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3540 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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# Bell Notes

*Salem (Belleman's) Church*

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*19541-8910*

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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

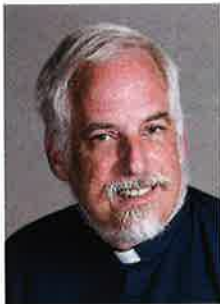
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*Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*



## February 2020

*Rev. David Blitch, Pastor  
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry  
James Fitterling, Administrator  
Church Office: 610-926-0461  
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Web Site: [www.bellemanschurch.org](http://www.bellemanschurch.org)*



### Pastor's Ponderings:

February is a cold month full of ice and snow. Yet it also hosts a day that is dedicated to warming our hearts. I of course am talking about February 3rd, National Carrot Cake Day. You never heard about National Carrot Cake Day? How about February 7th, National Love Your Robot Day? No? Okay we'll go with Valentine's Day.

Maybe your first Valentine was the boy or girl next door as it was for me. I had a crush on her anyway. We've had valentines that have come and gone and those that stuck with us through thick or thin. Some we've lost track of; some have gone on to an eternal place of far greater love.

So if your valentine is in the room with you or will be sometime soon give him or her a kiss.

Now love is an emotion. The ability to love is wired into us. On a very primal level it allows us to survive. But love can also be complex and divine. We as Christians believe that the love we feel for each other and things and places in the world are reflections of God's love for all creation and we his children in particular. A love poem for Valentine's day.

*What is love? Asks the child untouched  
Whose mother's hand he clutched  
His tender heart knows only Trust  
Feels only love, knows not of Lust; What is love?  
Asks the blossoming soul; Questioning her life's role  
Struggling to separate; Infatuation from love's fate.  
What is love?; Asks the youth enlightened  
Remembering passion heightened  
Wondering if it was an act of Love  
Or if not approved by those Above; What is love?  
Asks the united one; Whose ring reflects the golden Sun  
Hoping it will last forever; That they will always remain Together  
What is love?; Asks the furrowed face  
Moving at a withering pace; "It has remained all around me.  
To its treasure I've not found; The key."  
What is love?; I cannot explain  
It includes extremes of; Happiness and pain  
I will never understand love's; Many hues  
Yet I will always know that I  
Love you...*

**Pastor Dave's contact info:**

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### Church Board Highlights

January 20, 2020

First, the officers as approved for 2020 are:

- Frank Kornfeind, President
- Diane Driesbach, Vice President
- James Fitterling, Recording Secretary
- Larry Henne, Treasurer
- Carla Rozsitch, Assistant Treasurer
- Carlene Kissinger, Financial Secretary
- John Rausch, Special Funds Director
- Linda Henne, Fellowship Hall Coordinator

Treasurer Larry Henne reported that the audit for 2018 has been completed. Also, it was noted that benevolence has been paid for 2019. Additionally, \$3,000 has been paid toward the cove lighting project, this amount included the 2019 building fund donations.

Pastor Dave noted that coming up there will be a gathering on February 11 at 7 p.m. at Kutztown Tavern led by Rev. Sara Hertzog concerning the topic of what younger families want in a church. Pastor Dave reported that he is planning to go and encouraged board members to attend as well.

The Property Committee reported that the new cove lights were installed before Christmas. After some discussion with Schatz Electric, it was suggested that the lighting dimmer controls should be replaced to accommodate LED bulbs. Schatz contacted the manufacturer and they indicated that they are willing to donate that equipment for us. That installation should be happening around the end of January. Larry also noted that there are some dusk to dawn lights at the fellowship hall that aren't working. He is going to make some contacts about getting them fixed.

There was still \$600 of 2019 Heffner tithe donations to clean up. Donations were approved to Tina Phillips for \$150 to assist with some needs for a patient of hers and \$450 for the house fire on Birch Hill Road where the family lost their house.

