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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.



June 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... Confirmation Class 2018, Pentecost and Confirmation were celebrated on May 20 with Dylan Kramer (left) and Jack Kornfeind being confirmed.
Congratulations Dylan and Jack



Pastor's Ponderings

A Father's Day message for Father's and children.

The Butterfly, by Author Unknown

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had

gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Freedom and flight would only come after the struggle. By depriving the butterfly of a struggle, he deprived the moth of health.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, He would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been.

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:
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Church Board Highlights May 21, 2018

John Rausch was present to discuss some items related to the Old Church. First, John would like to list the Old Church in the Reading Eagle wedding ad. The cost is \$52 per month which was approved. Next, John discussed cleaning of the Old Church. He noted that many years ago there was a volunteer cleaning day, but many of those volunteers are either dead or unable to do it anymore. John asked the Board if they would pay for cleaning of the Old Church once a year. John will look into prices and options. He also mentioned about having Ehrlich look at the church and treat for spiders and mice. James will contact Tom Lawrence about getting it looked at. Next, John noted some fee adjustments for the use of the Old Church. Proposed fees for weddings in the old church are \$300 for non-members and \$100 for members. The fees were approved and John will revise the Old Church policy with these changes.

Treasurer, Larry Henne distributed his written report. He noted that the pension bill came late and was not reflected on the report, so it showed about \$3,000 higher.

The property committee reported that Eric Weyandt and James Fitterling completed the installation of the Hall counter-tops in time for Memorial Day.

Pastor Dave reported that the Youth Wildwood Trip was a success. There has been some interest in having a New York City trip possibly over the summer. Pastor Dave will feel out if there is still interest.

The Christian Ed committee reported on their plans to move the Primary Department to the downstairs and move the older youth classes upstairs and give them a space that is basically a youth room. This move will occur over the summer and be ready for Fall classes.

James Fitterling reported that he has completed the picture pages for the directories. He also asked the Board how much they would like to spend on extra directories and submitted photos. After some discussion, the Board approved to spend up to \$200 on directories.

It was suggested to schedule a congregational meeting on August 5. This would be for the Endowment donation approval to the Capital Campaign.

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(cont.) Due to the Mission trip in June and VBS in July falling on Board meeting weeks, it was suggested to have meetings on June 25 and July 30 with no meeting held in August.

The Board approved to give a \$50 donation to Zion Spies for the use of their facility for the Board retreat on May 19.

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 2,907.77  |
| Income            | \$ 21,820.66 |
| Expenses          | \$ 14,091.79 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 10,636.64 |

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Attendance/Offering
7:45AM 10:15AM

Offering

May 6	19	85	\$3,212.00
May 13	21	169	\$3,722.00
May 20	28	119	\$2,361.00
May 27	25	82	\$2,718.00

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**Holy Communion will be celebrated ...**

**June 10th**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis,  
 Liz Veres  
*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Linda Henne, Larry Henne

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistant:* James Fitterling  
*Head Usher:* Maura Wesner  
*Ushers:* Jim Holcombe, Jim Blatt,  
 Carlene Kissinger, Dennis Felix

**July 1st**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler,  
 Linda Henne  
*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Larry Henne, Diane Driesbach

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Dawne Clay,  
 Sandy Gring  
*Ushers:* Michael Holcombe, Sam Stump  
*Cup Stations:* Jackie Lynn, Phil Kistler



**Memorial Day 2018** ended up being a perfect day for **Honoring our people who gave everything!**



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 5/20/18**

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

**Monthly Contributions 2018** \$3,126.00  
(May Collection = \$500.00)

**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       | \$ 149,490.00 |                     |
| Profit     |               | \$7,637.15          |
| Cash Total |               | <u>\$231,595.36</u> |

**Interest Paid**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid | \$6,440.00  |
| Total VIST Interest Paid     | \$14,475.10 |

**Loan Balances**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fairview Cemetery Company           | \$90,000.00         |
| Total Principal Payment made        | <u>\$3,000.00</u>   |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$87,000.00</b>  |
| VIST Bank Loan                      | \$254,500.00        |
| Total Principal Payment made        | <u>\$91,563.05</u>  |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$162,936.95</b> |
| <b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b> | <b>\$249,936.95</b> |

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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.

6 Thank you for your continued support!

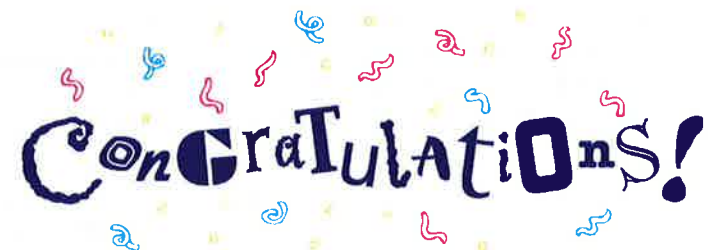
**Bellemans Church Women Picnic...**



**Picnic**

...for ALL to come and enjoy! Bellemans Church Women are hosting a picnic on **August 6th starting at 5 p.m.** Picnic is held at **Zipp's grove in Dauberville**. Bingo will be starting around six. There's a sign up sheet in the narthex to bring your favorite covered dish. Also what's NEW this year is go-

ing to be a door prize, so when you arrive get your ticket for a chance to win the fabulous door prize. The door prize will be on display July 29th and August 5th for you to see. Let's get together in fellowship and make this the best picnic yet!!



