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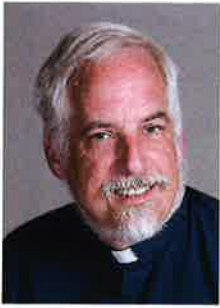
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



Blessing of the Hunters 2019

December 2019

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

Christmas carols are all around us, bringing us joy and hope as we await the birth of our Savior! There are so many beautiful traditional hymns like "Silent Night," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." And there are enough goofy songs as well, including my favorite, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas."

We wonder is there room for more? One Christmas Song is not even 30 years old and has been recorded by dozens of artists. The lyrics of "Mary Did You Know?" have moved me since I first heard them. And I'd like to share them with you now.

"Mary, Did You Know?"

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb!*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?*

*Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.*

Mary, did you know?

Merry Christmas!
All God's blessings to you!
Pastor Dave and Karen

Pastor Dave's contact info:

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Church Board Highlights November 18, 2019

Items approved from last meeting when we didn't have a quorum:

- James' vacation from November 22- December 2
- The cost of \$5,250 for Schatz Electric to upgrade the cove lighting in church and address some other lighting issues.
- Approve the committee reports.
- To raise the Benevolence pledge to \$7,000 divided evenly among the UCC and Lutheran wider churches

It was noted that the Bazaar deposit so far is \$10,164.

Pastor Dave presented some Sundays that he would like vacation. The week of February 16 will be the mission trip including Sunday, February 23 when his grandson will be baptized. Also, he is requesting the week following Easter to include Sunday, April 19. These dates were approved.

James noted that the Church Insurance was here to complete their regular walkthrough of the property. The inspector was very happy with the projects and upgrades to the church electric and HVAC that have occurred since he was last here. The main suggestion he made for the church to consider is to have an emergency preparedness plan to address security measures in the event of an active shooter situation.

The Personnel Committee reported that they completed their annual reviews of the employees in advance of the preparation of the 2020 Budget. A 2 percent raise was approved for the Pastor, Director of Music Ministry and the Administrator positions. The Board continued by reviewing the budget line-by-line and approved the Budget for 2020 after the meeting via email vote.

The Sunday School Classes have begun their preparations for the Sunday School Christmas Program.

The Lift Youth Group's next event will be the bowling overnight between Christmas and New Years.

Plans were made for Board President Diane Driesbach to speak about federation during the congregational meeting on December 8.

The Board approved the 2020 Belleman's calendar.

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**Notice:** Please remember that during the cold/flu season that shaking hands/hugs are optional for the Sharing the Peace. Also, please kindly properly discard of used tissues.

**Thank you!**

**In the case of inclement weather**, information regarding any possible church service cancellations will be on the church (610-926-0461) answering machine, the 69 News website and WEEU. Thanks!

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,333.80
Income	\$ 12,930.60
Expenses	\$ 16,782.72
Ending Balance	\$ 4,481.68

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**Attendance/Offering**

|                            | 7:45AM | 10:15AM | Offering   |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| November 3                 | 34     | 104     | \$4,243.10 |
| November 10                | 20     | 94      | \$3,431.00 |
| November 17                | 18     | 105     | \$3,212.00 |
| November 24                | 30     | 92      | \$2,704.00 |
| Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 27) |        | 48      |            |

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Jingle Offerings

December 1, 8	UCC Christmas Fund Appeal
December 15, 22, 29	Food For the Poor - House Project

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**Two Worship Services on Christmas Eve**

We will celebrate Christ's birth at two worship services on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th. Holy Communion will be offered at both services. Please plan to join us at 4:30 p.m. and/or 7:30 p.m. on that special night.