It was approved to cancel the February board meeting as that is the week of the Mission trip. The next meeting will be March 16 at 7 p.m.

As has been the case for years, we send something to members celebrating their 90+ birthdays, 50, 55 and 60+ wedding anniversaries. There was some concern about the

Smile Fund being able to afford the 60+ anniversaries every year. The suggestion was to have something for the milestone years of 65 and 70 with a card being sent for the "in between" years. This was approved.

Donations in memory of Sharon King have been designated to Belleman's and there was a suggestion made by James to purchase a new communion chalice in her name with the funds. The smaller chalice used for Altar Communion has had a tendency to drip for years when pouring. Also, the table for communion is pretty wobbly and not in the greatest shape anymore. There was a suggestion to look for a new communion table with the funds as well.

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**Communion Assistants For March 8**

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler,  
Linda Henne

*Ushers:* Diane Driesbach, Larry Henne

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Maura Wesner, Dawne Clay,  
Sandy Gring

*Ushers:* Jackie Lynn, Sam Stump

*Cup Stations:* Karen Eisenhofer, Sharon Duvall

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

Beginning Balance	\$12,998.98
Income	\$26,999.38
Expenses	\$34,962.34
Ending Balance	\$5,036.02

**Did you know...** Belleman's offers regular planned giving through Vanco Services? You can schedule your offering on a regular basis to be withdrawn from your checking account. For information please contact James in the Church Office.

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**Attendance**

|                                   | <u>7:45 a.m.</u> | <u>10:15 a.m.</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| January 5                         | 17               | 90                | \$3,212.00      |
| January 12                        | 28               | 103               | \$2,572.00      |
| January 19 (No Early svc. - snow) | 39               |                   | \$1,699.00      |
| January 26                        | 21               | 93                | \$3,470.00      |

**Redner's Tapes**

Thank you to everyone who brings their receipts for this program. Please be reminded to not highlight portions of the receipt and please try to organize your receipts if you are bringing a bunch at a time, it makes it easier on those who have to put them together for Redners. In 2019, Belleman's made \$1,435.87 through this program. Thanks again and please keep those receipts coming!

If you would like to take part in the Save-a-Tape program, stop at customer service at Redner's and get yourself a Save-a-Tape card and present the card whenever you shop at Redner's. All you have to do then is bring your receipt along to church and put it in the container in the Narthex. If there are any questions, please check with the church office.

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Please keep in mind.... ***Belleman's ongoing program*** in support of the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.....

Non-perishable donations may be dropped off in the Narthex and will be delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry on a monthly basis.

**Canned Fruit and Vegetables are currently needed for the Pantry**

***Thank You*** for your participation!

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**Saturday, March 21** is Belleman's time to serve at the SV Food Pantry. We have been reminded that we should try to have **15 volunteers** present for that morning from about 8 am till about noon. **Please consider helping on this day.**

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Judy and Ron Corl who have been the SV Food Pantry coordinators for the distributions are "retiring" at the end of the year. The pantry is in need of someone who is willing to take on this position. Their main duties include ordering the food; handling any emergency calls/requests between distributions; and supervising and directing the distributions.

**Jingle Offerings**

**February 2, 9**  
**February 16, 23**

2020 FARM Family Celebration  
Bellemans Church Smile Fund

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*Food for the Poor, Inc.*

*Gratefully Acknowledges... Bellemans Church*

*For Exceptional Generosity in providing  
"The Gift of a New Life"*

*For The Craig Family of St. Catherine, Jamaica*



**Thank you to all Bellemans members and donors for helping to provide this house for the Craig Family in Jamaica!**

(Note: The Bellemans Mission Team forwarded the donation of \$3,800 to complete half of this house project. (The other half of the house was provided by two generous Bellemans families) VBS donations as well as Jingle Offerings and other individual donations have gone toward paying the Mission Team back. There will be more opportunities in 2020 to donate toward this house.)

