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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.*



Rogation Sunday was April 22

May 2018

*Rev. David Blich, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org*

About the cover... The blessing of seed, soil and water happened at Belleman's on Sunday, April 22. The special outdoor Rogation service was video taped and is posted on the Belleman's Facebook page. Please check it out!

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### Pastor's Ponderings

We are all more comfortable with some people than others. It is often the way we deal with silence when we are around someone that determines our level of comfort.

There are situations where silence is expected. If you are alone with one other person on a subway, or an elevator, there is no need to strike up a conversation with the person next to you and in some cases it might be considered awkward to do so. Anyone who has taken a long bus, train or airplane trip knows that the passenger randomly selected to sit next to you may wind up being a real burden and pain if they are not sufficiently silent or conversational depending on what is to your liking.

But the real test is with people you know. When you are alone with someone in a room is silence an acceptable option? Or related to that, if you are at a social or group event in a conversation with another person and the both of you run out of things to say to the other, how do you deal with the silence that follows?

The general rule is the easier the silence, the better you know the other person and the more comfortable you are with that person. Silence is awkward when there is tension or discord, when there is self awareness of something that just isn't right between yourself and the other; that at the least some kind of social expectation is not being met.

Can we be silent in the presence of God? Or when we pray do we need to keep on talking either out loud or in our head? Are we comfortable with a Godly silence.

In his sermon "Whistling in the Dark," Frederick Buechner says: "You have to be quiet to hear ... We are always in some sort of endless, haggard dialogue with ourselves.

"This makes me think of the greatest class I ever taught—a class at a boy's prep school in New Hampshire. It was a late-afternoon class, and I remember driving to it from the

beach, where I had been to whiff the sea air for a minute. As I drove toward town, to the west, away from the ocean, I noticed that the sun was just beginning to show signs of setting, sort of lemony color in the sky.

"Then I went up to the classroom. There were 15 or so boys gathered around the table, waiting for whatever was going to happen. We waited, and I could see yellow beginning to deepen a little bit—the sun sinking a little bit. Then the bell rang and, normally speaking, I would have gotten up and started off with the lesson for the day. With this marvelously happy impulse never thought out, instead of starting out the class, I flipped the light switch off, which meant that we were suddenly sitting in deep dusk with the sun setting through the window. The room faced west.

"It was a magnificent sunset. I can still see it. It was very orange, sort of a pumpkin-colored sunset, with the branches of the trees and corners of the buildings black as soot against it. It turned from orange to crimson.

"We sat there in absolute silence. That is the curious thing. You would have thought that in a room full of 15 boys, somebody would have horse laughed or poked the other in the ribs or giggled or something like that, but not at all. We sat there for as long as it took the sun to set without a word, without any sound at all, until finally the sun did set, and we were sitting there in darkness.

"I've thought since about what made that such a marvelous class, and the sunset was almost the least of it. I am not saying something sentimental about sunsets. The sunset was marvelous. A lot of it was the silence, which we usually find so awkward. We're embarrassed; we're afraid of silence because we use words so often not to reveal who we are but to conceal who we are. We hide behind our chatter. In silence a kind of sense of being stripped naked. Perhaps because we couldn't see our faces, perhaps because it was a kind of silence, we were all contributing to in a way. It was not an awkward silence. It was a sort of blessed silence. Silence was part of it; a sense of each other's presence was part of it; we were all there together, all participating in this silence.

"There was a wonderful sense that nothing had to be done about it. No test was going to be given; no questions were

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going to be asked; nothing like that. Just to be there and see what there was to be seen, made it a deeply moving thing. The sense also that we were seeing not just the sun set gorgeously, but we were seeing a day of our lives come to an end without sadness, with a kind of lovely gentleness, made it special. We only have so many days and here was one of them. It was beautifully ending.

"It got dark. The sunset was over, and I thought to myself, This is a religion class, and I'm a religious teacher. Perhaps I should make some edifying remark about the sunset and draw some religious conclusion from it.

"By an impulse as happy as the one which led me to turn off the light, I said not a word, thank heavens, except 'Go home.' And home they went. For that reason, it was a very good class."

