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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

Just mailed out my taxes. I paid them last year, and I suspect they will want my money next year too. I recognize the importance of working together to support our great nation and I mail them with the pride of being a citizen of these United States. I celebrate the gift and responsibility of paying my fair share. I don't agree with how some of my tax money is being spent, but I still pay it.

And it happens to be required by law. I have to pay my taxes. There is no choice.

It is a choice to support your church. God does not "audit", at least by human standards. No one stands at the door of the church and asks you if you have paid your way in. Supporting your church is your choice.

Some of you give in the midst of your financial struggles. You understand what it means to give out of your first fruits because there is not much left over. Some of you give out of your abundant blessings, sharing out of the many gifts that you have received.

In our church, there is no such thing as giving your "fair share." You give as you are willing and able. We join our resources together, ask God to bless them and multiply them, and do our best to spread the Word of hope and promise. But you are not forced to give. Taxes you pay. There is minimal choice.

Giving to support the mission of Bellemans Church? It is your choice.

The mission of your church is to spread the great Good News of our Risen Savior to the community and to the wider world. Thank you for participating in this amazing adventure. We can guide people into a life-saving relationship with Jesus Christ because YOU decided to help make a difference.

Thank You.  
Pastor Kevin

**Pastor Kevin's contact info:**  
Cell Phone: 610-334-5130  
Email: kevin24@ptd.net

## Church Board Highlights

April 20, 2026

Meeting minutes from March 23, 2026, the Treasurer Report, Pastor Report and Administrator Reports were all approved.

Treasurer Larry Henne noted that the March report shows the Lutheran Interest deposit and he highlighted the Thrivent Choice program which has brought in \$1,770 so far in 2026.

The Property Committee reported that the lock and key project has been completed at the Church and Hall. It was also updated that the work to the Sexton house windows and siding is slated for June.

The Community Outreach committee sponsored the recent day at the Pine's Dinner Theatre with 15 in attendance. Their next upcoming event is the May 16 Hoedown.

The Mission Team is planning to report on the recent mission trip to North Carolina on May 10. Also, the team has been working to coordinate the local mission work on Fairview with plans being made to work the week of June 8.

The Christian Education Committee reported that this year's VBS date and theme are set. The Rainforest Falls VBS will be July 27-30 with Sunday worship on August 2 changing to the Fellowship Hall to close out VBS week.

James reported on the Easter Candy Sale. Cindy Batdorf managed the sale this year and reported a donation of \$1,620 from the sale proceeds. There was a suggestion to use the donation toward benevolent causes and distribute \$200 per month to the Jingle Offerings or donate funds to recipients in case of emergency. This was agreeable. There was already \$500 distributed on March 31 from this to the Hoffert Family house fire victims near Shoemakersville. This donation was given along with a \$500 donation from the Heffner Tithe which was also approved by the board via text on March 31.

Lastly, James reported that Robert Loose and his family were visiting on the cemetery one day and requested to see the sanctuary. Various stained-glass windows bare the names of his ancestors. Following the visit, James received a note and donation of \$2,000 from Mr. Loose which he wishes to be used for the preservation of the stained-glass windows. The board approved receipt of this \$2,000 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Loose.

## Belleman's Joint Board - March 2026

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,765.48  |
| Income            | \$ 32,796.43 |
| Expenses          | \$ 22,392.90 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 19,169.01 |

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	Attendance/Offering	
	10:00AM	Offering
April 5	183 (Church), 50 (Facebook)	\$7,765.00
April 12	85 (Church), 31 (Facebook)	\$3,637.00
April 19	96 (Church), 29 (Facebook)	\$3,064.00
April 26	89 (Church), 29 (Facebook)	\$3,080.00

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

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### Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants

#### 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

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

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The May Jingle Offerings go to:

May 3, 10, 17: Jay Lane, Kutztown House Fire
(Neighbors of Frank and Mica Kornfeind)

May 24, 31: Hoffert Family House Fire, Shoemakersville

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

FEATURING CALLER KEN SAUL

SATURDAY, MAY 16

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**3730 BELLEMAN'S CHURCH ROAD,
MOHRSVILLE, 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

Relay for Life of Kutztown & Eastern Berks Hometown Heroes Edition

FOOD!