**Holy Communion will be celebrated**  
December 24th (Christmas Eve) and January 12

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:30 p.m. **Altar Assistant:** James Fitterling  
**Head Usher:** Maura Wesner  
**Ushers:** Jim Blatt, Bernice Hartman, Dennis Felix, Phil Kistler, Sam Stump, Eric Weyandt, Diane Driesbach, Frank Kornfeind, Jackie Lynn, Jim Holcombe, Stephani Mohn, Sandy Gring

7:30 p.m. **Altar Assistants:** Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler, Carla Rozsitch  
**Ushers:** Michael Holcombe, Sam Stump  
**Cup Stations:** Carlene Kissinger, Louise Elliott

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Holy Communion will be on Sunday, January 12th

7:45 a.m. **Altar Assistants:** Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler, Liz Veres
Ushers: Linda Henne, Larry Henne

10:15 a.m. **Altar Assistants:** Dawne Clay, James Fitterling, Sandy Gring
Ushers: Frank Kornfeind, Sam Stump
Cup Stations: Jim Holcombe, Eric Weyandt

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**Coffee Hour Fellowship**

The next Coffee Hour Sunday is December 22 after both services.

Once again the church will provide the beverages, and this time we are asking the congregation to bring your favorite cookies to share for a "Cookie Exchange." Thank you and see you there!



## Lift Youth Group

Lift has some upcoming dates to keep in mind and more information will follow:

- **Bowling/Overnight "The 12 Hours" Event-** an evening of bowling and games followed by a sleepover at church. 7:00PM, Friday, December 27 till 7:00AM, Saturday, December 28
- **Winter Jam Concert -** Thursday, January 16 at the Santander Arena in Reading.
- **Wildwood Retreat -** May 1, 2 and 3, 2020



### Cemetery Decorations Available

Troop 154 is offering logs and wreaths for cemetery decorations/ Logs are 6" by 10" and include live greens and a velvet bow for \$13.50. Wreaths are 18" and made with live greens pine cones, a velvet bow and include a stand for \$15.00. Larger logs and wreaths are available. Delivery will be within 5 days of order./ We can also place them on Belleman's Cemetery. **Call Larry Henne for info and to order. 610-926-4506**

### 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.**

## 2020 Proposed Budget

|                                | 2017 Proposed       | 2018 Proposed       | 2019 Proposed        | 2020 Proposed        |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Administration</b>          |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Pastor Salary                  | \$43,670.00         | \$44,712.00         | \$44,712.00          | \$45,600.00          |
| Pastor Housing                 | \$26,000.00         | \$18,000.00         | \$18,000.00          | \$18,000.00          |
| Pension / Health Insurance     | \$30,708.00         | \$33,888.00         | \$35,558.00          | \$36,637.00          |
| Social Security                | \$5,330.00          | \$4,800.00          | \$4,800.00           | \$4,872.00           |
| Mileage                        | \$4,000.00          | \$4,000.00          | \$3,500.00           | \$3,000.00           |
| Professional Reimbursement     | \$500.00            | \$500.00            | \$500.00             | \$500.00             |
| Administrator                  | \$23,772.00         | \$24,732.00         | \$24,732.00          | \$25,224.00          |
| Secretary -- Part Time         |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Sexton                         | \$7,572.00          | \$7,680.00          | \$7,680.00           | \$7,680.00           |
| Payroll Taxes (FICA)           | \$3,787.00          | \$3,902.00          | \$3,902.00           | \$3,992.00           |
| Salary Reduction Expenses      | \$1,996.00          |                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Benevolence</b>             |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Regular                        | \$6,000.00          | \$6,000.00          | \$6,000.00           | \$7,000.00           |
| Other                          | \$1,500.00          | \$1,500.00          | \$1,500.00           | \$1,400.00           |
| <b>Worship</b>                 |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Organist                       | \$18,156.00         | \$18,888.00         | \$18,888.00          | \$19,272.00          |
| Musicians                      | \$2,000.00          | \$2,000.00          | \$2,000.00           | \$2,000.00           |
| Supply Pastors                 | \$700.00            | \$400.00            | \$400.00             | \$400.00             |
| Worship Materials              | \$2,700.00          | \$2,700.00          | \$2,700.00           | \$2,700.00           |
| <b>Program</b>                 |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Committees & Departments       | \$1,000.00          | \$1,000.00          | \$1,000.00           | \$423.00             |
| Outreach                       | \$2,909.00          | \$3,000.00          | \$3,000.00           | \$2,000.00           |
| <b>Property</b>                |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Maintenance                    | \$11,000.00         | \$11,000.00         | \$11,000.00          | \$11,000.00          |
| Telephone                      | \$2,300.00          | \$2,000.00          | \$2,200.00           | \$2,200.00           |
| Electric                       | \$6,000.00          | \$6,000.00          | \$5,000.00           | \$5,000.00           |
| Insurance W/C                  | \$1,400.00          | \$1,400.00          | \$1,400.00           | \$1,400.00           |
| Insurance Fire/Boiler          | \$12,000.00         | \$12,000.00         | \$12,000.00          | \$12,000.00          |
| Church Propane                 | \$8,000.00          | \$7,000.00          | \$7,000.00           | \$6,000.00           |
| Property Taxes                 | \$4,500.00          | \$4,700.00          | \$4,700.00           | \$4,700.00           |
| Office Equipment & Maintenance | \$3,700.00          | \$3,700.00          | \$3,500.00           | \$3,400.00           |
| Office Supplies                | \$5,500.00          | \$5,500.00          | \$5,500.00           | \$5,500.00           |
| Postage                        | \$1,800.00          | \$2,000.00          | \$2,027.00           | \$2,100.00           |
| Miscellaneous/Unplanned Exp    |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Fellowship Hall</b>         |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Hall Electric                  | \$4,000.00          | \$3,500.00          | \$3,300.00           | \$3,000.00           |
| Hall Propane                   | \$2,000.00          | \$2,000.00          | \$2,000.00           | \$2,000.00           |
| Hall Maintenance               | \$4,000.00          | \$4,000.00          | \$4,000.00           | \$4,000.00           |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$248,500.00</b> | <b>\$242,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 242,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 243,000.00</b> |

