

**Salem (Belleman's) Church  
3540 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910**

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*January*

# Bell Notes

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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



January

2018

*Rev. David W. Blich, Pastor  
Linda Hartman, 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)*



**Pastor's Ponderings:**

Jonathan Edwards was a Massachusetts Pastor from the 18th century. He was a fiery preacher who was a mover and shaker in a Christian revival that would be called "The Great Awakening." Here are his New Year's resolutions that have survived the ages.

Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), from the Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1 being sensible that I am unable to do anything

without God's help, I do humble entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. [I will] remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.

Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.

Resolved, Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge.

Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.

Resolved, To ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.

Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.

Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them; what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.

Resolved, Always to do that which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it. Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.

Wise words to live by 250 years later. The gates of hell he will surprise.

Pastor Dave

**Pastor Dave's contact info:**

Phone: 484-663-4911

Email: revblich@msn.com

**You're invited to the**  
**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

**of**

**Rev. David W. Blich**

**as**

**Pastor**

**of**

**Salem Belleman's Church**  
**3540 Belleman's Church Rd.**  
**Mohrsville, PA 19541**

**on**

**January 14, 2018**

**at**

**3:00 PM**

**Church Board Highlights** December 18, 2017

James Fitterling noted about the nativity scene being put up out front and thanked Michael Holcombe for his help getting it lit up. Many thanks to George and Tina Phillips for this donation, and helping to beautify the church at Christmastime.

Nikailyn Madden presented a project that she would like to do here at church. The project is a bake sale to benefit the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia through Genius Hour at her school. She would be selling cookies before and after the 10:15 a.m. services on the weeks she is here. She plans to start after the holidays in 2018. The Board approved this project.

The following list of items left unapproved from last meeting were revisited and approved:

- Participation in SV Pastors Association Community Meals
- Fundraising contribution of \$1,500 to Capital Campaign
- \$10,000 from Bazaar profit to Capital Campaign
- 2018 Belleman's Calendar

Pastor Dave reported that Rev. Kim Kendrick from Bethany Children's Home is available to preach on February 4 when Pastor Dave is on the Mission Trip. Additionally, a Synod Mission Interpreter is available to be here on May 6 when Pastor Dave will have the Youth on a retreat in Wildwood. This person will discuss where and how Benevolence monies are distributed and the ministries funded this way.

Property Committee reported that some minor repairs have been made at church, including some flashing replaced on the north side, a few shingles and a window well. Also, the photocell was replaced on the dusk to dawn light mounted on the church.

The Smile Fund presented a report on their activity since their inception. The Smile Fund has provided smiles for about 35 members in the past few months. Their projection is to need more money by March 2018. Jingle Offerings will be designated for the Smile Fund.

Some updates were made to the Wedding and Funeral Guidelines. This included updating contact info and making a few minor changes which were approved.

Frank Kornfeind and Diane Driesbach have agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee to select 2018 officers. These nominations will be presented at the January meeting.

*In the case of inclement weather*, information regarding any possible church service cancellations will be on the church (610-926-0461) answering machine, the church Facebook page, the 69 News website and WEEU. Thanks!

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 2,023.49  |
| Income            | \$ 29,591.00 |
| Expenses          | \$ 25,117.04 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 6,497.45  |

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**Attendance**

	<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 3	38	103	\$3,561.00
December 10	21	101	\$2,249.00
December 17	30	117	\$4,262.69
December 24	9 a.m. service - 92		\$4,384.00
Christmas Eve	(4:30 Service: 323) (7:30 service: 120)		
December 31	26	68	\$2,442.00

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**Holy Communion** will be on Sunday, **January 14th**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis,  
Connie Mohn

*Ushers:* Linda Henne, Larry Henne

*Cup Stations:* Lester Gambler, Jaclyn Kunkle

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* James Fitterling, Dawne Clay,  
Sandy Gring

*Ushers:* Dennis Felix, Sam Stump

*Cup Stations:* Jim Holcombe, Jim Blatt

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**Jingle Offerings for January**

January 7, 14	ELCA Always Being Made New Campaign
January 21, 28	Belleman's Smile Fund

**Upcoming Capital Campaign Events for 2018:**

**Easter Candy**

**Chicken BBQ** – March 11<sup>th</sup> – Tickets go on sale in January  
**Jeremiah James concert at the Fellowship Hall** – June 2nd

**Save the date...**A Kauffman's **Chicken Bar-B-Que** is planned for the benefit of the Capital Campaign Fund on Sunday, March 11th @ the Fellowship Hall. Half a chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & beverage to eat at the Hall or take home, \$8.50. Home-made pepper cabbage, baked beans & dessert will be available for purchase.