BARREL
TRAIN
RIDES!

FREE ADMISSION
BRING A LAWN CHAIR

**SATURDAY
MAY 16TH**

**WILLIAM DELONG MEMORIAL PARK
BOWERS, PA**

ACTIVITIES!
RAFFLES!

WAY-HAR
ICE CREAM!

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

12:00 PM - GRAND OPENING

4:00 PM - SURVIVOR CEREMONY
FOLLOWED BY COMPLIMENTARY
SURVIVOR/CAREGIVER DINNER
8:30 PM - LUMINARIA & MEMORY
CEREMONY

VETERAN
LAP 6PM



**TOUCH-A-TRUCK
11AM - 3 PM**



American
Cancer
Society

RELAY
FOR LIFE

**MARSHALL FROM
PAW PATROL!**



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

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 Annville
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!**

Calendar of Events

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 Relay For Life (Info page 6)

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

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

(Kid's Sunday School ends for Summer Break)

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.

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

5/27 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Worship in the Old Church

5/31 9:00AM Adult Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Tue. (6/2) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

6/3 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Celebration of Music Sunday

6/7 9:00AM Adult Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (6/8) Local Mission Week (Info page 10)

Sun. Rev. Kenneth Gould - Supply Pastor

6/14 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Mon. (6/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Sat. (6/20) 8:00AM-Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. Father's Day

6/21 9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

6/28

Summer Worship Services

will be at 9:00 a.m.

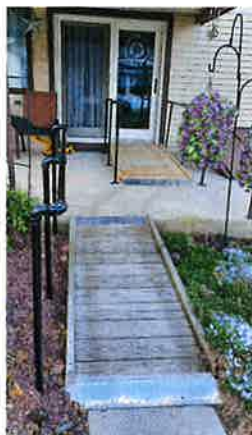
beginning June 14!

**Sunday School will be off
For the Summer!**

Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Belleman's Mission Team Update

In April, four members of the Mission Team completed an accessibility ramp project locally for Bob and Louise Elliott. **Thank you** to Mike, Eric, Allen and Terry for your work on this project.



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### Summer 2026 Mission Work

**When:** June 8 - 12, 2026

Workdays will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

**Where:** 1261 Fairview Drive, Leesport

**Reason:** This house has been without siding for a number of years and was noticed by a church member. We look to make a difference for this family by giving their house a facelift.

**The work:** Work will be outside and will include hanging siding and other exterior work as time allows.

**How to help:** Feel free to show up and serve a whole day, half day or all week, whatever you can fit your schedule. If you have ever wondered what a mission trip is like, this is your chance!

This is also a great opportunity for youth to get involved in mission too! Please sign-up in the narthex.

**Other info:** Lunch will be provided each day. Feel free to bring your own tools if you have them. Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before, we will show you how!

Please contact James in the office if you have any questions.

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Note: We will be sharing about our recent mission trip to North Carolina during the worship service on May 10. See you there!

Reminder!!

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

Wheelchairs, Crutches, Canes

Special Note: We are aware of someone getting rid of a **hospital bed**. If you know of anyone in need of a **hospital bed**, please let us know and we can put them in touch.

Please contact James in the Church Office.

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## Oyster, Shrimp and Ham Event 2026

We did it! Oyster Week went smoothly thanks to many helping hands. Tuesday's oyster patting greeted 22 helpers and set a new record work time to pat 1,700 oysters. Experienced or not all had lots of fun. Many hands were set to the tasks of assembling oyster pies, cabbage grating, pie baking, stew making, steaming of shrimp AND directing traffic.