## Calendar of Events

Thur. Sunday School Kid's Play  
12/12 Practice

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**12/15 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**Christmas Program**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Belleman's Christmas Dinner at the Fellowship Hall*

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
12/16 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
12/17

Wed. 5:45PM Harmony Singers  
12/18 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
12/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**12/22 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**  
*Coffee Hour after Both Services*  
*(Info page 6)*  
*11:15AM "The Promise" Rehearsal*  
*For all children participating in the*  
*4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service*

Mon. 5:45PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
12/23 6:00PM Belleman's Bells  
6:30PM Choir/Instrumentalists for  
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Tue. Christmas Eve**  
**12/24 4:15PM Special Handbell Music**  
**4:30PM Worship Service with**  
**Holy Communion**  
7:00PM Special Music  
**7:30PM Worship Service with**  
**Holy Communion**

**Wed. Christmas Day**  
**12/25 "Merry Christmas"**

Fri. 7:00PM Beginning of Lift Youth  
12/27 "The 12 hours" Event  
(See page 6)

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**12/29 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE  
12/30

Wed. *Happy New Year!*  
1/1 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sat. 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting  
1/4 in the chapel

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/5 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE  
1/6

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
1/7 6:30PM Mission Trip Meeting

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir  
1/8

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
**1/12 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
1/13 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
1/14

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir  
1/15

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
1/18 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
**1/19 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:15AM Worship Service**

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Mission Trips 2020

The **next meeting** for those signed up to go on a Mission Trip in 2020 will be on **Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30PM**. At the meeting on January 7, please be prepared to pay your \$60 deposit to assure yourself a spot on a trip. We will start preparing ourselves for the trips at this meeting.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND
AS OF 11/15/19

Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts	\$305,589.63
Monthly Contributions 2019	\$7,670.65
(November Collection = \$751.00)	
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	\$1,270.00

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	\$156.00
Poinsettia Sale	December	