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**Winter Jam** is coming to Reading on January 18. If you are interested in going, please talk to Pastor Dave.

The **Social Ministry** Committee needs donations of cookies to fill Valentines baskets for shut-ins. Collections will be on Sunday, January 28th. If possible, please bring them in sandwich bags with 5 cookies per bag. Thank You!



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**Mission Trips 2018**

The **next meeting** of the Mission Team will be on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30PM**. At the meeting on January 16, please be prepared to pay your \$60 deposit to assure yourself a spot on a trip. We will start preparing ourselves for the trips at this meeting. Please plan to attend!

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**Church Board needs your help!**

There is an open position on the Joint Board for a Lutheran Member with the 3 year term starting in 2018. If you are willing to serve in this position, please contact Lutheran Council President Colleen Bungarz or contact James in the office. Thank you and God Bless!

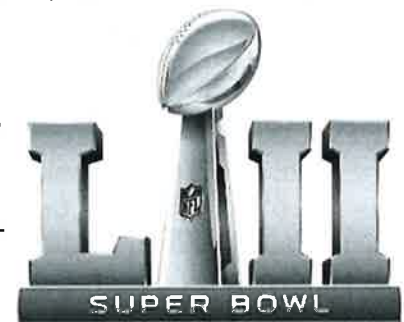
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**Let's see if Belleman's can pick the Super Bowl winner!**

On Sunday, January 28 and February 4 (Super Bowl), bring a food item for the SV Food Pantry to support the team you think will win.

**Support your favorite team and the SV Food Pantry!**

*There is an ongoing need by the Pantry for canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal (generic is fine!)*



## Calendar of Events

Sat 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting  
1/6 in the chapel

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/7 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Deadline for Youth Coat Drive*

Mon. 9:30AM Tot Time  
1/8 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
7:00PM Council/Consistory Meeting  
7:30PM Confirmation Class meeting  
with Council/Consistory

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
1/9

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
1/10 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the  
1/12 Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
**1/14 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
**3:00PM Pastor Dave's**  
**Installation service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
1/15 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Mission Team meeting  
1/16 (\$60 deposits due)  
7:00PM Dutch Class

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
1/17 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Thur. Winter Jam Concert in Reading  
1/18 *(We are planning to get in  
line around 3 p.m.)*

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
1/20 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/21 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
1/22 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
1/23

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
1/24 6:30PM Sr. Choir

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/28 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
Congregation Meeting Review

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
1/29 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
1/30

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
1/31 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the  
2/2 Fellowship Hall

2/4-2/10 Mission Trip #1 to Texas

**Sun 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**2/4 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Rev. Kim Kendrick from Bethany  
Children's Home - preaching*

Mon. 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch at Perry  
2/5 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
2/6

Wed. 5:00PM Kids' MelodyChimes  
2/7 6:30PM Sr. Choir

**Sun. Boy Scout Sunday/**  
**2/11 Holy Communion**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. NO HANDBELLS  
2/12

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class  
2/13

**Wed. Ash Wednesday**  
**2/14 1:00PM Worship Service**  
6:00PM Sr. Choir  
**7:00PM Worship Service**

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
2/17 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

### Annual Congregational Meeting

January 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

#### Important Notes:

- Year End Ministry Report.
- 2017 Financial Report.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 12/17/17**

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment  
and Dissolved Accounts** \$171,524.38

