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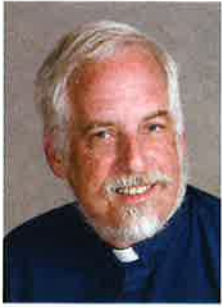
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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



July 2019

*Rev. David Blich, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Web Site: bellemanschurch.org*



Pastor's Ponderings

Summer time, and the living is easy! Have you seen any jumping fish? Don't know about the cotton, but the corn is getting kind of high!

You might think July is a slow month, an easy month. Well we have a lot going on! We're putting up a donated swing set! Our Vacation

Bible School goes to Mars! A dozen or so of us are traveling back to Orland, Maine on our Mission Trip to H.O.M.E Inc. And more!

There really is no such thing as a slow and easy month. Our culture and our people are busy working, and playing, and vacationing. I hope they're also connecting with the God who made these wonderful warm days possible.

Found an interesting article that gives some perspective. Here is a portion of it:

Jesus Christ is refreshing. Flight from him into Christless leisure makes the soul parched. At first it may feel like freedom and fun to skimp on prayer and neglect the Word. But then we pay: shallowness, powerlessness, vulnerability to sin, preoccupation with trifles, superficial relationships, and a frightening loss of interest in worship and the things of the Spirit.

Don't let summer make your soul shrivel. God made summer as a foretaste of heaven, not a substitute. If the mailman brings you a love letter from your fiancé, don't fall in love with the mailman. That's what summer is: God's messenger with a sun-soaked, tree-green, flower-blooming, lake-glistening letter of love to show us what he is planning for us in the age to come—"things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Don't fall in love with the video preview, and find yourself unable to love the coming reality.

Summer is a wonderful season. But all the more wonderful with the Lord!

Don't forget that Sunscreen!

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:

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About the cover... Confirmation Sunday was June 9
Congratulations to Erin Livinghouse, Nikailyn Madden and Mariusz Polak on their Confirmation.



Church Board Highlights

June 17, 2019

Pastor Dave requested two additional vacation days on July 9 and 10 which was approved. For his report this month, Pastor Dave reported a primer on what it means to be a Federated Congregation.

James reported that he has been working on the Endowment Committee bylaws and the changes suggested for that earlier this year. He is hoping to have those for Board approval in the near future for congregational approval later this year.

Final reports on the Oyster Supper (\$2,587.25 profit) and Memorial Day picnic (\$4,000.19 profit) were presented. Fundraising Treasurer Sindy Bachman also submitted a report of the balance of the Fundraising Account. That balance is \$15,391.40. It was also noted that the Fundraising Committee recently met and discussed the August picnic. There was discussion about what to do with it for this year after what was a down year last year. The Fundraising Committee is recommending to cancel the picnic for this year and look into revamping it for next year. They have made plans for an additional sandwich sale in early December to help make up some extra funds. This was approved.

The Property Committee reported that Mike Harle has completed the organization and cleanup of the barn, he hauled out some scrap metal which yielded about \$13. Mike has also met with a painter to get a quote for fixing up some windows at church. Larry has also met with Jeff Zimmerman to discuss getting some repointing completed on the church. It is estimated to be a week-long project including the rental of a lift, the cost should be around \$5,000. It was suggested to pay for this out of the Building Fund. In looking around the church it was also discovered that the chimney isn't in great shape and also not needed with the new heating system, so a quote will be received for the removal of that as well.

The Capital Campaign noted that the profit from the Chinese Auction at Memorial Day was \$915.

Larry Henne presented that after many years (since WW2) of collecting newspapers as a Boy Scout project, the scouts plan to shut down the program as of July 31 and the shed will be locked. The reason is that the return on the papers is getting to the point that it hardly covers the gas needed to deliver them.

James Fitterling suggested to the Board about using some Heffner Tithes monies to help subsidize VBS since Thrivent no longer does that program. After some discussion it was decided to start with a Jingle offering and then see if more funds are needed.