Grocery Gift Cards

Sold	\$ 193,015.00
Profit	\$ <u>9,813.40</u>

Cash Total \$341,332.15

Interest Paid

Total Fairview Interest Paid	\$12,485.00
Total VIST Interest Paid	\$20,534.22

Loan Balances

Fairview Cemetery Company	\$85,500.00
VIST Bank Loan	\$39,000.22

Total Principal Balance Owed \$124,500.22

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

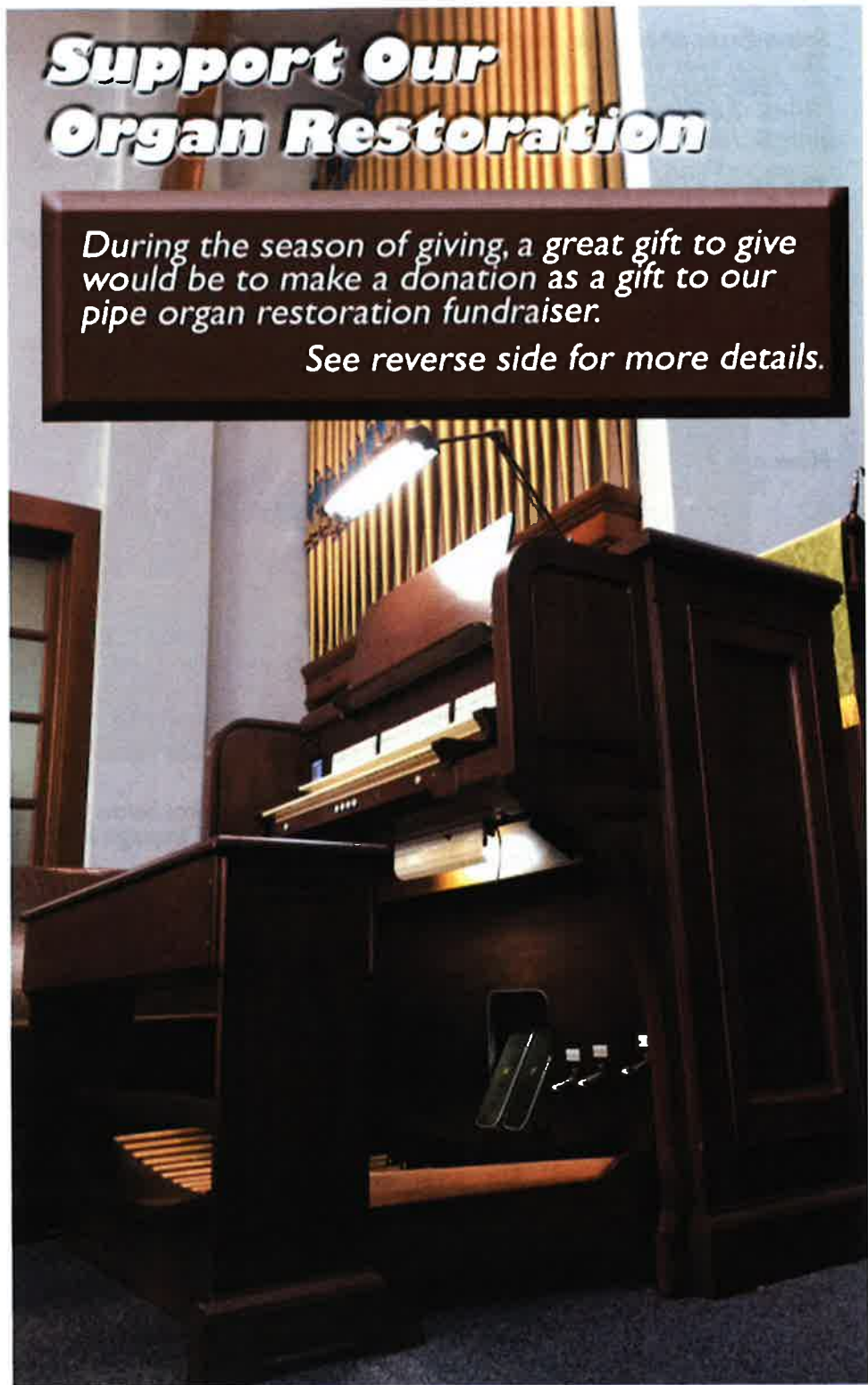
**Salem Belleman's Church - Capital Campaign Fund**  
**3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, Pa 19541**

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!

