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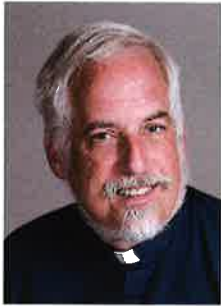
Bell Notes

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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.



Rev. David W. 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



Pastor's Ponderings:

We live in a world of winners and losers. Phillies . Eagles -. Flyers- Sixers. Elections have winners and losers as does American Idol, Dancing with the Stars, NASCAR, War, Miss Universe, Homecoming King and Queen and so on.

Of course this is the way it goes: winners are happy, losers are sad. Winners are really talented, and losers are deficient in talent. Winners are remembered, and losers are forgotten. Winners are better, and losers are worse. We want to be a winner and be with winners. It's much more fun.

But this competition can be tiring, drag us down and cause hard feelings. And there are places where we don't want winners and losers; like in our family - 'and the winner of the best child is, Billy! Sorry Cindy, better luck next year.' Nope, we don't want that (at least I hope).

Luckily for us one place where there are no winners and losers is in the Kingdom of God. We could say that we all start out as losers, because we all sin and fall short and wind up winners when by grace and faith in the Lord we are saved. But really, it's not about us in the kingdom of God. It's not about what we do. It is about what Jesus did on the cross, to take our sins upon himself, die with them and then rise up to new life. That's the reality of grace, that has no place for winners and losers; just redeemed children of God - no one better or worse, remembered or forgotten...

There is no such thing as a loser child of God. There is no way that someone who serves the Lord can be a loser. And therefore there are no winners either. That's the way it is. We are all Saints by the grace of God!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:

Phone: 484-663-4911

Email: revblitch@msn.com

Church Board Highlights - October 21, 2019

There was not a quorum for this meeting. No votes were taken and all items were discussion items with no action taken:

- Pastor Dave highlighted the items listed on his report. He is still looking for a delegate to attend the PSEC Fall meeting and also the Association meeting. He also has 3 prospects for the new member class.
- A proposal was received by Schatz Electric for upgrading the fuse panel for the sanctuary and converting the cove lights to LEDs after the incident with the cove lights smoldering last month. The proposed cost is \$5,250. Unfortunately, a big part of the cost involves getting scaffolding setup and moved around in order to access the cove areas.
- The Capital Campaign noted that the VIST loan is finally under \$40,000!
- The Lift youth group is working on two current projects. They are organizing a coat and winter garment drive and a fun event for November 3 going to an Escape room and Ice Cream.
- Our turn for the Community Meal is coming up on November 19. There was some discussion about the menu. Frank Kornfeind agreed to work on this again. Frank suggested a meatloaf meal with chicken, potato and corn. It was also noted to bump up the expected attendance to 75.
- It was noted that the benevolence giving through offering envelopes has been higher the last two years and it was suggested to up the commitments to the Conference and Synod. It was suggested to raise the budgeted amount up to \$7,000 from \$6,000 evenly split to the Synod and Conference. As always, only donations received through the envelopes designated for benevolence will be sent in.
- Steve Clark from the Salvation Army recently talked with Pastor Dave about recruiting volunteers from Belleman's to help as red kettle ringers. It was suggested to have a signup sheet to do this.
- It was noted that the Sextons were not paid for cleanup from the Wedding on October 20. James noticed that it looks like the family paid it to the church on one check with the fee for the use of the church. Larry will add the \$45 sexton fee to their next payroll check.

Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance \$7,483.38
 Income \$18,141.00
 Expenses \$17,290.58
 Ending Balance \$8,333.80

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**Attendance/Offering**

|         | <b>7:45AM</b> | <b>10:15AM</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 6  | 22            | 85             | \$3,096.00      |
| Oct. 13 | 16            | 78             | \$2,373.00      |
| Oct. 20 | 30            | 95             | \$2,814.00      |
| Oct. 27 | 26            | 75             | \$3,041.00      |

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Jingle Offerings

November 3 and 10 Salvation Army
 November 17 and 24 Reading Children's Home

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***Holy Communion will be celebrated December 8th***

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis  
 Gloria Gambler  
*Cup Stations:* Larry Henne, Lester Gambler  
 10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Maura Wesner, James Fitterling,  
 Dawne Clay  
*Ushers:* Frank Kornfeind, Jim Blatt  
*Cup Stations:* Carlene Kissinger, Phil Kistler

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Be on the lookout!!