(Frederick Buechner, "Whistling in the Dark," 30 Good Minutes)

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Church Board Highlights April 16, 2018

- Minutes, Treasurer, Pastor and Administrator reports were approved
- James explained how the Sysco food truck got stuck at the old church and made ruts. James and Skip Rubright fixed the ruts and planted grass.
- Property committee reported that Eric Weyandt along with a group of volunteers worked to install the countertops at the Fellowship Hall on April 6. Also, the big freezer in the refreshment stand needed repair which was completed.
- Pastor Dave reported that 10-12 kids will be going on the retreat to Wildwood the first weekend in May. They are planning a Carwash fundraiser on April 29 to help pay for the retreat and will sell tickets for the carwash at the Oyster Supper. James noted that the Youth received \$380 from the two Jingle Offerings held the first two weeks of April.
- The Worship and Music Committee had their meeting on April 11. They discussed trying a Saturday evening Vesper service over the Summer. Additionally, the results of the Sunday School surveys about Summertime Sunday School were handed out. There was very little of taking a Sunday School break over the summer, so, the summer schedule will remain the same.

- As a follow-up from last meeting, James talked with Descoco and got some prices for some possible projects for the Ray Bauder estate. There has been no news on the estate since the last meeting.
- The Bylaw Committee has continued to work on some revisions to the Bylaws.
- James Fitterling reported that Larry Blatt informed him that the Carillon has stopped working. Larry is planning to try and get the motor fixed.

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### Communion Assistants For May 20

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, Gloria Gambler,  
Connie Mohn

*Cup Stations:* Larry Henne, Lester Gambler

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* James Fitterling, Dawne Clay,  
Carla Rozsitch

*Ushers:* Michael Holcombe, Bernice Hartman

*Cup Stations:* Frank Kornfeind, Stephani Mohn

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Attendance/Offering

	7:45AM	10:15AM	Offering
April 1	Easter Dawn: 46		
April 1	57	220	\$7,299.00
April 8	28	103	\$3,314.00
April 15	21	87	\$2,605.00
April 22	38	91	\$2,749.00
April 29	29	92	\$3,110.00

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### Belleman's Joint Board

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 4,658.57 |
| Income            | 21,154.27   |
| Expenses          | 22,905.07   |
| Ending Balance    | 2,907.77    |

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Jingle Offerings

- May 6, 13** Relay for Life - Mark Stump's team
Live Long and Prosper
- May 20, 27** Navajo Mission in Arizona

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 3/18/18

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment
and Dissolved Accounts** \$214,100.03

Monthly Contributions 2018 \$2,260.00
(April Collection = \$866.00)

Fundraising Projects

Organ Restoration	January	\$1,527.50
Chicken BBQ	March	\$2,006.60
Easter Candy Sales	March	\$3,198.08
Country Music Show	June	
Country Festival Picnic	August	
Mum Sale	September	
		\$6,732.18

Grocery Gift Cards

Sold	\$ 147,620.00	
Profit		<u>\$7,543.65</u>
Cash Total		\$230,635.86

Interest Paid

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$6,440.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$13,872.81

Loan Balances

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$90,000.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Owed Amount	\$87,000.00
VIST Bank Loan	\$254,500.00
Total Principal Payment made	<u>\$90,574.60</u>
Owed Amount	\$163,925.40
Total Principal Balance Owed	\$250,925.40

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**Notice:**

The full monthly loan payment that needs to be paid to Vist Bank each month is: **\$1,580.74**

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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!

Country Singer & Songwriter - Berks County Native

JEREMIAH JAMES

Belleman's Church Fellowship Hall
3540 Bellemans Church Rd.
Mohrsville - 19541

Chinese Auction
Food & Beverage for Purchase

Sponsored by:
Leibensperger Funeral Homes
Peach Tree Pet Cremation Services

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Doors open - 6:00 PM
Show begins - 7:00 PM

Ticket Price
\$15 in Advance
\$18 at the Door

Contact - 610-926-4506

www.jeremiahjames.biz All proceeds benefit - Capital Campaign Fund

Calendar of Events

Tues. - Sat. Lifetouch Photo Sessions
5/8 - 5/12 in the chapel

Wed. 6:00PM Cantata/Sr. Choir
5/9

Thur. *Ascension Day*
5/10

Sat. 10:00AM Final Cantata Rehearsal
5/12

Sun. Church Music Sunday
5/13 Mother's Day
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 6:30PM June Mission Trip Meeting
5/14