With the busy month of July coming up it was suggested to adjust the next Board meeting. James suggested having a meeting August 12 at 7 p.m. to cover July and August. It was agreed to go with this time.

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#### Belleman's Joint Board

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 12,305.13 |
| Income            | \$ 13,846.00 |
| Expenses          | \$ 16,340.58 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 9,810.55  |

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Attendance/Offering

	7:45AM	10:15AM	Offering
June 2	18	78	\$2,239.00
June 9	28	98	\$4,423.00
June 16	19	80	\$2,756.00
June 23	20	64	\$2,101.00
June 23	22	63	\$2,374.00

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#### Jingle Offerings

|             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| July 7, 14  | Belleman's VBS "To Mars and Beyond" |
| July 21, 28 | Food for the Poor                   |

#### Holy Communion will be celebrated August 11th

7:45 a.m. Altar Assistants: John Lewis, Melissa Lewis,  
Linda Henne

Cup Stations/Ushers: Larry Henne, Diane Driesbach

10:15 a.m. Altar Assistants: Nikole Botscheller, Dawne Clay  
James Fitterling

Ushers: Bernice Hartman, Sam Stump

Cup Stations: Frank Kornfeind, Jackie Lynn

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Summer Book Club!



The Chosen book is "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning! July is the reading period, and in August we will schedule some times for discussion. If you're interested, pick up the book yourself, or contact the office and we'll order you a copy.

Discussion dates will be posted at church, in the bulletin, and in the August Newsletter.

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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!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND**  
**AS OF 6/14/19**

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

**Monthly Contributions 2019** \$3,074.65  
(June Collection = \$707.00)

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       | \$915.00   |
| Mum Sale           | September |            |
| Poinsettia Sale    | December  |            |

**Grocery Gift Cards**

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Sold   | \$ 181,505.00      |
| Profit | <u>\$ 9,237.90</u> |

Cash Total \$326,437.65

**Interest Paid**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid | \$10,775.00 |
| Total VIST Interest Paid     | \$19,637.54 |

**Loan Balances**

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

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

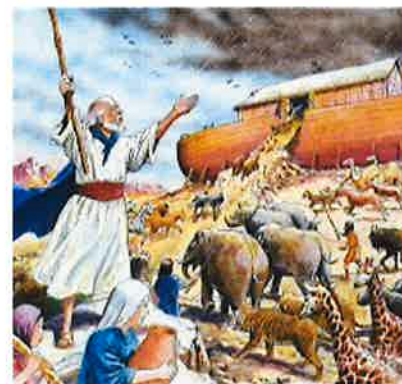
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Donations for the Capital Campaign are always accepted through the mail. Please send your donation to:

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!

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



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

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!



Calendar of Events

- Wed. 9:30-10:30 AM VBS Singing Kids
7/10
- Sat. 9:00AM Swing set setup at church
7/13 11:00AM VBS setup/decorating
- 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 7)
10:15AM Worship Service
Christian Ed meeting after 10:15 service
- 7/15 - 7/19 5:45-8:00 PM VBS "To Mars and Beyond"
(info page 10)
- Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
7/20 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
- 7/20-7/27 Mission Trip #2 to Maine
- 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
- Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**
7/28 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
- Sun. Rev. Jim Bauer - Supply Pastor**
8/4 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