2020 Offering Envelopes are being mailed directly to all member households from the manufacturer this year.

If you do not receive your envelopes, please let the office know.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND
AS OF 10/20/19

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

Monthly Contributions 2019 \$6,053.65
 (October Collection = \$866.00)

Donations in memory of Alma Klinger \$760.00
 Donations in memory of Melrose Kunkle \$50.00
 Donations in memory of James Weber \$110.00
 Donations in memory of Catherine Holcombe \$1,205.00

Fundraising Projects (2019)

Organ Restoration January \$9,156.00
 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 \$ 190,475.00
 Profit \$ 9,686.40

Cash Total \$339,367.15

Interest Paid

Total Fairview Interest Paid \$10,775.00
 Total VIST Interest Paid \$20,391.65

Loan Balances

Fairview Cemetery Company \$85,500.00
 VIST Bank Loan \$39,723.65

Total Principal Balance Owed \$125,223.65

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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!

## Belleman's Family Christmas Dinner!

There will be a Christmas dinner for Belleman's Church following the 10:15 a.m. service on **December 15, 2019 at the Fellowship Hall.**



This dinner is for Belleman's Family and you must sign up in order to attend. **Sign up sheet will be in the narthex** or you can **call Stephani Mohn directly at 610-750-1982**, leave a detailed message with your name and how many will be attending. There is no cost to you, but we ask if you would bring a donation for whichever cause or both if you'd like.

Donations are for **Foster Cats and Kitten Rescue** (a list of donations accepted will be posted in the narthex) and the **Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry** (small unwrapped gift for a boy or girl).

You must have your reservation in by December 8th in order to attend. Hope you will be there! Santa's Elves will have a few surprises for you too!

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FREE Community Meal



Tuesday, November 19
5:30 p.m.
At the Fellowship Hall

(Helpers are needed to serve this meal, please arrive by 5 p.m. to help serve)

The Angel Tree is Here!!!

Please take an Angel, purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag and bring it back to church by December 8. As always, the gifts will go to the Children's Home in Reading. Thank You.

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## Belleman's Lift Youth Group...

...is collecting hats, gloves and scarves during the month of November. The items collected will go to the Bethany Children's Home for distribution to kids needing these items to keep warm this winter.



Please place your donations in the container in the narthex.

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On Thanksgiving Eve – Wed. Nov. 27, 7:00 p.m., we gather at Belleman's, joining with Bern UCC to give thanks for all the Lord's blessings. Take this special time to worship and give thanks!



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**In the case of inclement weather**, Announcement of the cancellation of Sunday activities at the church will be recorded on the church answering service. **Call the church number 610-926-0461** for this information, listen to WEEU or check the WFMZ website. The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.

**Family Fun Night was  
October 4!**



Next Family Fun Night is ...  
**December 6, 2019- "Celebrate the Season!"**  
 After we eat, we will split into groups and travel to sing  
 Christmas Carols to the shut ins.

**Endowment Fund**

Belleman's Church Endowment Fund was established for the preservation of our church. **Tax-deductible** gifts are available by completing the following information:

*IN HONOR or IN MEMORY OF:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name (Donor): \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Belleman's Church—Endowment Fund  
 3540 Belleman's Church Road,  
 Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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**PENNDOT OFFERS A
 RETIRED STATUS
 REGISTRATION**

- ✓ COSTS ONLY \$10 A YEAR
- ✓ AGE DOESN'T MATTER
- ✓ MUST BE RETIRED
- ✓ MUST BE RECEIVING ANY OF THESE:

SOCIAL SECURITY SSI PAYMENTS RETIREMENT BENEFITS
 OTHER PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

↖ THE TOTAL OF THESE
 MUST NOT EXCEED \$19,200!

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Upcoming Concerts...

**FREE Christmas Concert presented by
Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus**

Sunday, November 24, 2019

St. Mary Catholic Church
94 Walnut Road, Hamburg

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
Concert starts at 2:00 p.m.

Light refreshments after concert!