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class
5/15

Wed. 3-7PM Blood Drive at the Hall
5/16

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
5/19 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
8:00AM-1:00PM Board Retreat
at Zion Spies

Sun. Pentecost/Confirmation
5/20 Holy Communion
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
Christian Ed Meeting after 10:15 service

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
5/21

Tue. 6:30PM VBS Meeting
5/22 7:00PM Dutch Class

Wed. 6:00PM Sr. Choir - End of Season
5/23 Pizza Party

Thur. 9:30AM Music and Worship Mtg
5/24

Sun. Old Church Service
5/27 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. **Memorial Day**
5/28 12:00PM Picnic begins
(Food served till 7:30 p.m.)
3:00PM Service
4:00 - 6:00PM Turkey Pot Pie
Platters served in the
Fellowship Hall
5:00 - 8:00PM Washington Band
of Annville

Tue. 7:00PM Dutch Class
5/29

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
6/3 9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Kid's Summer Sunday
School Kickoff
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 9:30-11:00AM Tot Time
6/4 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch
at Perry

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
6/10 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids
6/13

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
6/16 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

6/16-6/23 Mission Trip #2 to Maine

Sun. Father's Day
6/17 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
6/18

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids
6/20

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
6/24 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service





The Bulletin Board

Attention: June Mission Team members

There will be a meeting on **Monday, May 14, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. for everyone signed-up for the June trip to Maine.

Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **May 16th** from 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Jean Smith for further information (610) 926-1784.



Reminder:

Church services on **Sunday, May 27, 2018** at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. with Sunday School at 9 a.m. will be held in Old Belleman's Church.

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### Sunday School News

There will not be Youth Sunday School Classes over the Summer again this year. Sunday School on June 3 will be held at the Hall for all youth and this will be the kick off for the summer. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9 with Rally Day. Enjoy the Summer Break!!



### 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

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Annual Belleman's Memorial Day Picnic

Belleman's traditional Memorial Day picnic will be held on Monday, May 28th, with all of the usual activities, beginning at 12 Noon, with delicious food, tasty snacks, ice cream, beverages, desserts and other delectable goodies which will be served from the refreshment stand. People may eat under the trees at the outside tables, or choose to take their food into the dining room.



*******New this year, Turkey Pot Pie platters** will be ***** available from **4:00PM to 6:00PM**.

We will be **needing cakes at the Refreshment Stand**. Help will be greatly appreciated for that day. Contact the Chairperson of any committee.

At three o'clock, you are invited to attend the **Memorial Day Service**.

From 5PM to 8PM, the crowd will be treated to a concert by The Washington Band of Annville.

What a fantastic and nostalgic way to celebrate Memorial Day - an outdoor service, a stirring band concert and wonderful picnic food together with our fellowship.

Please plan to attend!!

Belleman's Grocery Gift Cards

Are you purchasing your Gift Cards from Belleman's for use at the following Grocery Stores: Boyer's, Redner's, Giant and Weis? The use of the cards cost you nothing extra and Belleman's receives 1% of the total card sold. Turn in your **complete** Redner's sales slip to the box in the Narthex and Belleman's receives another 1% of the amount listed. You can also show your Redner's Reward Card to receive discounts on gas and/or groceries.

If you shop at Boyer's be sure you have a keychain swipe card to show the check-out clerk. Old Belleman's Church receives 1% of every purchase you make at any Boyer's Food Market when you show your swipe card. Stop in the chapel any Sunday to purchase your gift cards and see James Fitterling for your Boyer's Swipe cards.

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### Relay For Life of Central Berks

At Schuylkill Valley High School

**Saturday, May 19**  
from 11 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Survivor Walk at 11 a.m.  
Luminaria Ceremony at 9 p.m.

Contact Ann Stump at 610-926-3416 for info

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VBS is Coming!

