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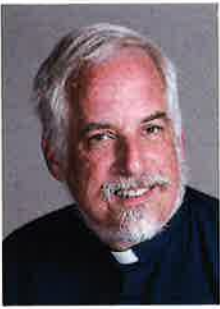
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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



January 2020

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:

You're blindfolded and on the edge of something. You can tell that there is nothing but air in front of you, nothing solid. The person who led you to this place speaks softly and firmly into your ear- Jump!

Yeah right!!!! That's your first reaction. Why? Is the unknown that scary?

It all comes down to trust. How much do you trust that the person speaking softly in your ear can be trusted with your safety, even your life? How much are you sure that if that voice tells you to jump, it's safe to jump? Or how much are you concerned that that voice might have led you to the edge of a cliff?

Trust. When we put our lives into the hands of someone else, when we cede control to another, we need to have an extraordinary level of trust. Because we want to be the boss, we want to determine for ourselves that it's safe. We want to decide. We trust our judgment; that in this situation is not necessarily any better or any worse than the person without the blindfold. But our judgment is useless without our sight. The only thing we can decide is whether to trust one who can see.

In life we are blind to the future. We can guess about it and be pretty confident to expect some things. But we don't know for certain anything. In a way we are constantly being asked to step forward without really knowing where we are going and at times to make that leap of faith and jump into something that really is a risk, or at least seems to be a risk.

As Christians and a congregation we do have someone speaking softly into our ears, the Holy Spirit. Do we trust God enough to follow what God says? Do we acknowledge that ultimately we know we are blind and it is God who has the sight? Do we believe God is trustworthy and we do not need to fear the leap?

A story

One day, while my son Zac and I were out in the country, climbing around in some cliffs, I heard a voice from above me yell, "Hey Dad! Catch me!" I turned around to see Zac joyfully jumping off a rock straight at me. He had jumped and then yelled "Hey Dad!" I became an instant circus act, catching him. We both fell to the ground. For a moment after I caught him I could hardly talk.

Pastor's Ponderings (continued)

When I found my voice again I gasped in exasperation: "Zac! Can you give me one good reason why you did that???"

He responded with remarkable calmness: "Sure...because you're my Dad." His whole assurance was based in the fact that his father was trustworthy. He could live life to the hilt because I could be trusted. Isn't this even more true for a Christian?

God Bless
Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's contact info:

Phone: 484-663-4911

Email: revblitch@msn.com

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### Church Board Highlights December 16, 2019

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

- Pastor Dave noted that the Schuylkill Valley Pastors are asking us to host Maundy Thursday this year since we have been participating with them for the last few years. Music and Worship committee will discuss this at their next meeting. Also, it was noted that we are signed up to host the Community meal on April 7, 2020.
- There was some discussion about having the furnace serviced at the Sexton House. It was suggested to schedule that for after new year's. Also, Michael Holcombe noted that the Sextons noticed another issue with the electric wire anchor at the house, Eric Weyandt will look into a repair for it. Lastly, it was suggested to drop the temperature for the church during the week a few degrees. James will drop it two degrees for the unoccupied church times.
- Previously, there has been discussion about having a meal as part of the year in review congregational meeting on January 26. It was suggested to have that as the coffee hour Sunday and have sandwiches and chips as part of it as well after 10:15 and the meeting.
- James had some discussion with Diane about nominations for next year. James will make contacts and have the nominations for next meeting.

**Church Board Highlights (continued)**

- The only other main thing for discussion was disbursements of remaining Heffner tithe money for 2019. Suggestions are \$100 to SV Food Pantry, \$300 Redner's Cards to Alex Resh (auto accident), \$300 Redner's cards to two member families in need and \$200 to Belleman's Lift Youth Group for upcoming activities. James will seek approvals through emails for this from members not present at this meeting so Larry can take care of this. There will be \$600 remaining to clean up at the January meeting.

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,481.68
Income	\$ 25,368.10
Expenses	\$ 16,850.80
Ending Balance	\$ 12,998.98

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

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Attendance

	<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 1	No Service		
December 8	32	119	\$5,462.00
December 15	34	147	\$4,564.00
December 22	25	117	\$5,535.00
Christmas Eve	(4:30 Service: 298) (7:30 service: 122)		
December 29	18	72	\$3,528.00

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Jingle Offerings for January

January 5, 12	Reading Berks Conference of Churches
January 19, 26	Lutheran Congregational Services

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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**Communion Assistants For February 9th**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* John Lewis, Melissa Lewis, Connie Mohn

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

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

*Head Usher:* Jim Holcombe

*Ushers:* Carla Rozsitch, Jim Blatt, Carlene Kissinger, Frank Kornfeind

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The **Social Ministry** Committee needs donations of cookies to fill Valentines baskets for shut-ins. Collections will be on Sunday, January 26th. If possible, please bring them in sandwich bags with 5 cookies per bag. Thank You!