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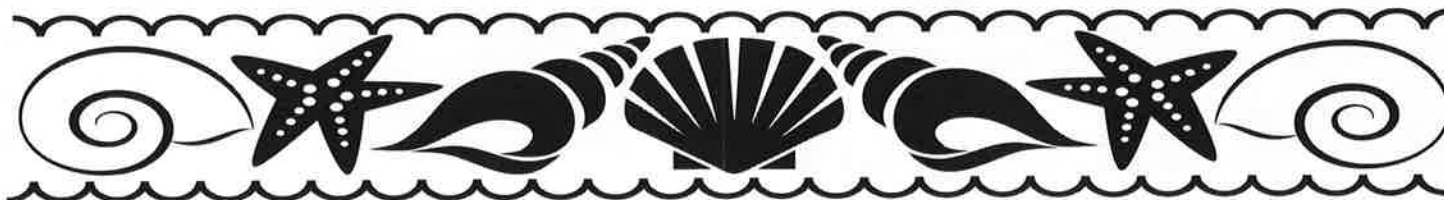
- Sun. Holy Communion**
8/11 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
9:00AM Youth Sunday School at the
Fellowship Hall (info page 7)
10:15AM Worship Service
- Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
8/12
- Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship
8/14 Committee meeting
- Sat. 9:00AM - 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
8/17 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
4:30PM Vesper Service in the "New" Church
- Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**
8/18 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
- Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**
8/25 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

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### Vesper Services are Back!

On **August 17** ("New" Church) and **October 5** (Old Church) each day at 4:30PM we will be having Vesper services. These Saturday evening services will center around prayer and scripture.

Please consider attending these worship services!



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



Come join us at  
**Leesport Diner**



**& Help Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry earn 15%.  
Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6am to 10pm**

**\*Must bring along attached coupon**

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# The Bulletin Board

## Notice:

The **Country Festival Picnic** is cancelled for 2019. Look for a revamped Country Festival to return in 2020. There will be an extra Sandwich Sale scheduled to replace the fundraising income for this year. Please keep on the lookout for more information on this in future newsletters. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Belleman's Fundraising.

## Paper Recycling to End

On July 31, 2019 Troop 154 will cease all paper collections. With the market being down for a long time we can no longer continue with this condition. Starting sometime during World War Two we have collected scrap steel, newspapers, glass, rugs, cardboard and other forms of scrap papers. Records show we have collected over 3,000 tons of recyclables. Please do not put papers outside the shed after July 31 for they will no longer be recycled. We thank all of our patrons over the years for their support.

**Troop 154**

## Just a reminder: Counseling available at Belleman's!!

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers individuals, families, couples and groups to accomplish wellness, mental health, education, and personal goals. Counselors work with clients on strategies to overcome obstacles and personal challenges they are facing. Jess Cammauf is a master's level, certified counselor. She has been a school counselor for the past 12 years in the Fleetwood Area School District and the Wilson School District. For the past 6 years, she has also been working towards her LPC, which is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Please contact Jess directly to receive more information or if you have any questions at 610-406-7270 or [jcammauf@gmail.com](mailto:jcammauf@gmail.com).



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## 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

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*Thank You Notes*

**Dear Salem Belleman's Church,**  
**Thank you** for your gift of \$181.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. (Jingle Offering) With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. **Thank you** for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

**In Christ, The Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director**

## 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> 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  
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> 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> 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  
15<sup>th</sup> William & Janet Greusel

# Summer Music Program Continues



Our Summer Music Program got off to a beautiful start on June 16th with **Brenda Yoder's** very meaningful Father's Day Prayer Tribute. On June 23rd, **Megan Snyder** shared her amazing talents through her clarinet solo of "You Raise Me Up." On June 30th, **Gayle Diehl** and **Stephani Mohn** sang a beautiful duet dedicated to the memory of Ferne Rubright, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." On July 7th, we look forward to **Belleman's Orchestra** leading us in worship...it will be a wonderful celebration filled with patriotic music! On July 14th our service is in the grove and we will have the pleasure of enjoying our **Belleman's Orchestra** again along with the **VBS Singing Kids** who will give us a "taste of VBS" as we prepare to go to **MARS AND BEYOND!** Our closing VBS program will be on July 21st and we look forward to sharing our week of VBS with all of you. July 28th is still available for **YOU** to share your amazing God-given talents! What do you think? Give me a call...610-562-0238!!!

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



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

*Linda*