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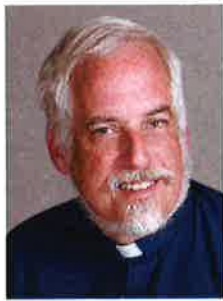
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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*  
*Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.*  
*Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



*June 2019*

*Rev. David Blicht, 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

I want to thank my wife Karen for putting together my surprise birthday party! I also want to thank all her accomplices that made it possible, everyone who gave me a gift or a card, or who came to be a part of the celebration. Thank you all! I'm 60 years old and sometimes that's hard to believe.

This June is Father's day and Confirmation, as well as the beginning of Summer. Mr. Soggy Socks, will be visiting for a few Summer Sunday School dates. Major It Doesn't Matter might make an appearance at Vacation Bible School in July. And July will bring us our Mission Trip to Maine. Keep your eyes peeled for dates for our Summer Book Club and Vesper worship.

Here's a list to ponder these long sunny summer days. A Pastor with thirty years of experience reflects thusly about his work and observations:

1. Everybody is about 90% like the people they are most unlike. I've been a pastor or missionary in three different countries and among various socio-economic groups. It's clear; the differences between us aren't that great.
2. Most of us are glad folks can't see how inadequate we feel. Whether it's parenting, making career decisions, or dealing with aging parents, most of us wonder how come we aren't smarter by now.
3. Most people aren't as carefree as we appear to be. One of the great honors that I have is that people are vulnerable with me. People share their pain with me often enough that I assume most people are dealing with some kind of hurt or fear.
4. There are always two sides to every story. It's second nature to me now. If someone tells me about how badly their spouse behaves, or how unfairly they've been treated at work, or how unspiritual their former church was, an automatic response is triggered in my mind: There's another side to this story.
5. Rationalization is humanity's most dangerous default. While most of us are painfully aware of our moral failures, we don't enjoy the shame that comes with that awareness. So, we rationalize. We minimize the inner shame by explaining away the choices we know to be wrong. And the human mind can excuse just about anything.

6. Forgiveness is about the hardest thing I know. AA will help you with your drinking. Weight Watchers will help you with your weight problem. But where do you go to get help with forgiveness? Not much gets talked about more, or acted upon less, than forgiving people who've done us wrong.

7. Our deepest need is for reconciliation with our Creator. "You created us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You." There is a reason why those words of St. Augustine are so often quoted. Augustine put His finger on our greatest longing. Our deepest need is not to be prosperous, powerful or popular. At the core of who we are we want to be able to rest at ease in relationship with our Creator.

Pastor Dave

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## Church Board Highlights May 20, 2019

Pastor Dave noted that there was a request to do more recycling here at church and the Fellowship Hall. After brief discussion, Diane Driesbach said she would check about getting recycling cans. Pastor Dave also requested to use \$250 from his Continuing Education budget line item to cover the Communities of Practice monthly meetings that he will be a part of. He also highlighted the special youth Summer Sunday School Sundays, Summer Book club, Bible study and Joy Group which had 8 present for their first meeting. They will meet in June then take the summer off and reconvene in September.

A report of the Oyster Supper was included in the packets. The profit was \$2,740.84. This is a bit less than last year, partially due to the coupons which were sent out and to the rise in cost of some of the supplies.

The property committee finally got the parking lot light issue resolved. It required the installation of a new light. Additionally, Mike Harle submitted a letter to the Board stating his intent to clean out the barn and reorganize it. He plans to begin that project in June. It was also noted that the church AC system was serviced at a cost of \$650.

We have finally received the check from Ray Bauder's Estate. The amount was \$58,426.58. Ray's niece has requested that these funds be used to complete a new project or projects in Ray's name. The check was made out to the UCC Congregation and has been deposited into the UCC accounts and will remain there until it is decided as to where the money will be spent. The Consistory has agreed to take the lead on handling the use of the funds along with help from the Council and Joint Board. The initial plan is to look into an overhaul of the sound system and a new lighted sign out front by the road. Initial fact finding will be completed and they will meet again in September to discuss further.

Last year John Rausch requested if the Board would be able to pay for thorough cleaning of the old church once a year. With services in there May 26, James brought up the question of having the cleaning done prior to that service. James made contact with Clean Image and was quoted \$226.80 as the one time cost to clean the church. Approval was granted.

The Sexton's vacation July 25-28 was approved.