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**Let's see if Belleman's can pick the Super Bowl winner!**

On Sunday, January 26 and February 2 (Super Bowl), bring a food item for the SV Food Pantry to support the team you think will win.

**Support your favorite team and the SV Food Pantry!**



*There is an ongoing need by the Pantry for canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal (generic is fine!)*

# 2020

TWENTYTWO



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2020  
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If you are interested in going to Winter Jam,  
please talk to Pastor Dave.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 12/15/19

|                                                                  |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts</b> | <b>\$305,589.63</b> |
| <b>Monthly Contributions 2019</b>                                | <b>\$7,670.65</b>   |
| (December Collection = \$1,220.00)                               |                     |
| 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                        | \$1,445.00          |

### 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 & Nov. | \$2,165.00 |
| Mum Sale           | September  | \$156.00   |
| Poinsettia Sale    | December   |            |

### Grocery Gift Cards

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Sold   | \$ 196,450.00      |
| Profit | <u>\$ 9,985.15</u> |

Cash Total **\$342,928.90**

### Interest Paid

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid | \$12,485.00 |
| Total VIST Interest Paid     | \$20,985.24 |

### Loan Balances

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Fairview Cemetery Company | \$85,500.00 |
| VIST Bank Loan            | \$37,548.70 |

**Total Principal Balance Owed \$123,048.70**

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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!

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

Thu. (1/16) Winter Jam (see page 6)

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

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
 1/20 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
 1/21

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
 1/22

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
1/26 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
 Congregation Meeting Review

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
 1/27 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
 1/28

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
 1/29

Sun 7:45AM Worship Service
2/2 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Calendar of Events

Mon. 11:30AM JOY Group at Perry
 2/3 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
 6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
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Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
 2/5

Thur. Please call your Sandwich orders to
 2/6 Karen Harle

Fri. 6:00PM Family Fun Night at the
 2/7 Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Boy Scout Sunday/
 2/9 Holy Communion**
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
 Endowment Committee Meeting
 Following the 10:15 service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
 2/10 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
 2/11

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship mtg
 2/12 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Thu. 4-6:00PM Mission Trip Sandwich
 2/13 Pick Up at the Fellowship Hall

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
 2/15 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

2/15-2/22 Mission Trip #1 to Florida

Sun Dawne Clay leading worship
2/16 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
 2/17 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
 2/18

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
 2/19

Sun Lester and Gloria Gambler
2/23 leading worship
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

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The First Family Fun Night of 2020 will be on **February 7 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Wear your pj's, bring your blankets and pillows and cozy up for our movie night. We'll also make Valentine's cards and crafts.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND NEWS

**Save the date...** A Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que is planned for the benefit of the Capital Campaign Fund on Sunday, March 15th @ the Fellowship Hall. Half a chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & beverage to eat at the Hall or take home, \$9.00. Homemade pepper cabbage, baked beans & dessert will be available for purchase.



Please consider helping to sell tickets or to buy dinners for **shut-ins** or **other neighbors**

Also, please remember our program to provide chicken dinners to needy Veteran's in the area. You are able to purchase a ticket or tickets for this program and the dinners will be distributed through Keystone Military Families. If you are interested in this program or to buy tickets for yourself, please see the Capital Campaign representative in the Chapel.

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Mark your calendars.....

for our popular **Sandwich Sale** which will be to benefit the **Mission Trip Teams**.



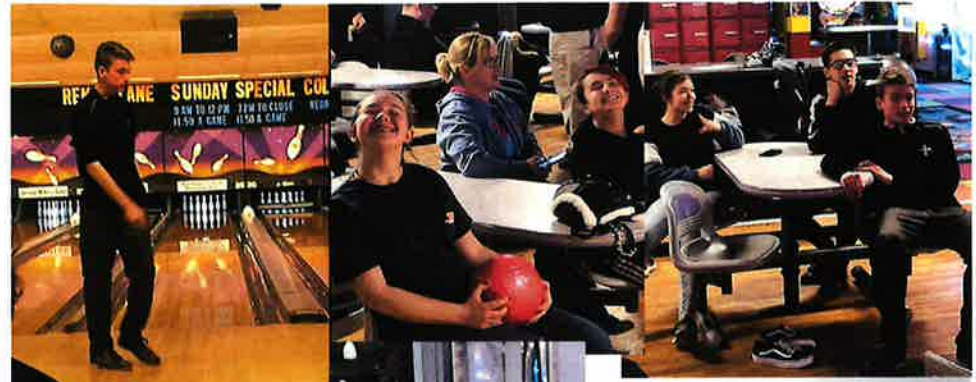
Orders are due NLT February 6 & can be picked up on Thursday, February 13th at the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00PM. The 10" (ham, Italian or turkey) sandwiches are \$6.00.

