra old pianos.

Lastly, James reported that he recently inventoried the ink cartridge donations and about three quarters of the donations are no longer accepted. What he was able to send in amounted to \$31, which was collections from 2022 till now. Also, the cell phone collections no longer go well. The Board approved to discontinue these two programs.

Belleman's Joint Board Treasurer Report for May 2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,646.95
Income	\$ 17,462.89
Expenses	\$ 17,844.08
Ending Balance	\$ 22,265.76

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### Attendance/Offering

|         | 9:00AM                     | Offering   |
|---------|----------------------------|------------|
| June 7  | 96 (Church), 35 (Facebook) | \$3,125.00 |
| June 14 | 37 (Church), 23 (Facebook) | \$1,402.00 |
| June 21 | 66 (Grove), 17 (Facebook)  | \$3,567.00 |
| June 28 | 61 (Church), 26 (Facebook) | \$5,022.00 |

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

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Jingle Offering Schedule

July 5, 12, 19: Reid Schrack and Family
July 26, August 2, 9: VBS Mission Project
August 16, 23, 30: Hope Rescue Mission

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### Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants

#### August 9: (Pew Communion)

*Ushers:* Frank Kornfeind, Allen Loeb

**Communion note:** Ask the ushers for Gluten Free options!

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Please keep in mind.... **Belleman's ongoing program**
in support of the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

Non-perishable donations may be dropped off in the Narthex and will be delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry on a monthly basis. **Thank You** for your participation!

Calendar of Events

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
7/12

Sat. (7/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove
7/19

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
7/26

Mon. (7/27) - Thur. (7/30) 6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School
"Rainforest Falls" (Info page 10)

Fri. (7/31) Reading Phillies Game (Info page 11)

Sun. VBS Closing Sunday
8/2 9:00AM Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Mon. (8/3) 6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting

Sun. Holy Communion
8/9 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Sat. (8/15) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. Bluegrass Sunday
8/16 9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove

Mon. (8/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (8/18) 5:30PM Community Meal at the Fellowship Hall

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
8/23

Sun. Blessing of the Animals - Crystal Cammauf Leading
8/30 Worship (Pastor Kevin Vacation)
9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove

Sexton House Exterior Renovation is Completed!



The updates and renovations to the Sexton House exterior began in mid-June and were completed at the beginning of July. Check out these before, during and after photos!

Thank you to Fisher's Roofing and Siding for completing another project!

Additional thanks to Bobbie Jo King for sprucing up the doors and porch posts with a fresh coat of paint!



After



June 2026 Local Mission Trip

The week of June 8, 2026, the Belleman's Mission Team tackled a local project, to install siding and freshen up the exterior of a home on Fairview Drive. There were over 30 participants in this work project with about a dozen of them being youth plus some folks from the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport. Over the next few pages, you can take a look at the work that was completed. There are many more photos on the Belleman's Facebook page. As always thank you all for your participation and support of the Mission Team, it's because of you that we are able to complete these projects locally and afar!





Belleman's Vacation Bible School



This Summer's Vacation Bible School event will be conducted the evenings of **July 27-30, 2026** from **6:00PM to 8:00PM**.

Again this year, VBS will be located at the **Church Grove/ Fellowship Hall!**

Please use the QR code link to the sign-up page...



We hope you will come and be a part of Vacation Bible School 2026!

We cap off the week of VBS with "Belleman's Night at the Reading Phillies"

Date: July 31, 2026
Gametime: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12 each

This game is open to everyone! Please, signup in the chapel or contact James in the church office with any questions.

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## Youth News - Garden update



Despite the hot and dry conditions the Youth Garden is seeing it's first harvests! Produce will be available in the basket in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

Donations are not necessary but any donations that are collected will go to the Youth Fund.

Thank you to all of the diligent tenders of this garden project!



# Reminder

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The following items have been donated over the years and are available for anyone in need:

Wheelchairs
Crutches
Canes
Walkers

If you know someone who may need any of these items, please contact James in the Church Office.

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*Remember that we have "The Upper Room" and "The Word In Season" devotionals available for free in the narthex.*

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Prayer List Reminders:

- 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.
- The prayer list will be monitored and kept current. 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.



Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 a.m. worship in the grove

Invite your friends!

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

**5:30-6:30p.m. at
The Fellowship Hall**



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

July Birthdays

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| 1 st Dawne Clay, Helen Ernst,
Donny Difatta, Eli Hoffman | 16 th Eric Yocum
Courtney Eisenhofer |
| 2 nd Stephenee Billman,
Jada Savage | 18 th Beth Ann Savage,
Barbara Bambrick |
| 3 rd Ann Fluck, | 19 th Daniel Kiefer IV,
Dustin Kunkle,
Stephani Mohn |
| 5 th Jennifer Ann Brown,
Andrew Mohn, Linda Beitzel
Joel Leroy Brown
Dawson Weyandt
Kora Weyandt | 20 th Adam Kissinger,
Colin Weist, Dan Weyandt |
| 7 th Corey Yoder | 21 st Connie Nabozny |
| 8 th Cara Weist, Austin Strohl,
Christie Weist | 22 nd Kelsey Weyandt,
Pastor Kevin |
| 9 th Tori Bachman,
Shawn McMurtry | 23 rd Todd Potts, Harold Mohn,
Cooper Henne,
Layne Weyandt |
| 10 th Emily Kozik
Connor Borkey | 24 th Travis Fair, Yuri Loose,
James Fitterling,
Gloria Gambler,
Cathleen Phillips |
| 11 th Autumn Edwards,
Carly Edwards, Kellen Cammauf | 27 th Tracy Beebe,
Adilene LeRoy,
Lester Gambler,
Rick Rothenberger |
| 12 th Shawn Bausher,
Stetson Kratzer | 28 th Bernice Hartman,
Brett Potts,
Victoria McCloskey |
| 13 th Ashleigh LeRoy | 29 th Janene McRae |
| 14 th Michael Hoffman,
Jessica Brown, Phillip Spatz,
Mackenzie Beerman,
Linda Baver | 30 th Samantha Phillips |
| 15 th Grace Shurr | 31 st Linda Houck,
Zoey Dreibelbis |

July Anniversaries

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| 7 th Thomas & Linda Hartman
Mark & Amy Garber | 17 th Jason & Emily Kozik |
| 8 th Brian and Melissa Boyer | 19 th Nikolaus & Patti Botscheller |
| 9 th Pete & Katrina Lukawski | 20 th Donny and Jodie Difatta |
| 11 th Matthew & Carla Rozsitch
Jason and Stephanie Gilmer | 22 nd Lee & April Henne |
| 16 th Tori & Sindy Bachman | 27 th Donald and Doreen Ottaviani |

Music News

As our summer season of church is in full swing, it is so comforting to hear the sound of music ringing through the sanctuary during the service. Even though our choirs are on "vacation" we'll be back practicing for all our musical ensembles.

***So, this is where you come in!
Are you interested in joining
our music program?***

We have a place for you in our music family here at Belleman's.

 If you'd like to participate in **choir**, you are welcome to join us every Sunday morning as we lead the hymns for the service.

 If you're interested in **playing bells** (*no music reading experience necessary!*) we'll begin practice this fall.

 If you play an **instrument**, let me know as well, since we'll be featuring many different styles of music during upcoming services.

If you have questions, feel free to chat with me before or after any service, and I look forward to creating beautiful music with our Belleman's music family!

Musically,

Oliver