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 1/12/20**

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment and Dissolved Accounts** \$335,544.75

**Monthly Contributions 2020** \$630.00  
(Jan. Collection = \$630.00)

**Fundraising Projects**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Organ Restoration       | January   |
| Chicken BBQ             | March     |
| Easter Candy Sales      | March     |
| Country Music Show      | June      |
| Country Festival Picnic | August    |
| Mum Sale                | September |

\$0.00

**Grocery Gift Cards**

|        |               |             |
|--------|---------------|-------------|
| Sold   | \$ 199,710.00 |             |
| Profit |               | \$10,148.15 |

**Cash Total** \$345,692.90

**Interest Paid**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Fairview Interest Paid | \$13,340.00 |
| Total VIST Interest Paid     | \$20,985.24 |

**Loan Balances**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fairview Cemetery Company           |                     |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$79,500.00</b>  |
| VIST Bank Loan                      |                     |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                  | <b>\$37,548.70</b>  |
| <b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b> | <b>\$117,048.70</b> |

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

**Salem Bellemans Church - Capital Campaign Fund**  
**3540 Bellemans 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!



## Calendar of Events

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

**Sun. Boy Scout Sunday/ Holy Communion**  
2/9 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 6:00PM Cantata Choir  
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

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
2/18

Wed. 6:00PM Cantata Choir  
2/19 6:30PM Sr. Choir

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

Mon. NO BELLS PRIZE  
2/24

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
2/25

**Wed. Ash Wednesday**  
2/26 6:00PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM **Worship Service**

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
3/1 9:00AM **Sunday School**  
10:15AM **Worship Service**

Mon. 11:30AM JOY Group at Perry  
3/2 NO BELLS PRIZE

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
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Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
3/4 NO SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
3/8 7:45AM **Worship Service**  
9:00AM **Sunday School**  
10:15AM **Worship Service**

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3/9 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
3/10

Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
3/11 6:00PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
3/15 9:00AM **Sunday School**  
10:15AM **Worship Service**  
Kauffman's Chicken BBQ  
3-5PM Choir Bowling at Heister's Lanes

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells  
3/16 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers  
6:30PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class  
3/17

Wed. 5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper  
3/18 6:00PM Sr. Choir  
7:00PM Lenten Worship Service

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
3/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport  
(Belleman's Month to Serve - info page 5)

**Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service**  
3/22 9:00AM **Sunday School**  
10:15AM **Worship Service**

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### Just in case it really snows...

Worship services and Sunday School will be called off. 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**, check the **WFMZ website** or **Belleman's Facebook**. The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.

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### American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

There is a signup sheet in the narthex, **orders are due by February 23**. Unless other arrangements are made, the items will be available for pickup at Lenten services on Wednesday, March 25. Through the daffodil, the first flower of spring, this campaign brings a symbol of hope to cancer patients and those affected by the disease.

### Reminder from the Cemetery Board:

Please remove Christmas decorations by March 1.  
The cemetery will be cleared by March 15.

**Thank You!**

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### Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available can help support Belleman's. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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### Ash Wednesday



We begin the season of Lent on "Ash Wednesday" with a **worship service on February 26 at 7 p.m.**

The service includes an opportunity to receive ashes on your forehead. Ashes are a sign

of both our penitence and our mortality, allowing us to begin our Lenten journey in a spirit of humility.

### Lenten Wednesday Services

During the season of Lent, we will once again have evening services, **starting March 4**. The services are at **7 p.m.** with a **soup and bread supper each week at 5:30 p.m.**

NEW... This year's Lenten Series will be a new skit/dramatic reading each week. Assistants are needed for this, if you're interested in helping with these presentations, please talk to Pastor Dave or James or sign up on the list in the narthex. Skit titles include: Waiting for God(Doh!), Drop The Ball, AT&T God and Me, Body Language and Living Intelligent Lives.