July 16-20, 2018



To the Smile Program, Thank you very much for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to me at Phoebe Berks. It brings a smile to my face as well as everybody else who visits me. **God Bless Everyone,**
June Adams

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**Dear Belleman's Youth,** On behalf of the 1,300 children and their families that we serve every year, **thank you** for your donation of 25 Easter baskets and four boxes of socks and extras for the children. **Sincerely, Vincent J. LaSorsa, Ph.D.,**  
**President and CEO, The Children's Home of Reading**

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Dear Friends in Christ: Thank you for your gift of \$314 (Jingle Offering) received on April 4 in Support of the UCC One Great Hour of Sharing. We are deeply grateful for your donation. **Thank you** for being inspired by God's grace, for partnering with us in loving our neighbors and uniting with us to build a just world for all. **Faithfully, Nicole M. Collins,**
Associate Director, Annual Giving and Special Events
Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship

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**Dear Friends, Thank you** for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. (\$143 Nursery Class donation) Your support is helping us proclaim the message of His victory over sin and death to people around the world. **Sincerely, Franklin Graham**

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Dear Pastor Dave and Congregation, Thank you for allowing me to come and share the Good News of St. Vincent Mission. **Thank you** for your support in whatever form each of you take. **Thanks** for the abundance of seeds that represent new life! May we all continue to share the Life of Christ, with all we meet. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peace, S. Kathleen

May Birthdays

- 18th Kristen Folk,
Andrea Hoffman
20th Jason Sweigert
21st Tim Kirkhoff, Jenna Phillips,
Mary Anspach
22nd Thomas Hartman,
Daniel Roe
23rd Zachary Kriner, 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,
Janet Weaver,
Craig Yoder
28th Andrew Potts
30th Joshua Mohn,
Kim Yoder, Alfred Cross
31st Grace Miller

May Anniversaries

- 18th Carol & Terry Kinney
20th Daryl & Diane Klopp
25th Ronald & Patty Ann Kintzer
28th Harold & Barbara Spatz
31st David & Donna Weber
Steven and Erika Pauley

June Birthdays

- 2nd Diane Billman,
Rebecca Folk,
Margaret Tothoro,
Taylor Berg
4th Jean Bohn, Dylan Burkhardt,
Dylan Haas, Sara Levan,
Tabitha-JoAnne Heller,
Tucker Jozwiak
5th Maryellen Zimmerman
Jacob Hoffman
6th Alan Reppert, Curtis Michaud,
Bradley Dougherty
7th Tina Moll, Cassidy Bungarz,
Melissa Eschbach,
Abigail McRae
8th Lori Barto, Scott Ebelhar,
Cheryl Felix, Allison Younker,
Jacob Leroy Hoffman,
Joshua Klopp,
9th Karen Holcombe
11th Melany Eltz, Jay Hill, III,
Marissa Spatz, Grace Hoppes,
Jack Kornfeind
Codie Hart
14th Megan Geisinger
15th Carla Rozsitch,
Mason Hartranft
Eden Gilmer
Lisa Nicole Rubright

June Anniversaries

- 6th Nathan & Lisa Phillips
7th Ronnie & Rhonda Adam
10th Robert & Louise Elliott
11th Larry & Beverly Blatt
15th Russell & Louann Rudy
18th Terry & Donna Schaeffer



Rise and Be Healed...

Has fear and doubt come against your mind?

Has your faith been sorely tried?

Lift up your eyes, here cometh your help. It is Jesus, for you He has died.

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus. Let faith arise in your soul.

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus.

He will cleanse and make you whole.

These are words to one of the songs of our Senior Choir's beautiful cantata, "Then Came the Morning" being presented this Sunday, May 13th!

What a beautiful gift of love our Lord has given to us!

All we need to do is come to Him...He will touch us and set us free!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS MOST INSPIRING
AND UPLIFTING MESSAGE IN SONG THROUGH
SALEM BELLEMAN'S MUSIC MINISTRY!**

*"You don't have to do great things, but the little things
you are doing in your sphere of influence
can be done with great conviction, great wisdom,
great beauty, and great love."*

RUTH KREBBIEL JACOBS



I'M BORED... THERE'S NOTHING TO DO!!!

Moms and Dads, just in case you hear this the week after school is over, **I'M HERE TO HELP YOU!!!** Starting June 13, we'll be practicing the VBS songs every Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and I'd love to have your "bored/have nothing to do" children join us (any Wednesday it works for you)!!!

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
VBS SINGING KIDS**

It's Time for You to Share Your Talents!

As the Belleman's Choir Family takes a well-deserved summer break, we look forward to the rest of our talented members sharing their God-given gifts! Please give Linda Hartman a call at 610-562-0238 to reserve your Sunday.

(Our Summer Music schedule begins June 3rd...)

Oliver Blatt will be sharing his God-given musical talents.)