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3540 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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# 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.*



**July 2018**

*Rev. David 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)*

**About the cover...** Best way to beat the summer heat? Sunday School water games, of course! The next chance for **Water, Water Everywhere Sunday School is August 5 at 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall.**



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**Pastor's Ponderings**



*Who Built the Ark? No one, No one!  
Who Built the Ark? Brother! No one built the ark!*

That may be my first memory of Church, singing that song in Sunday School and, I am sure I sang it just that way. So young and having a crisis of faith! The real words to that Sunday School ditty, do acknowledge Noah as the builder of the ark. But my four year old ears misheard.

There's a true story of Grace, the 6 year old daughter of a professor of linguistics. Seems that Grace, when learning the Lord's Prayer, also didn't quite hear the right words.

*Our Father who art in heaven, how will I be my name?*

Indeed, how will I be my name? How will I be a Christian? How will I be a follower of Jesus? How will I be a child of God, today?

Perhaps the question is, do we as adults get the words right? When God says "I love you," do we hear? When God says "I sent my Son to die on the cross so that you might be forgiven," do we understand?

Do we understand grace? Did we hear correctly that we are saved, not by what we do but what Jesus did on the cross?

There's an old story about a Russian railway worker who accidentally locked himself in a refrigerator car. Unable to escape or to attract attention, he resigned himself to his fate.

As he felt his body becoming numb he took a pencil out of his pocket and recorded the story of his approaching death. He scribbled on the walls of the car: "I am becoming colder...still colder...I am slowly freezing...half asleep, these may be my last words."

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When the car was opened the man was found dead, but the temperature of the car was only about 56 degrees. Officials found that the freezing mechanism was out of order and there was plenty of fresh air available.

There was no physical reason they could find for the man to have died. It was concluded that he had died because he had believed that he would die.

Sometimes we live by our assumptions and misunderstandings and sometimes we die from them.

It is far better for us to seek out the word of God in our lives. And, when we have a question or when we're not sure we heard correctly to ask and seek out an answer through study and prayer. Or perhaps we can talk about it together.

In Christ, Pastor Dave

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**Church Board Highlights**

June 25, 2018

There was not a quorum for the meeting, so no votes were taken.

- The minutes from the previous meeting, Pastor report, Administrator report and Treasurer report were all reviewed.
- Pastor Dave reported that he has vacation from August 5-12 and he is looking to form a Mutual Ministry Committee.
- The Christian Education Committee reported a timeline to make the move of the Sunday School Classes. July 29 after church will be a day of moving things. In the meantime, the Primary teachers will work on painting classrooms. Also, modernizing some of the media equipment was discussed for the classes. Specifics will need to be discussed at future meetings, but it was agreed to start by having a few Jingle Offerings to help out with this project.
- The Board members were asked to review the revisions to the Bylaws for the next meeting. (Info on page 4)
- A brand new video surveillance system was donated to the church recently. James and Pastor Dave have discussed some possible ways to implement the system at the church.
- James received the proof of the new Church Directory which was available for the Board to view.

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 10,636.64 |
| Income            | \$ 15,923.50 |
| Expenses          | \$ 20,849.15 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 5,710.99  |



**Holy Communion will be celebrated August 5th**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis,  
Liz Veres

*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Larry Henne, Linda Henne

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Maura Wesner, James Fitterling,  
Sandy Gring

*Ushers:* Dennis Felix, Bernice Hartman

*Cup Stations:* Jim Blatt, Stephani Mohn

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**Attendance/Offering**

|         | <b>7:45AM</b> | <b>10:15AM</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| June 3  | 15            | 74             | \$2,597.00      |
| June 10 | 17            | 79             | \$3,002.00      |
| June 17 | 28            | 64             | \$2,803.00      |
| June 24 | 21            | 98             | \$2,535.00      |

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**Jingle Offerings**

July 1, 8 IM ABLE Foundation  
July 15, 22, 29 Youth Sunday School Media Upgrades

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**Congregational Meetings**

There are two items coming up that will require congregational approval. First, The Endowment Committee has approved to contribute \$50,000 to the Capital Campaign to pay down the loan, this has been approved by the Church Board but requires congregational approval to be finalized. Secondly, a committee has reviewed the Bylaws and has made some revisions to the document that hasn't been revised in over 10 years. This also requires congregation approval. Meetings are as follows:

**Congregational Information Meeting:**

Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

**Congregational Vote: \*\* Vote only with NO discussion \*\***

Sunday, August 12, 2018 – immediately following the 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services.

Please plan to attend!