Director: Catherine S. Zimmerman
Accompanist: Barry Driesbach

For additional information contact:
Carol Kissinger 484-671-2567



**READING CHORAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Under the direction of Dr. Graham Bier

December 1, 2019, 4pm

Muhlenberg High School Auditorium

**RCS will be joined by soloists, Muhlenberg Camerata Choir
& Orchestra**

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, \$10 Students



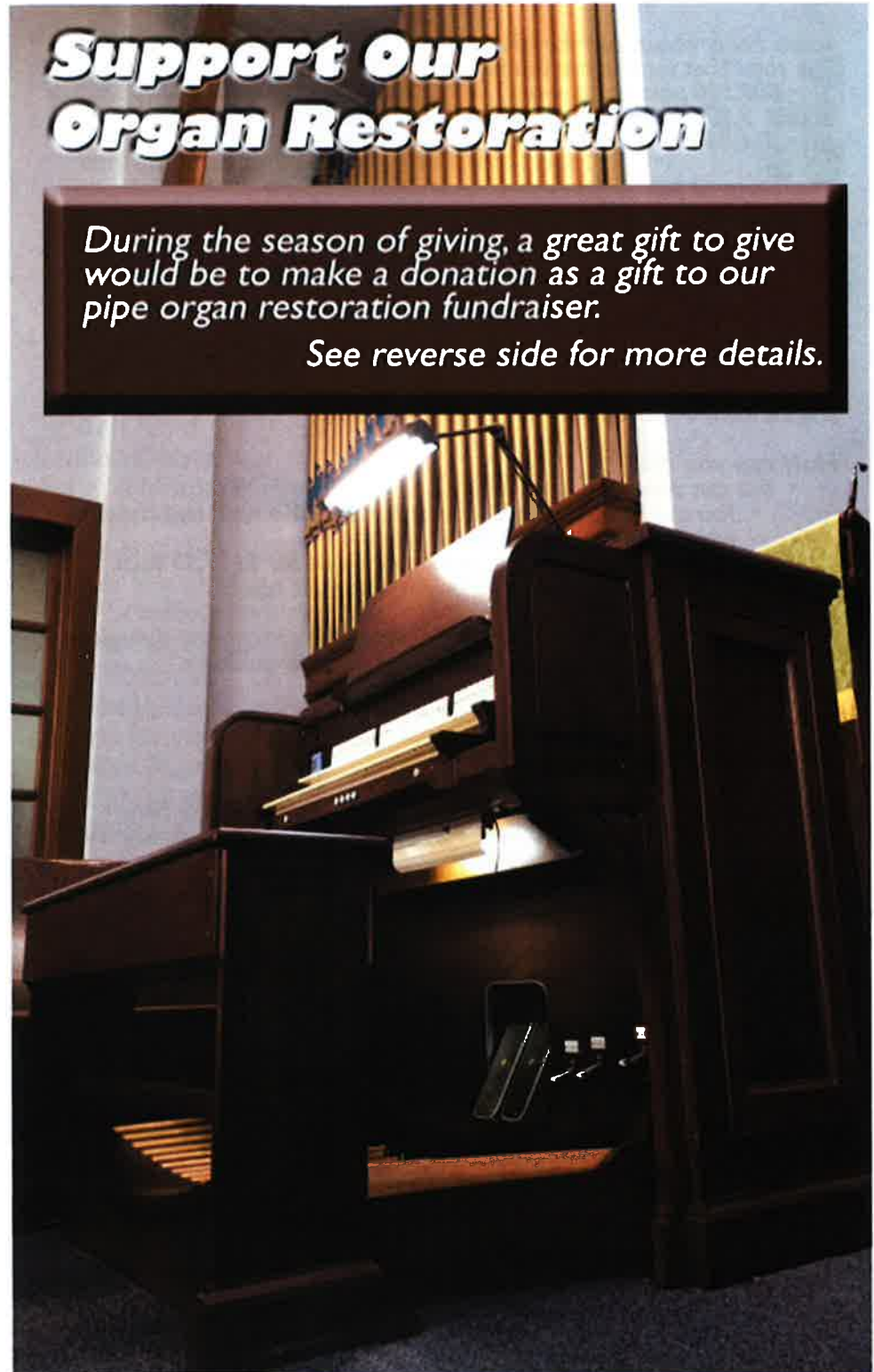
Reading Choral Society
*Enriching the Community
through Music since 1875*

To purchase tickets contact:
RCS Phone: 610.898.1939
www.readingchoral.org

Support Our Organ Restoration

*During the season of giving, a great gift to give
would be to make a donation as a gift to our
pipe organ restoration fundraiser.*

See reverse side for more details.



Some Facts about our fundraiser:

The total cost for the restoration is: \$94,100

- \$89,500 pipe organ work
- \$ 2,800 for refinishing of the console exterior
- \$ 1,800 for incorporation of the carillon

The parts of the organ which need your support:

- We have 11 ranks which include the following sounds: Violin Diapason; Clarabella; Dulciana; Salicional; Vox Celeste; Twelfth; Oboe; Principal; Rohrflute; Trumpet; and Pedal Bourdon.
- The ranks are comprised of anywhere from 61 to 85 pipes.
- In addition to the ranks we have 21 tubular chimes.