Give yourselves a break and don't cook.

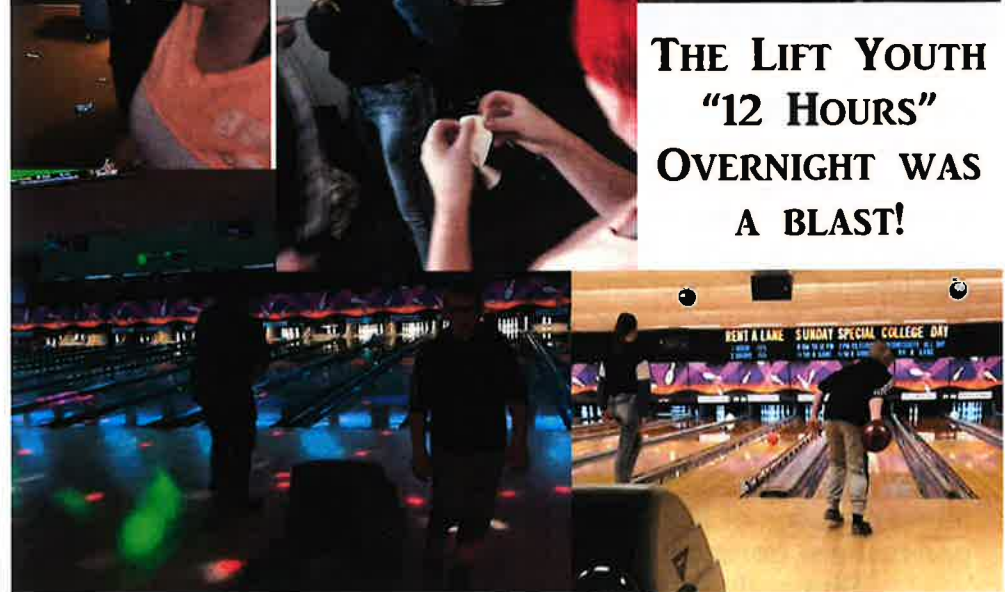
Make this your Thursday evening's meal or Friday's lunch.

Contact Karen Harle (926-4887) to place your orders.

There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.



**THE LIFT YOUTH
"12 HOURS"
OVERNIGHT WAS
A BLAST!**





Belleman's Church Family Christmas Dinner was a success!

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the SV Food Pantry and the Cat and Kitten Rescue! Also a huge thank you

Stephani Mohn for putting it all together!

What a great time of fellowship during the Christmas season!



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Dear Pastor Blich, During this holiday season, we thank you for your supporting our local youth through their process of healing. The gifts (hats, coats and scarves) you have donated will provide many smiling faces throughout the holiday season and beyond. Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Shultz Spano, Bethany Children's Home

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Belleman's Church, On behalf of the Children's Home, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Jingle Offering donation of \$269 and the donation of 75 gifts. Your parishoners' generosity will make a brighter holiday for our kids.

Sincerely, Vincent J. LaSorsa, Ph.D., President & CEO
The Children's Home of Reading



The Relay for Life of Kutztown benefitting Live Long & Prosper team is having a fundraiser with CJ Hummel's on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 11 am -8 pm. You can dine in or take out. Coupons are on the table in the narthex or you can get one from Ann Stump. Please present the coupon to

your server when you order for 10 percent of the total food amount (does not include alcohol) being donated. Thank you for your Support!

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### Annual Congregational Meeting January 26, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

#### Important Notes:

- Year End Ministry Report.
- 2019 Financial Report.
- Revision to Endowment Bylaws  
(Adding the phrase "be a member in good standing of Belleman's Union Church, however, need not be a Trustee of the Endowment Fund." to the Endowment Treasurer description.
- There will be a fellowship Lunch following the meeting in the chapel