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!**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 6/24/18**

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

**Monthly Contributions 2018** \$3,626.00  
(June Collection = \$1,013.00)

**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      | \$1,840.51 |
| Country Festival Picnic | August    |            |
| Mum Sale                | September |            |
|                         |           | \$8,572.69 |

**Grocery Gift Cards**

|            |               |              |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sold       | \$ 153,815.00 |              |
| Profit     |               | \$7,853.40   |
| Cash Total |               | \$234,152.12 |

**Interest Paid**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid | \$6,440.00  |
| Total VIST Interest Paid     | \$15,054.04 |

**Loan Balances**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fairview Cemetery Company           | \$90,000.00         |
| Total Principal Payment made        | \$3,000.00          |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$87,000.00</b>  |
| VIST Bank Loan                      | \$254,500.00        |
| Total Principal Payment made        | \$92,574.85         |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$161,925.15</b> |
| <b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b> | <b>\$248,925.15</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.

Thank you for your continued support!

# Country Festival

**Sponsored by Belleman's Church Sunday School**

**3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, PA**

## Saturday, August 4, 2018

|                                         |                    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ham and String bean<br/>Platters</b> | <b>Picnic Food</b> |
| 4:00-6:00 PM                            | 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM |

### All Food Rain or Shine

**Pedal Tractor Pulls - Antique Tractors  
Chinese Auction**

Music by

**Belleman's Orchestra**

3:30 - 4:30 PM

**"The Majestics"**

6:00 - 9:00 PM

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**Help** will be needed throughout the day on **August 4**. Please contact Eric Weyandt, Carol Weyandt or James Fitterling if you are able to help. Also, donations of cakes will be needed for the day as well. Please consider helping in any way you can. **Thank You!**



## Mission Team to Maine!

A group of 12 individuals travelled to Orland, Maine from June 16-23 to serve through an organization called H.O.M.E. Inc. (Homeowners Organized for More Employment) H.O.M.E was founded in 1970 and continues to be dedicated to keeping and enhancing the quality of life for low-income and homeless families. The group spent the week working on two properties performing various tasks including framing, cleanup, insulating and drywall.



**Thank you to the congregation for your continued prayers and support of the Mission Team Ministry!**



## Calendar of Events

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

Thur. 5:00PM VBS Decorating  
7/12

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

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

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

Sat. 4:30PM Vesper Service in the Old Church  
7/28 (info page 11)

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**7/29 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

*After 10:15 service: Youth and all able bodied volunteers needed to help move items as Sunday School classes change locations for the fall. Lunch will be provided.*

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting  
7/30

## Calendar of Events

Sat. **Country Festival (info page 7)** - Food 3:00-8:30PM  
8/4 Belleman's Orchestra 3:30 to 4:30PM  
The Majestics 6-9PM

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
**8/5 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Youth Sunday School at the Fellowship Hall (info page 15)**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Congregational Meeting following the 10:15 service*

Mon. 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch at Perry  
8/6 5:00PM Belleman's Church Women picnic  
at Zipp's grove (info page 12)

**Sun. Pastor Dave Vacation - Supply Pastor TBA**  
**8/12 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship  
8/15 Committee meeting

Sat. 9:00AM - 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
8/18 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport  
4:30PM Vesper Service in the Old Church

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**8/19 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

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### **New Worship Opportunity!**

On **July 28** and **August 18** each day at 4:30PM at the Old Church we will be having Vesper services. These Saturday evening services will center around prayer and scripture in the setting of Old Belleman's Church. Please consider attending this new worship!



**Bellemans Church Women 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 going

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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Wanted to share this post with all of our family, friends and all the people who we do not know, thank you for all your support and prayers. On January 31, 2018 we started this long journey with our daughter. She was born early at 27 weeks 5 days. She was 1 pound 11 ounces and 13 inches long...We are happy to report that on June 1, 2018 after 121 days in the hospital, my wife and I were able to bring Abigail Rose home. We

want to thank everyone for the support through your thoughts, prayers, love, listening to us and help. Without this great group of people that surround us, we don't know how we would have gotten through this. We look forward to introducing you to our amazingly strong daughter in the near future.

**Dale and Danielle Pszczolkowski**



**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  
MAJ James Fluck  
Kevin Mohn  
SGT Phillip Spatz  
Alfred Cross

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**Belleman's Church Jingle Offering,** Keystone Military Families gratefully acknowledges your contribution of \$293.00. Your generous contribution helps to stock our food pantry, open to veterans and their families. Care packages are sent to our deployed troops.

**Thank you** for helping to make these available to more who are in need.

**Keystone Military Families**

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I would like to **thank** everyone for the gifts, cards and well-wishes as our family celebrated our anniversary and my birthday and retirement. Everything was very much appreciated.