If you have been doing the math to figure out how many pipes which are part of our organ you will come up with approximately 700. You are close. There are 762 pipes. Each of these pipes were cleaned, rebuilt, and carefully restored to their prideful position.

How can you help:

- You can donate in many ways:
 - You can become a rank donor for \$8,137 a rank and choose which one you would like to donate.
 - You can donate a note, or two or three for \$117.50 each. Sorry, we are unable to designate specific pipes.

Your name or the name of those you will be dedicating your donation to will be placed in an "Organ Restoration Dedication Book."

It's easy....

To support the Organ Restoration Fundraiser, fill out the form below along with your check made payable to Belleman's Capital Campaign Fund and give to Linda Henne or James Fitterling.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes, I would like to support the Organ Restoration Project with the following donation:

___ Rank Sponsor *Name of Rank _____

___ Pipe Sponsor Number of Pipes _____

How would you like to see your donation recognized in our Dedication Book?

*We cannot guarantee your rank will be available. First-come, first served.

On Sunday, November 3, Belleman's observed All Saints' Sunday with the traditional lighting of candles. In addition, the following names were included for remembrance by those in attendance:



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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Catherine Holcombe | Fred Jackson |
| Paul Phillips | Carol Jackson Fair |
| Dolores and Ed Jennings | Art Springman |
| Betty Knutson | Robin Freeman |
| Ethel Loeb | Rodney Frederick |
| Elmer Bausher | Elmer Veres |
| Mike Wolf | Ed and Bernice Wayne |
| Robert Kline | Nancy Pyle |
| Marian Didyoung | Steve Domagalski |
| Ed and Margaret Hartman | Thomas Redd |
| Richard Hix | Evelyn Kirk |
| Marie Bausher | Walter Wesner |
| Walter Bausher | Robert and Pearl Fitzsimmons |
| Rick Schollenberger | Cameron and Jennifer Melling |
| Mabel Strausser | Rodger Melling |
| Curt Strausser | Bill Kreitz |
| James Weber | Paul Kring |
| Laurie Zimmerman | Shirley Kring |
| Melissa Ruth Kennedy | Shirley Grube |
| Goldie Didyoung | Linda Barnett |
| Richard Didyoung | Mary and Philip Kistler |
| Betty Stoudt | Rudy Dirks |
| Jon (Shirley Felix's brother) | Gerri Dirks |
| Diane (Ruth Van Pelt's Sister) | Mary and Harold Clay |
| Rose and Gerry Waldbiesser | Doris and Wayne Miller |
| Shirley Walls | Herman Graeff |
| Evelyn and Joe Henne | Eva Kunkel |
| Darlene Weist | Janet Kuczawa |
| Jen Ceresini | Herbert Blicht |
| Doris Imhof | Mildred Blicht |
| Alice and Herman Hunsicker | Ellen Starbranch |
| Karen Saadi | Richard Hix |
| Leroy and Elda Gambler | Karen Lenosky |
| Greg Gambler | Marvin, Harry and Ada
Zimmerman |
| Raymond and Pearl Styer | Lee Staab |
| Mildred and Eddie Unterkofler | Eugene and Alma Klinger |
| Mary and Marty Harle | Marian Kaley |

Coffee Hour Fellowship

This is the beginning of a new ministry at Belleman's, a chance for fellowship over coffee and goodies. The first date for this is November 24 after the 10:15 a.m. service.

This first gathering is dedicated in honor of Jean Smith for her many years of dedication to organizing blood drives here at Belleman's.

The church will provide the beverages, and we are asking the congregation to please sign up to bring some goodies. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Thank you and see you there!

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### Poinsettias

Rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by placing poinsettias in church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin for your use, or you can see Linda Henne at Church or call her at 610-926-4506. Plants are available this year @ \$8.00 each and are available in various colors. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.

**Orders should be placed by December 15. Thank you.**

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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

Thank you for your service!



The family of Jim Holcombe would like to thank the Belleman's Church family and friends for all of the prayers, cards, well-wishes and support over these past several months. We really appreciated every thing. Receiving the news of "bland spindle cells" was an answered prayer. Even though we don't know what the future holds, we know we are in the Good Lord's Hands. **God Bless You All.**

Love and Prayers, The Jim Holcombe Family

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**Thank you** for the beautiful plant. After losing a loved one, it is good to see all the love and support from the Belleman's people.

**Janet Greusel**

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Dear Folks, Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the plant and rose in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary. It definitely brought a couple of smiles. We appreciate the effort and the kindness of your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Therman and Bonnie Madeira

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Sometimes we forget how nice you are. We both thank you! The plant is beautiful.