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Congratulations to Belleman's members Kyle Livinghouse and Alexis Garber as they compete at two different national competitions this June. Kyle will be competing as part of a relay team from Schuylkill Valley at the New Balance Nationals outdoor track meet held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Alexis will be competing with her horse in the National Jr. High Finals Rodeo held at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds. Best of luck to Kyle and Alexis on their competitions.

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**Jingle Offerings for June**

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| June 3, 10  | Bear Creek Camp           |
| June 17, 24 | Mary's Shelter in Reading |
|             | - Baby Bottle Campaign    |



## Calendar of Events

**Sun. 6/10** *Holy Communion*  
**7:45AM** *Worship Service*  
**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. 6/17** *Father's Day - Dawne Clay preaching*  
**7:45AM** *Worship Service*  
**9:00AM** *Sunday School*  
**10:15AM** *Worship Service*

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

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

*Trinity UCC Leesport Celebration Service 2 p.m.*

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting  
6/25

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids  
6/27

**Sun. 7/1** *Holy Communion*  
**7:45AM** *Worship Service*  
**9:00AM** *Sunday School*  
**9:00AM** *Youth Sunday School at the Fellowship Hall (info page 11)*  
**10:15AM** *Worship Service*

After 150 years, **Trinity UCC in Leesport** is closing their doors. We are invited to join them for a celebration service of their years in the Leesport Faith Community on **June 24 at 2 p.m.** A Fellowship picnic will follow the service.



## Calendar of Events

Mon. 11:30AM Grief Support  
7/2 Lunch at Perry

Wed. *Independence Day*  
7/4

**Sun. 7/8** *Outdoor Service in the grove*  
**7:45AM** *Worship Service*  
**9:00AM** *Sunday School*  
**10:15AM** *Worship Service*

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids  
7/11

Thur. 5:00PM VBS Decorating  
7/12

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

7/16 - 7/20 5:45-8:00 PM VBS "Hero Central"  
(info page 12)

Mon. 1:00PM Belleman's Church Women meeting  
7/16 in the chapel

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
7/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7/22** *VBS Closing*  
**7:45AM** *Worship Service*  
**9:00AM** *Sunday School*  
**10:15AM** *Worship Service*





**Come join us at  
Leesport Diner**



**& Help Schuylkill Valley Food  
Pantry earn 15%.**

**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6am to 10pm**

**\*Must bring along attached coupon**

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**Belleman's Military Members**

Overseas

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

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

Back in U.S.A.

SGT Josh Linderman  
Andrew Potts



**Water. Water. Everywhere!**

**Special Summer Sunday School events for all youth will  
be held at the Fellowship Hall on:**

**July 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

focusing on the story of Jonah

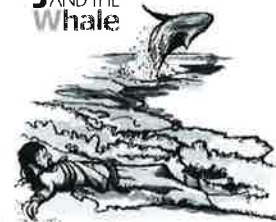
And...

**August 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

focusing on the story of  
Jesus Walking on Water

Each of the weeks we will  
meet with Mr. Soggy Socks  
as we explore the bible  
stories. Each week will  
include water games so feel  
free to wear your swim  
clothes. See you there!

**Jonah  
AND THE  
Whale**



**A Reminder...** The Youth continue to collect aluminum cans to  
help support and pay for their events and activities. If you are  
able to bring cans, please place them in the basement or by  
the door on the right side of the church.  
Thank you for your support!

Mark your calendars...  
VBS is coming to Belleman's...  
July 16-20, 2018



For this year...  
New format and times!!

Each night of VBS, an evening meal  
will be offered from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

VBS will run from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

This means an earlier ending time  
compared to years past!

Please plan to join Belleman for  
music, games, crafts and bible stories.  
See you there!



Well another Busy, HECTIC, Wonderful Oyster  
Supper in the Books!

A BIG THANK YOU to all, whether you came  
out to Prep Food, Buy Supplies, Bake Pies ,  
Make Yummy Pepper cabbage , or Eat!!!!

All of you make this event work. First time as a  
co-chair I can honestly say I was unprepared. I was a little  
overwhelmed. With everyone's help it ALL came together . Lar-  
ry Henne's years of experience make the Oyster Supper flow  
easily . The Profits from the Oyster Supper were a bit over  
\$3000.00 . Thank you to all who DONATE items to help with  
the added success of this event , you are greatly appreciated.  
Remember we are less than 365 days away from the next  
Oyster Supper , so mark your calenders!

With Gratitude, Sindy Bachman

To the Belleman's Church Congregation and Dear Pastor  
David Blicht, I smiled from ear to ear as I read the card ac-  
companying the beautiful planter from you. Thank you one and  
all for caring, I could see your faces as I thought about and re-  
membered everyone. Thank you Pastor David for your visits,  
you brought the presence and strength of the Lord with you.