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 9,312.28  |
| Income            | \$ 25,173.27 |
| Expenses          | \$ 22,180.42 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 12,305.13 |

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**Attendance/Offering**  
**7:45AM 10:15AM**

**Offering**

May 5	22	75	\$3,514.00
May 12	31	84	\$2,461.00
May 19	21	149	\$3,902.00
May 26 (Old Church)	27	72	\$3,424.00

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**Jingle Offerings for June**

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| June 2      | Belleman's Smile Fund |
| June 9, 16  | Bear Creek Camp       |
| June 23, 30 | Family in need        |



**Memorial Day 2019**  
ended up being a perfect day for **Honoring**  
our people who gave  
**everything!**



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**Water. Water. Everywhere...**  
**...it's back!**

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

**June 23, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**July 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**August 11, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**



Each of the weeks we will meet with Mr. Soggy Socks as we explore the bible stories. Topics this summer will be:

**Noah's Ark, Moses Parting of the Red Sea and Jesus Baptism.** Each week will include water games so feel free to wear your swim clothes. See you there!



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND**  
**AS OF 5/19/19**

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment  
and Dissolved Accounts** \$305,589.63

**Monthly Contributions 2019** \$2,705.65  
(May Collection = \$369.00)

Donations in memory of Alma Klinger \$760.00

**Fundraising Projects (2019)**

Organ Restoration	January	\$1,019.00
Chicken BBQ	March	\$2,360.91
Easter Candy Sales	March	\$3,480.56
Chinese Auctions	May	
Mum Sale	September	
Poinsettia Sale	December	

**Grocery Gift Cards**

Sold	\$ 178,840.00
Profit	\$ 9,104.65

Cash Total \$325,020.40

**Interest Paid**

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$10,775.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$19,420.94

**Loan Balances**

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$85,500.00
VIST Bank Loan	\$59,706.29

**Total Principal Balance Owed \$145,206.29**



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!

**Confirmation Sunday at Belleman's is on  
June the 9th at the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service**

This year's Confirmands are:

Erin Paige Livinghouse  
Nikailyn Arissa Madden  
Mariusz Stanislaw Polak



*Please join us in celebrating this important occasion for these outstanding church leaders of tomorrow.*



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

**June 9th**

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

*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Larry Henne, Diane Driesbach

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* James Fitterling, Carla Rozsitch,  
Sandy Gring

*Ushers:* Eric Weyandt, Sam Stump

*Cup Stations:* Jackie Lynn, Phil Kistler

**July 7th**

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

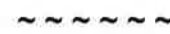
*Cup Stations/Ushers:* Linda Henne, Larry Henne

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistant:* James Fitterling

*Head Usher:* Maura Wesner

*Ushers:* Jim Holcombe, Jim Blatt,

Carlene Kissinger, Michael Holcombe



***Attention: July Mission Team members***

There will be a meeting on **Sunday, June 16, 2019** after 10:15 service for everyone signed-up for the July trip to Maine.



## Calendar of Events



**Sun. Pentecost/Confirmation/Holy Communion**  
**6/9 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 7:00PM VBS Leaders meeting  
 6/10

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids  
 6/12

Thu. 7:00PM Bible Study  
 6/13

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
 6/15 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. Father's Day**  
**6/16 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

*July Mission Trip Meeting after 10:15 service*

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting  
 6/17

Tue. 5:30PM Community Meal at Epler's  
 6/18

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids  
 6/19

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**6/23 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Youth Sunday School**  
**at the Fellowship Hall (info page 5)**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*VBS Leaders meeting after 10:15 service*

Mon. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting  
 6/24

Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids  
 6/26

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**6/30 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Thu. Independence Day  
 7/4

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

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

Sat. 9:00AM Swing set setup at church  
 7/13

**Sun. Outdoors Service in the Grove**  
**7/14 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9:00AM Youth Sunday School**  
**at the Fellowship Hall (info page 5)**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

7/15 - 7/19 5:45-8:00 PM VBS "To Mars and Beyond"  
 (info page 12)

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
 7/20 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. VBS Closing - Food For the Poor Speaker**  
**7/21 Rev. Bruce Potteiger**  
**7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

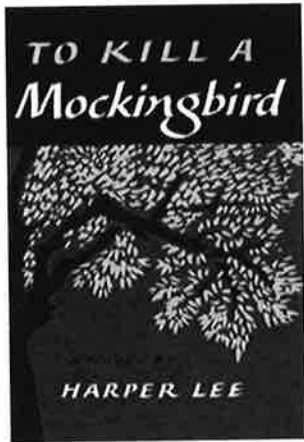


## Summer Book Club!

*Is coming soon.*

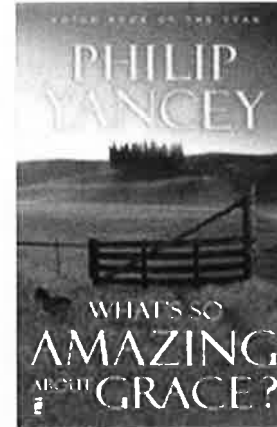
Please see the display in the narthex and sign up. You can vote on the book or books you want to read and we'll study and discuss the winner this August. Dates, times, and location of the discussion will be determined by the participants of the study. This is a chance to have some fellowship and discuss our life as a Christian with new friends and old.