**Karen Holcombe**

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**Dear Friends,** I wanted to **thank** everyone who prayed for my granddaughter Abigail Rose. The outpour of prayers and love for Abigail has been overwhelming. The thought of possibly losing her was almost too much to bear until I started to hear how many people were praying for her. Our family has been truly blessed and I cannot begin to express how thankful we are to have Abigail in our lives. Enclosed are pictures of Abigail and her parents Dale and Danielle Pszczolkowski with a **thank you** message from my son Dale. (Page 12)

**With much love and deep appreciation...God Bless,  
Cheryl Pszczolkowski**

## July Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Eric Yocum  
Courtney Eisenhofer  
18<sup>th</sup> Beth Ann Savage,  
Barbara Bambrick  
19<sup>th</sup> Daniel Kiefer IV,  
Dustin Kunkle,  
Stephani Mohn  
20<sup>th</sup> Adam Kissinger,  
Colin Weist  
21<sup>st</sup> Connie Nabozny  
22<sup>nd</sup> Kelsey Weyandt  
23<sup>rd</sup> Todd Potts, Harold Mohn,  
Cooper Henne,  
Layne Weyandt  
24<sup>th</sup> Travis Fair, Yuri Loose,  
James Fitterling,  
Gloria Gambler,  
Cathleen Phillips  
27<sup>th</sup> Tracy Beebe,  
Adilene LeRoy,  
Lester Gambler  
28<sup>th</sup> Bernice Hartman,  
Brett Potts,  
Victoria McCloskey  
29<sup>th</sup> Lee Staab,  
Janene McRae  
30<sup>th</sup> Samantha Phillips  
31<sup>st</sup> Linda Houck,  
Lura Pearson,  
Zoey Dreibelbis

## July Anniversaries

- 17<sup>th</sup> Marshall & Ann Reynolds  
Jason & Emily Kozik  
19<sup>th</sup> Nikolaus & Patti Botscheller  
20<sup>th</sup> Donny and Jodie Difatta  
22<sup>nd</sup> Lee & April Henne  
23<sup>rd</sup> Lee & Gladys Staab  
27<sup>th</sup> Donald and Doreen Ottaviani  
28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Dave and Karen Blich

## August Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brittany Weidenhammer,  
Andrew Weber,  
Anderson Starkey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathan Elliott,  
Troy Koch, Linda Evans,  
4<sup>th</sup> Wayne Hoffert,  
Gladys Staab, Sandy Sunday,  
Gabriella Yocum  
5<sup>th</sup> Glenn Balthaser,  
Kelly Eitel,  
Heather Livinghouse  
6<sup>th</sup> Ann Reynolds,  
Mark Dreibelbis  
7<sup>th</sup> Paul Phillips, Carter Ernst  
Bentlee Gallagher  
8<sup>th</sup> Marshall Reynolds  
9<sup>th</sup> Cathy Del Fierro,  
Warren Hartman  
10<sup>th</sup> Hunter Bachman,  
Amy Berg, James Kirkhoff,  
William Greusel  
12<sup>th</sup> Nikole Botscheller  
13<sup>th</sup> Ruth Kohler,  
Hannah Phillips, Ethel Reinhart,  
Cassidy Rae Smith  
15<sup>th</sup> Erika Pauley  
Cassandra Schlotter

## August Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> John & Linda Loose  
3<sup>rd</sup> Craig & Brenda Yoder  
4<sup>th</sup> Brian & Cheryl Folk  
7<sup>th</sup> Kenneth and Sandy  
Borkey  
8<sup>th</sup> Daryl & Lyn Bohn  
13<sup>th</sup> Beau & Elizabeth Dalton  
14<sup>th</sup> George & Melrose Kunkle  
15<sup>th</sup> William & Janet Greusel

# Summer Music Program Continues

On July 1st, we were blessed to have **Belleman's Orchestra**

leading us in worship...it was a wonderful celebration filled with patriotic music!

On July 8th, our service is in the grove and we will have the pleasure of enjoying our **Belleman's Orchestra** again as they lead us in worship and as an added bonus, we will be blessed with the beautiful talents of **Gayle Diehl** and **Stephani Mohn**. On July 15th, our **VBS Super Heroes** will introduce one of the fun songs we'll be singing at VBS this year. And, on July 22nd, the rest of the **VBS Super Heroes** will unite to present their closing program from our week of VBS (July 16-July 20). Don't miss it! Completing the month will be **The Misfit Noise** on July 29th...don't know who they are, come to church and find out!!! You won't want to miss them!!!

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP...**

**ENJOY HOW RICHLY**

**GOD HAS BLESSED BELLEMAN'S CHURCH THROUGH  
THESE TALENTED MESSENGERS OF MUSIC!**

*Linda*

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## Water. Water. Everywhere!

The second special Summer Sunday School event for all youth will be held at the Fellowship Hall on:

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

focusing on the story of Jesus Walking on Water.

We will again meet with Mr. Soggy Socks as we explore the bible story. This event will again include water games so feel free to wear your swim clothes. See you there!