Rex Kissinger

Dear Belleman's Board Members, Thank you so much for  
your very generous gift you gave to me after the death of my  
son. It was greatly appreciated in my time of sorrow and came  
in very handy as I was not able to work for a few weeks. The  
community is very blessed to have Belleman's Church as part  
of them and to have the missions you do to help people far and  
near. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Kate Kauffman

Thank you so much for the plant and the cards. It's nice to  
know I belong to a church who cares if I have something to  
smile about.

Thanks again, Arlene Hoffert

Thank you to all who came out to help and to all who at-  
tended this year's Memorial Day Picnic. We appreciate your  
effort to make the picnic the success it was. Also, a special  
note of thanks to all those who donated items for the picnic.

Thank you and God Bless!

## June Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sindy Bachman  
Christopher Jozwiak  
Cate Michaud, Conor Weist  
17<sup>th</sup> Ruth Barnett, Bryan Baxter,  
Jayden Allen  
18<sup>th</sup> Zachary Zimmerman,  
Royce Potts  
20<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Seaman  
21<sup>st</sup> Harrison Bachman,  
James Baer,  
Kimberly Dougherty  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ali Perzel, Eric Rubright,  
Lisa Phillips  
23<sup>rd</sup> Deanna Kay McRae  
Jason Troutman  
24<sup>th</sup> Janet Stetzler,  
Carlie Schmauch  
25<sup>th</sup> David Miller, Kenneth Starkey  
26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Labe, Sr.,  
Carolyn Gresh  
27<sup>th</sup> June Adams,  
Nancy Wesner, Calvin Bungarz  
28<sup>th</sup> Adrianna Madden,  
Meaghan Bausher  
29<sup>th</sup> Jason Kozik, Amanda Ernst  
Larry Zimmerman  
30<sup>th</sup> Arlene Harle, Janice Kozik,  
David Weber,  
Sara Linderman

## June Anniversaries

- 20<sup>th</sup> Mitchell & Deanne Burkhart  
Kristie and Chris Hilbert  
21<sup>st</sup> Jim & Karen Holcombe  
22<sup>nd</sup> Scott & Amy Berg  
24<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Suzanne Labe, Sr.  
27<sup>th</sup> Sherwood & Janet Stetzler  
28<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Krista Roe,  
30<sup>th</sup> Chad & Amanda Ernst

## July Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawne Clay, Helen Ernst,  
Donny Difatta, Eli Hoffman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stephenee Billman,  
Jada Savage  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Fluck,  
5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Ann Brown,  
Andrew Mohn, Linda Beitzel  
Joel Leroy Brown  
6<sup>th</sup> Ella Hix  
7<sup>th</sup> Corey Yoder  
8<sup>th</sup> Cara Weist, Austin Strohl,  
Christie Weist  
9<sup>th</sup> Tori Bachman,  
Helen Remlinger,  
Shawn McMurtry  
10<sup>th</sup> Eugene Kemp, Emily Kozik  
Connor Borkey  
11<sup>th</sup> Autumn Edwards,  
Carly Edwards, Kellen Cammauf  
12<sup>th</sup> Shawn Bausher,  
Damian Polack, Marie Baver  
13<sup>th</sup> Ashleigh LeRoy  
14<sup>th</sup> Michael Hoffman,  
Jessica Spatz, Phillip Spatz,  
Mackenzie Beerman,  
Linda Baver  
15<sup>th</sup> Grace Shurr

## July Anniversaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> Thomas & Linda Hartman  
Mark & Amy Garber  
9<sup>th</sup> Pete & Katrina Lukawski  
11<sup>th</sup> Donald & Mary Miller  
Gary & Robin Phillips  
Matthew & Carla Rozsitch  
Jason and Stephanie Gilmer  
16<sup>th</sup> Tori & Sindy Bachman



# Thank You for Making Our "DADDY" Smile!

In our world where God hears one excuse after another, it MUST make Him smile when His children glorify His name in song as our Choir Family did on May 13th, Church Music Sunday!

To simply say **"THANK YOU"** to you just doesn't seem enough. Please know how sincerely I appreciate **ALL** that you give...your time, your talents, your love...

## Thank You for a Beautiful Church Music Sunday!

Dear Choir Family, enjoy your summer break!

"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,

*Linda*

## I DARE YOU!!!

*Be Brave...*

*Do Something Different...*

### AN "OPEN INVITATION"

for anyone (any age) to join Summer Choir in leading the congregation in worship (which, by the way, is one of the choir's most important functions). Give it a try ~ enjoy the service from a different angle! Who knows, you may like it so much, you won't want to leave your newly acquired seat in the Fall!!

**Try It, You'll Like It!!!**

## Get Ready...

### It's Summer Music Time!!!

Our Summer Special Music Program began on June 3rd with the beautiful gifts of **Oliver Blatt**; June 10th, **Carol Kissinger** will share her God-given talents; June 17th, we welcome back to Belleman's **Donna Davis & Tom Dietrich**; and, June 24th we will be blessed with the talents of **Bob Reppert**! There's still time for you to volunteer, please give Linda Hartman a call at 610-562-0238 to reserve your Sunday!