### Book Synopsis



**To Kill A Mockingbird:** The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, *To Kill A Mockingbird* became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic. Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, *To Kill A Mockingbird* takes readers to the roots

of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos. Now with over 18 million copies in print and translated into forty languages, this regional story by a young Alabama woman claims universal appeal. Harper Lee always considered her book to be a simple love story. Today it is regarded as a masterpiece of American literature.



**What's So Amazing About Grace?:** The grace of which Philip Yancey writes is the freely given and unmerited favor and love of God. This grace seems a remote, almost sentimental concept, without a place in our lives or our society. It is a vague, slippery thing to us, probably because we seem to experience grace so rarely and have managed to leech the word of meaning. But Philip Yancey has set about to rescue grace in his book *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

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**Ragamuffin Gospel:** Most Christians believe in God's grace—in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see Him as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet. Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His "furious love."

Brennan Manning's now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it—simple honesty—has changed thousands of lives. It will change yours, too.

*We are going To Mars and Beyond  
at Belleman's VBS...*

*July 15-19, 2019*



*Once again this year...*

*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.*

*Please plan to join other Voyagers for  
music, games, crafts and bible stories.*

*See you there!*

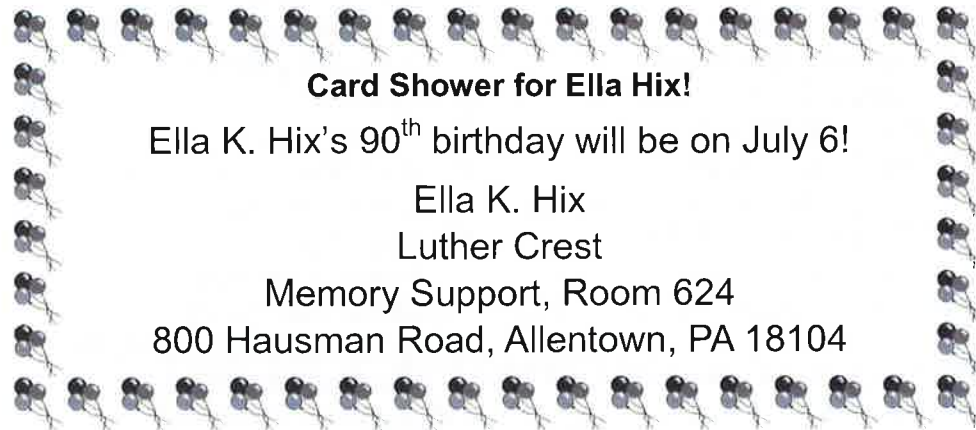
*This year's VBS will support  
Food For the Poor*



## Belleman's Military Members

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



### Card Shower for Ella Hix!

Ella K. Hix's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be on July 6!

Ella K. Hix  
Luther Crest

Memory Support, Room 624  
800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104

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**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!

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### Food for the Poor Guest Speaker, Rev. Bruce Potteiger

On Sunday, July 21 at both services, we will have the privilege to welcome Pastor Bruce back to Belleman's. He will be speaking about the ministries of Food for the Poor. Belleman's has supported Food for the Poor over the last half dozen years helping to bring food and shelter to those in need in various Central American countries. Please plan to attend to hear about the continual good works of Food for the Poor!

## June Birthdays

## July Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sindy Bachman  
Christopher Jozwiak  
Cate Michaud, Conor Weist  
17<sup>th</sup> Ruth Barnett, 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-Peters,  
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

- 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,  
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

## June Anniversaries

## July 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
- 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 19th, Church Music Sunday!

Thank You, Choir Family, for serving our Lord so unselfishly and with such sincerity. I feel so richly blessed to have such a wonderful Choir Family to share my life and love of music with...and to use that love of music to honor and glorify our Lord is a **DOUBLE BLESSING!**

## Thank You, Lord, for Our Beautiful, Loving Choir Family!!!

"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 KREBBEL JACOBS

*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 Music Program begins on June 16th with a beautiful Father's Day reading by **Brenda Yoder**. The rest of the month is still a surprise but I promise it will be awesome! There's still time for you to volunteer, please give Linda Hartman a call at 610-562-0238 to reserve your Sunday!

**Kids, don't forget ... June 12 ... VBS SINGING KIDS!!!**