# 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.



I just received the giving report today. I am pleased to inform you that Salem Belleman's contributed \$10,162 thus far to the ministries of Food for the Poor this year!!!. That includes the 3 half houses that were given. Thank you for supporting us and I Pray your support will continue in the future.

**Together in Christ, Pastor Bruce Potteiger**

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Christmas
Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24
At 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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**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

## Birthdays

### December

- 16<sup>th</sup> Michele DeBoeser, Ryan Bausher  
 17<sup>th</sup> Linda Imbesi, Sharon Borkey,  
 Brenda Nelson  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mason Strohl, Richie Spatz,  
 Elizabeth Cichowicz,  
 Douglas Troutman  
 19<sup>th</sup> Joyce Strause, Elizabeth Veres,  
 Mae Huber, Bethany Werley  
 20<sup>th</sup> Brian Reynolds, Alex Paris  
 21<sup>st</sup> Carol Spatz  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Lynn, Nathan Hill,  
 Karla Lawrence  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Fern Fisher, Cydney Lawrence,  
 Kylee Cammauf  
 25<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Smyre, Mary Miller  
 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Fenstermacher,  
 Brianna Schoen  
 27<sup>th</sup> Harold Spatz, Carlene Kissinger,  
 Alyssa Kriner  
 29<sup>th</sup> Anthony McCloskey,  
 Ashlie Dreibelbis  
 30<sup>th</sup> Diane Klopp, Whitney Shurr,  
 Nicole Jacoby

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elisha Zimmerman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Gena Runge, Carl Hein  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dana Screffler  
 4<sup>th</sup> Alex Younker,  
 Weston Troutman  
 5<sup>th</sup> Robert Flay, Jr.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Linda Henne,  
 John Rausch  
 Gavin Haas, Angela Potts  
 Susann Cammauf  
 7<sup>th</sup> Carolina Blatt, James Blatt  
 8<sup>th</sup> Donald Miller,  
 Shelby Dougherty  
 9<sup>th</sup> Justin Cox, Larry Henne  
 10<sup>th</sup> Marian Gordon,  
 Pamela Haas,  
 Thomas Noecker,  
 Rex Kissinger  
 12<sup>th</sup> Mica Kornfeind,  
 Connor Kunkle  
 13<sup>th</sup> Archer Kauffman  
 14<sup>th</sup> Phillip Smith,  
 Nathaniel Shatto,  
 Raymond Shuman  
 15<sup>th</sup> Michael Dailey

## Anniversaries

### December

31<sup>st</sup> Lindel & Karen Hahn

### January

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul & Annabell Leshar  
 9<sup>th</sup> Randy & Cathleen Phillips

## 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  
 Cydney Lawrence

# Kids, this Invitation is for You

On Christmas Eve at the 4:30 p.m. Family Service,  
 we are going to be doing "The Promise."  
 "The Promise" is a Christmas pageant with Christmas carols.

**THERE WILL BE  
 ONE REHEARSAL  
 FOR "THE PROMISE"  
 WHICH WILL BE  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND  
 AT 11:15 A.M.**

Please be a part of this special night  
 as you help to make the Christmas story come alive!  
 (There are no lines to learn.)

Please call Linda Hartman at 610-562-0238 to volunteer or  
 simply join us on the 22nd at 11:15 a.m. ...thanks!

OUR  

**Christmas**

**WISH TO ALL OF YOU...**

The light of the Christmas star, the warmth of home,  
 the cheer of friends, the hope of heart, the joy of angels,  
 the love of The Son and the peace of God...  
 May the joy of Christmas bring peace and happiness to you and your  
 family and be with you throughout the New Year!

Love always,  
**BELLEMAN'S CHOIR FAMILY**