### 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

## January Birthdays

- 16th Garry Wesner, Caleb Weist  
17th Sharon Dietrich,  
Bobbie Jo King,  
Andrew Kauffman  
18th Susan Schollenberger,  
Kerry Strunk, Kevin Noecker  
Erin Livinghouse,  
Cheyenne Potts  
19th Ben Mitten, Linda Wayne,  
Kevin Weyandt  
20th Thomas Lukawski  
21st Arlene Weaver,  
Robert Flay, III,  
Nathan Phillips  
22nd Royce Strohl,  
Renee Cross,  
Kristopher Beerman,  
23rd Mary Allen,  
Kenneth Borkey, Sr.,  
Roxanne Loeb,  
Kylee Cammauf  
24th Robert Eisenhower,  
Rachel Fair, Sharon Duvall,  
Brenda Hein, Jason Kiwak  
25th Eva Pauley  
27th Melissa Kopicz  
28th Chad Kemp, Julia Patrick,  
Sherwood Galen  
29th Beverly Blatt,  
Deanne Berger,  
Larry Hartranft, Lonnie Klinger  
30th Logan Cammauf,  
Melissa Schmauch  
31st Chelsea Geisinger

## January Anniversaries

- 24th Robert & Susan Heister  
25th John & Barbara Rausch  
26th Mark and Ashlie Dreibelbis  
29th Cate & Curtis Michaud

## February Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cory Kunkle, Melissa Lewis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Heller,  
Lindsay Zimmerman,  
Braden McCloskey,  
Isabella Hoffman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Borkey,  
Danielle Shatto  
Charles Zimmerman, Jr.  
4<sup>th</sup> Barbara Rausch,  
Jamie Heim,  
Samuel Stump,  
Matthew Yoder  
5<sup>th</sup> Kim Schlotter  
6<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Borkey, Jr.,  
Matthew Moll  
7<sup>th</sup> Holly Bradbury,  
Shaelyn Fluck,  
Tina Phillips, Galen Borkey  
9<sup>th</sup> John Loose, Anita Noecker  
10<sup>th</sup> Daniel Haas  
11<sup>th</sup> Marian Miller,  
Ronald Carlson  
Bonnie Madeira  
12<sup>th</sup> Mark Stump, Jessica Harle  
Samantha Gregor,  
Robert Reppert, Jr.  
13<sup>th</sup> Alexis Garber  
14<sup>th</sup> Jesse Gehris, Renee Delp  
David Garber  
15<sup>th</sup> Thomas Loose

## February Anniversaries

- 14th Charmaine & Alan Shatto

# Thank You!!!

To Our Incredible Choir Family for adding so much beauty to our worship experience throughout the year and especially for all you did to make the Advent/Christmas Season very meaningful!

**The Best Things In Life Are NOT Things...**

*It's a Smile...It's a Hug...It's Your Kindness...*

*It's Your Respect...It's Our Time Together...*

*It's Your Going the Extra Mile to Practice that Song  
ONE MORE TIME to Make Sure We Do Our Very Best...*

**It's Praising Our Lord, Together!!!**

I know how truly blessed I am to have each and everyone of you in my life...**THANK YOU, GOD!!!**

**Thank You, Everyone, for all your kindnesses and generosity this Christmas! I am grateful for everything but most of all...**

**I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOU!** *Linda*

~ **WHAT IF?** ~

First, allow me to share how I feel. Our Lord is a very special part of my life. I talk to Him all the time. And, I know He talks to me...we have some of our best conversations in the bathroom!!! I don't see myself as a religious fanatic but someone who needs and wants Christ by my side all the time! I really wouldn't want to go through life without Him!!!

So, what does this have to do with **WHAT IF?!!!**

Only a core of people knew that on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m., our magnificent pipe organ was **DEAD!!!** On any given Christmas Eve, I arrive at church somewhere between 12 and 12:30 p.m. to prepare for the 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. services.

Everything was in order...music, candles, books, bells, chairs, music stands, folders...EVERYTHING! I had done my practicing and felt good about all of that, too!

Turned the organ off and did a few more things. Then, I remembered I wanted to get a song that was in the car and just run through that, too! (It's now 3:30ish).

Turned the organ back on, started playing and then all the air left the pipes...**DEAD!!!**

**WHAT?!! NO ORGAN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!!! Please, God, no...not tonight!!!**

It turned out to be two setscrews that needed to be tightened...**BLOWER BACK IN BUSINESS!** Thank you, James, for saving Christmas Eve worship!!!

Now that the "dust has settled" and I have retraced Christmas Eve afternoon in my mind, I'm thinking...**WHAT IF** I wouldn't have turned the organ back on at 3:30? **WHAT IF** I would have only turned it on at 4:30 p.m. at the beginning of the first service? It would have died during worship!!!

**WHAT IF** God had me go get that song from the car and turn the organ back on to discover **WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM!!!** Well, it seemed like a big one...turned out to be two **LITTLE** screws!!!

You may think what you want about all of this, but **I know God was in charge of the Christmas Eve WHAT IF!!!**

*"all of us get our direction and motivation from Him...all He ever asks is for us to follow His leading..."*