**Richard and June Dautrich**

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Thank you. Your generosity makes possible the breakthroughs, big and small, that take place every day at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. (Jingle Offering: \$248)

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Your congregation's gift to Phoebe is greatly appreciated! **(\$234 Jingle Offering)** Donors like you are vital to Phoebe's mission to enrich the lives of our seniors, their families and the communities we serve. On behalf of the residents and staff at Phoebe, thank you for your generous support!

**Sincerely, Stacey L. Prohaska,  
Executive Director of Philanthropy**

## Birthdays

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Kevin Labe, Jr.  
 17<sup>th</sup> Ryan Potts, Kylie Gregor  
 18<sup>th</sup> Faye Noecker, Lukas Smyre,  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dante Phillipini, Philip Kistler  
 Linda Conrad, Abigail Mitten  
 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Hook, Cory Eisenhofer  
 Emmalynn Kauffman  
 21<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne Strunk  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Noah Oswald  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Charles Miller, Nancy Zipp  
 25<sup>th</sup> Alice Dennis, Cole Savage,  
 Samuel Schreffler  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jackie Mitten  
 27<sup>th</sup> Todd Gregor, Doug Eisenhofer  
 28<sup>th</sup> Robin Phillips, Bill Fisher  
 29<sup>th</sup> Donald Dautrich  
 Kyle Kunkle  
 Linda Schlottman  
 30<sup>th</sup> Ann Stump  
 Joshua Linderman

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Dautrich,  
 George Kunkle, Paul Leshner,  
 Sandra Burkhart, Lacey Baxter,  
 Greg Machmer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald Kintzer, Kristie Hilbert  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ellen Barto, Oscar Miller  
 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Dougherty,  
 Dennis Gehman  
 5<sup>th</sup> Juliet Hoffman, Jeremy Kriner,  
 Kenneth Weist  
 8<sup>th</sup> Alice Beissel, Troy Weber,  
 Ethan Mitten  
 9<sup>th</sup> Duane Cowan, Joseph Perzel  
 10<sup>th</sup> Mae Weber,  
 11<sup>th</sup> David Billitz, Donald Hoffa,  
 Cory Ulrich  
 12<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Imbesi,  
 Madison Wesner  
 13<sup>th</sup> Nik Botscheller, John Schlotter  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Sandridge,  
 Elizabeth Dalton, Meaghan Bausher  
 15<sup>th</sup> Donna Weber,  
 Maura Wesner, Natalee Svenson

## AN INVITATION TO...



# Sing with Us on Christmas Eve

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE  
**YOU JOIN US**

FOR THE 4:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR  
AND/OR THE 7:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

And we are giving you two rehearsal opportunities to selection from:

**Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** beginning Sunday, Nov. 17th

**Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** beginning Wednesday, Nov. 20th

Share the message of God's most precious gift to us...

His Son, Emmanuel,  
Our Redeemer and Lord!!!

## Hey Kids, Mark Your Calendars...

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 11:15 A.M.**

**REHEARSAL FOR "THE PROMISE"**

(for 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service)

**We want YOU...thanks!!!**

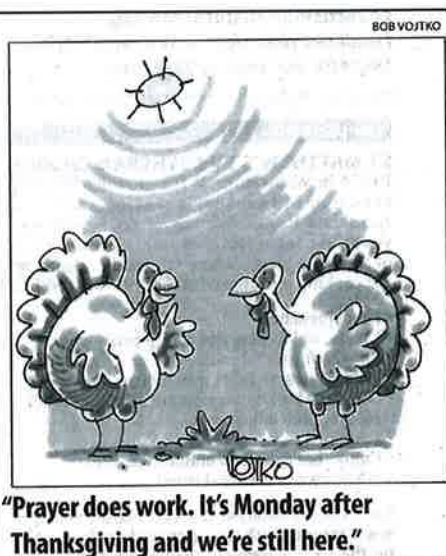
## Anniversaries

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Garry & Nancy Wesner  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Susan Dougherty  
 19<sup>th</sup> Terry & Dawne Clay  
 21<sup>st</sup> Harold & Stephani Mohn  
 26<sup>th</sup> Lloyd & Ruth Barnett  
 28<sup>th</sup> Richard & Rita Bausher

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Guy & Carolyn Gresh  
 9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Nancy Schreffler  
 12<sup>th</sup> Robert and Sheila Reppert



"Prayer does work. It's Monday after  
Thanksgiving and we're still here."