**Monthly Contributions 2017** \$13,505.10  
(Nov. Collection = \$1,073.00)

**Fundraising Projects**

Music CD's	January	\$790.00
Chicken BBQ	March	\$2,264.52
Easter Candy Sales	April	\$4,643.16
Better Bone Health Class	April	\$120.00
Elvis & Oldies Night	May	\$1,273.94
Country Festival Picnic	August	\$720.00
Mum Sale	September	\$112.00
Sandwich Sale	October	\$3,827.43
Bazaar	November	\$10,000.00
Organ Restoration	December	\$2,380.00
		\$26,131.05

**Grocery Gift Cards**

Sold	\$ 138,130.00	
Profit		<u>\$6,945.50</u>
Cash Total		\$218,105.53

**Interest Paid**

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$5,555.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$11,384.58

**Loan Balances**

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$90,000.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Owed Amount</b>	<b>\$88,500.00</b>
VIST Bank Loan	\$254,500.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$60,199.87</u>
<b>Owed Amount</b>	<b>\$194,300.13</b>

**Total Principal Balance Owed \$282,800.13**

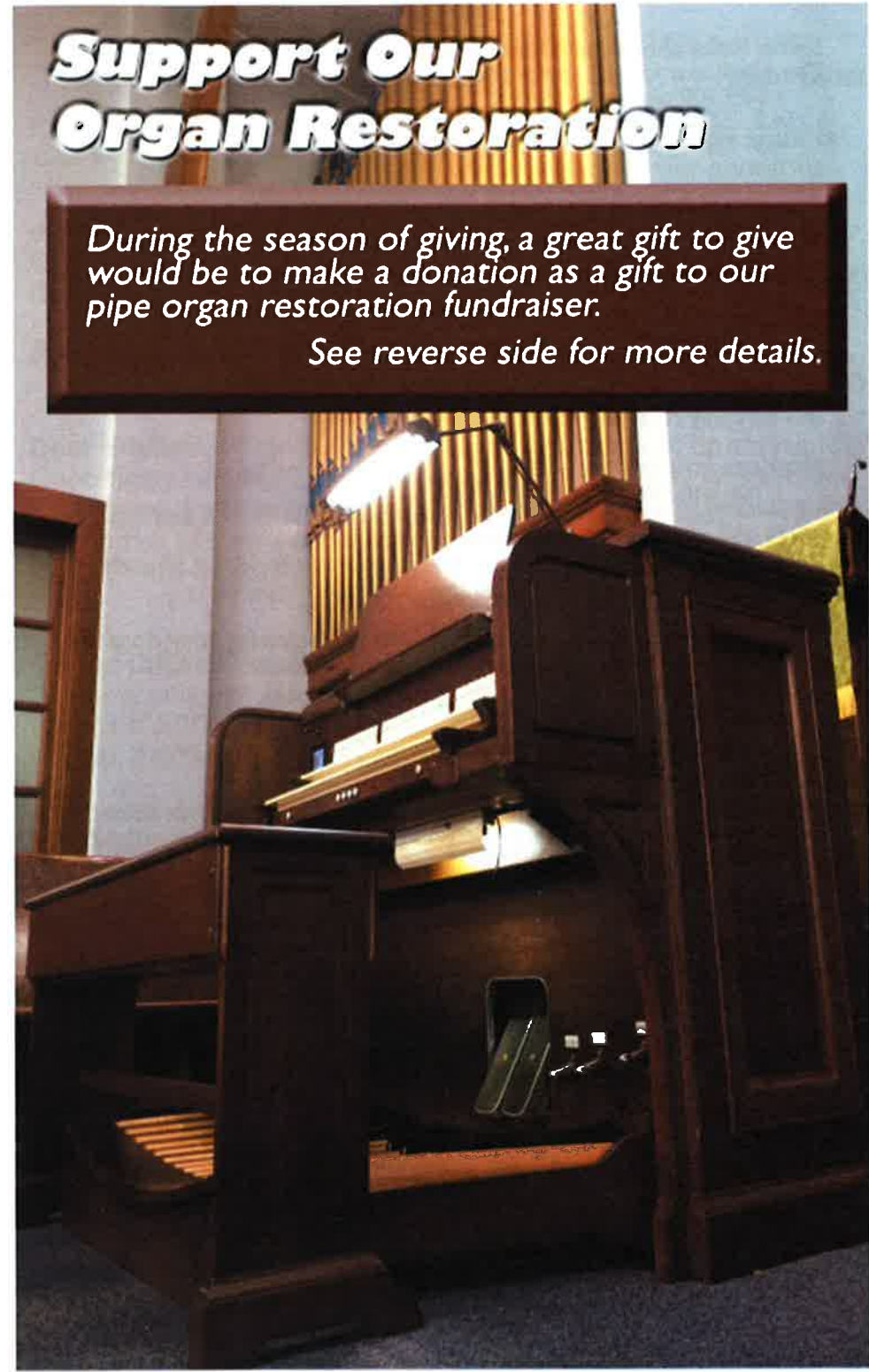
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Donations for the Capital Campaign are always accepted through the mail. Please send your donation to:

**Salem Belleman's Church - Capital Campaign Fund  
3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, Pa 19541**

The first Sunday of the month collection continues to be a great way to donate to the fund as well.

Thank you for your continued support!



**Support Our  
Organ Restoration**

*During the season of giving, a great gift to give would be to make a donation as a gift to our pipe organ restoration fundraiser.*

*See reverse side for more details.*

**Some Facts about our fundraiser:**

The total cost for the restoration is: \$94,100

- \$89,500 pipe organ work
- \$ 2,800 for refinishing of the console exterior
- \$ 1,800 for incorporation of the carillon

**The parts of the organ which need your support:**

- We have 11 ranks which include the following sounds: Violin Diapason; Clarabella; Dulciana; Salicional; Vox Celeste; Twelfth; Oboe; Principal; Rohrflute; Trumpet; and Pedal Bourdon.
- The ranks are comprised of anywhere from 61 to 85 pipes.
- In addition to the ranks we have 21 tubular chimes.

If you have been doing the math to figure out how many pipes which are part of our organ you will come up with approximately 700. You are close. There are 762 pipes. Each of these pipes were cleaned, rebuilt, and carefully restored to their prideful position.

**How can you help:**

- You can donate in many ways:
  - You can become a rank donor for \$8,137 a rank and choose which one you would like to donate.
  - You can donate a note, or two or three for \$117.50 each. Sorry, we are unable to designate specific pipes.

Your name or the name of those you will be dedicating your donation to will be placed in an "Organ Restoration Dedication Book."

**It's easy....**

To support the Organ Restoration Fundraiser, fill out the form below along with your check made payable to Belleman's Capital Campaign Fund and give to Linda Henne or James Fitterling.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to support the Organ Restoration Project with the following donation:

\_\_\_ Rank Sponsor \*Name of Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pipe Sponsor Number of Pipes \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to see your donation recognized in our Dedication Book?

\*We cannot guarantee your rank will be available. First-come, first served.



Thank you to all the carolers for the visit, it was very enjoyable. **Helen Emst**

*Thank You Notes*

Dear Whom it may concern: This letter is to gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$331 (Jingle Offering), to The Children's Home of Reading and to thank you for the donation of 85 Christmas Gifts for the Children. Your support helps to advance our mission of *Caring for the needs of children and families in crisis and preparing them for success in life.* We couldn't do it without the generous support of friends like you. **Sincerely, Vincent J. LaSorsa, Ph.D., President and CEO**

**Dear Friends,** We gratefully received your recent donation to Opportunity House (\$327). Your support plays a key role in making dreams a reality for those living in the Shelter and transitioning into homes of their own. Thank you for your annual Jingle Offering. We are so grateful to be the recipient of this! **Sincerely, Kathy Haggerty-Kase, Director, Annual Gifts**

**To our Church Family,** We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and well wishes for Bob (Nature) during his recent hospitalization and rehab admission. Also, thank you so much for the wreath, it definitely put smiles on our faces. **In God's Blessing, Robert and Louise Elliott**

**Members of Belleman's Church,** Thank you for the bouquet of balloons for our 65th wedding anniversary. We always enjoy the carolers too! **Thanks again, Helen and Warren Danenhower**

The wreath is beautiful. Thank you very much! **Alma Klinger**

**Belleman's Military Members**

Overseas

Capt. Jeffrey A. Starr  
BDOC, Blue Diamond  
APO AE 09346

Back in U.S.A.