We sold 364 take out meals, 150 oyster pies, 88 stews, 120 pounds of shrimp. Profit was \$4,746.80. Special applause to all the outside workers on D-day. They were soaked and cold but happy to do it. We did it! Glad to see some new faces wanting to join the fun.



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Confirmation Sunday

Kylee Cammauf and Madison Weyandt will be confirmed at **Belleman's on May the 24th at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.**

Please join us in celebrating this important occasion.



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!



Thank you to the members of Belleman's Church from the Northeastern PA Synod, In grateful appreciation for giving \$3,683.75 (Benevolence) for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your support, partnership and leadership in the name of Christ! God is doing a new thing through you. And we are congregations together, we are synod together, we are church together—all blessed to be a blessing. With the good news of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are growing young, gaining strength and going beyond death to life—so we can love like Jesus, healing like Jesus and engage like Jesus, more and more each day. Thank you for your bold and joyous giving and sharing! To God be the glory!

Christopher deForest, Synod Bishop

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**To Salem Belleman's Church,** The YMCA wants to **thank you** for the care packages. (Blessing Bags) Your generosity has been a blessing to our clients and participants. **Thank you** for reflecting God's love through your compassion and service.

**Gena Pia Garcia, Y Staff and Clients**

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Belleman's Mission Team, Sending a big heartfelt **thank you** to Mike, Eric, Terry and Allen for replacing Bob's house ramp and the railing on the ramp for the porch to the sidewalk. Their Efforts are truly appreciated and will make it easier for Bob to get in and out of the house. (Photos page 10) **Thanks again,**

Bob and Louise Elliott

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

May Birthdays

1st Michael Harle
 2nd Lori Balthaser, Regan Gilmer
 Dottie Cowan,
 Amy Harris
 3rd Alfred Cross
 4th Trevor Moser, Brynna Kiwak
 5th Samantha Labe,
 Phillip Reppert
 6th Jean Smith, Brittany Schoen
 7th Samuel Beebe,
 Mariusz Polak,
 Lynn McCullough
 8th Rylan Gilmer, Ryan Paris
 9th Gavin Miller
 10th Kayleigh Phillips,
 Logan Henne
 11th Connie Mohn, Brandon Hilbert
 12th Gregg Rubright,
 Elyssa Machmer
 13th Doreen Ottaviani
 14th Dennis Linderman,
 Roark Gilmer
 15th Richard Hartman,
 Karen Emer
 16th Krista Roe,
 Deanne Burkhart
 17th Beau Dalton
 Brenda Michelle Yoder

18th Kristen Folk,
 Andrea Hoffman
 20th Jason Sweigert
 21st Tim Kirkhoff,
 Jenna Phillips,
 Mary Anspach
 22nd Thomas Hartman,
 Daniel Roe
 23rd Kenn Redd
 24th Joseph Stump,
 Louise Billitz,
 Dorothy Dougherty,
 Riley Kunkle,
 25th Barbara Spatz,
 Owen Baxter
 26th Brandon Felix,
 Makenzi Lynn Gery
 27th Brenda Hoffa,
 Zachary Duvall,
 Andrew Berg,
 Erin Reynolds,
 Craig Yoder
 Michael Brown
 Rosie DeJesus,
 Jack Gambler
 28th Andrew Potts
 30th Joshua Mohn,
 Kim Yoder

May Anniversaries

4th Keith & Pamela Haas
 9th Michael & Susan Gehris
 Joseph & Bobbie Jo King
 Kerry & Cindy Strunk
 11th Larry & Connie Mohn
 Anthony & Victoria
 McCloskey
 15th Shawn & Roxanne
 McMurtry
 18th Carol & Terry Kinney
 20th Daryl & Diane Klopp
 25th Ronald & Patty Ann
 Kintzer
 31st David & Donna Weber

Music News

You are invited!

Celebration of Music

June 7, 2026

Join us as we celebrate our
 Belleman's Church
 music ministry during our
 10:00 a.m. service.

What better way to worship than
 through music, and I hope you
 will be part of our celebration!

Musically,

Oliver