SGT Josh Linderman  
Andrew Potts

1LT Bradley P. Hoppes  
SGT Andrew Cichowicz  
Nathan P. Stump  
SGT John R. Wesner  
Jason Kozik  
MAJ James Fluck  
Kevin Mohn  
SGT Phillip Spatz  
Alfred Cross

## January Birthdays

- 16th** Garry Wesner  
Caleb Weist
- 17th** Sharon Dietrich,  
Bobbie Jo King  
Andrew Kauffman
- 18th** Kerry Strunk,  
Kevin Noecker  
Susan Schollenberger,  
Erin Livinghouse
- 19th** Ben Mitten, Linda Wayne,  
Kevin Weyandt
- 20th** Thomas Lukawski
- 21st** Arlene Weaver,  
Robert Flay, III,  
Nathan Phillips
- 22nd** Royce Strohl,  
Renee Cross,  
Kristopher Beerman,
- 23rd** Mary Allen,  
Kenneth Borkey, Sr.,  
Roxeanne Loeb,  
Kylee Cammauf
- 24th** Robert Eisenhower,  
Rachel Fair, Sharon Duvall,  
Brenda Hein, Jason Kiwak
- 27th** Melissa Kopicz
- 28th** Chad Kemp,  
Julia Patrick,  
Sherwood Galen
- 29th** Beverly Blatt,  
Larry Hartranft, Lonnie Klinger
- 30th** Logan Cammauf,  
Melissa Schmauch
- 31st** Chelsea Geisinger

## January Anniversaries

- 24th** Robert & Susan Heister
- 25th** John & Barbara Rausch
- 26th** Mark and Ashlie Dreibelbis
- 29th** Cate & Curtis Michaud

## February Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Cory Kunkle, Melissa Lewis
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Brian Heller,  
Lindsay Zimmerman,  
Braden McCloskey,  
Isabella Hoffman
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Donald Borkey,  
Danielle Shatto  
Charles Zimmerman, Jr.
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Rausch,  
Jamie Unterkofler,  
Samuel Stump,  
Matthew Yoder
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Kim Schlotter
- 6<sup>th</sup>** Sharon King,  
Kenneth Borkey, Jr.,  
Matthew Moll
- 7<sup>th</sup>** Holly Bradbury,  
Shaelyn Fluck,  
Tina Phillips, Galen Borkey
- 9<sup>th</sup>** John Loose, Anita Noecker
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Daniel Haas
- 11<sup>th</sup>** Marian Miller,  
Ronald Carlson  
Bonnie Madeira
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Mark Stump, Jessica Harle  
Samantha Gregor,  
Robert Reppert, Jr.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy Stoudt  
Alexus Garber
- 14<sup>th</sup>** Jesse Gehris, Renee Delp  
David Garber
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Thomas Loose

## February Anniversaries

- 2nd** Juliet & Michael Hoffman
- 14th** Charmaine & Alan Shatto



To Our Wonderful Choir Family for adding so much beauty to our worship experience throughout the year and especially for making the Advent/Christmas Season very meaningful!

**Happy New Year,  
Dear Choir Family!**

Thank You Everyone for all your kindnesses and generosity this Christmas!

I am grateful for everything but most of all...

**I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOU!**

## ~ REFLECTIONS ~

As I traveled home from church on Christmas Eve (which was also The Fourth Sunday in Advent), I couldn't help but reflect on the day, the services and all the incredible, wonderful people God has given me to share in music ministry! I felt an overflowing sense of joy and love!

Being at Belleman's is like a musical candy store!!! There is so much talent in our church and I thank all of you for sharing the talents God has given to you so unselfishly and so skillfully! It is such a humbling, amazing privilege to do God's work with YOU!

**The Best Things In Life  
Are NOT Things...**

*It's a Smile...It's a Hug...It's Your Kindness...*

*It's Your Respect...It's Our Time Together...*

*It's Your Going the Extra Mile to Practice that Song*

*ONE MORE TIME to Make Sure We Do Our Very Best...*

**It's Praising Our Lord, Together!!!**

I know how truly blessed I am to have each and everyone of you in my life...**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR BRINGING ME TO BELLEMAN'S!!!**

*Linda*