Please plan to attend and participate in this new Lenten programming!

### 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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### The Candy Sale is right around the Corner!

Keep your eyes open for details about the 2020 Candy Sale in upcoming Sunday Bulletins. Deadline to order will be March 22.

**It will be here soon!**

## Update from Samantha Zipp (Philippines)



### Happy New Year

So much to look forward to this year. I have some big dreams for foster care...number one is for all orphans to be placed in families but before that happens, we need to find ways to support those families. Support comes in a variety of ways depending on the child's needs and the family.

#### 1. Clothing and Supplies

Some simple ideas include offering a clothing closet so that as you are handed a child, you also have some resources to get basic needs for that child initially covered (clothing, school supplies for older kids, car seats, high chairs and other necessities).

#### 2. Medical Expenses

Gen has helped a lot in making me aware of some of the needs a foster family might face. She has had a great number of medical needs and expense. I know in the US, the government offers some assistance (not saying it covers everything, but something is better than nothing). However, here, all of her medical needs have been my responsibility. Her medication, doctors appointments, hospitalization and now therapy all add up to a large chunk of money. For a Filipino family, the medical expenses could be a huge burden and prevent them from fostering, so finding a way to fund some of those expenses for families would be a huge blessing.

#### 3. Meals and Child Care

In connection to all of that, a support network of people that pray for and check on a family would be beneficial. Honestly, I get tired of asking for help. What a family needs is others initiating sometimes, seeing a need and just helping. Not the blanket statement, call if you need me, but actually stepping up and saying, "I know you have therapy on Mondays; how about I bring you dinner this week? What are your food restrictions?"

Even offering free child care once in a while, it doesn't have to be weekly, but once a month. All of which would be such a welcome to a family just living through each day with a child that sometimes requires more than they can possibly give.

#### 4. Extra Hands and Support

Manila is a huge city and due to traffic issues and the craziness of getting around, it is unrealistic that a family living in one part of the city can be of much help to a family in another section of the city. However, we could make a database of respite families or volunteers willing to help foster families, and then list them by location. A family in need could then call on people in their area to help.

Making connections...volunteers.

I know it will be hard and a long road, but I believe God is starting some pretty amazing things for the future here and I am excited to see where it goes.

*Samantha Zipp*



Dear Salem Belleman's Church,  
**Thank you** for your gift of \$270 to Lutheran Disaster Response (Jingle Offering). **Thank you** for sharing the gifts God has activated in you! **In Christ,**  
**The Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director**

**Church Family,** It's so nice to be remembered and thought of, Carol keeps me up on all the news of our church and the people I love and miss so much. **Thank you** for your kindness and your good wishes, it means the world to me. **Rex Kissinger**

**Pastor Blich and Salem Belleman's Church, Thank you.** Your church's alliance with Food for the Poor has helped to transform the lives of poor families by lifting them out of poverty and empowering their futures! Your support has helped provide safe shelter, education, clean water, food and so much more. **Blessings, Ed**

**Thank you** to the Smile group for the plant for Paul's brother's passing. It's beautiful. **Annabell and Paul Leshner**



## February Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Matthew Schappell  
 17<sup>th</sup> Gary Kunkle  
 19<sup>th</sup> David Moll  
 20<sup>th</sup> Robert Sweigart,  
 Jacob Moll  
 Calvin Conrad,  
 Timothy Hart  
 21<sup>st</sup> Patty Ann Kintzer  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Christian Hoffman  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Smith  
 Lyn Bohn  
 24<sup>th</sup> Eric Kissinger,  
 Ryan Weber,  
 Michael Kozik, Jr.  
 26<sup>th</sup> Paige Kozik,  
 Jennifer Hill, Ken Jacoby,  
 Terry Schaeffer,  
 Keara Lynn Patrick,  
 Jeffrey Savage  
 27<sup>th</sup> Dennis Dougherty  
 28<sup>th</sup> Brenda Eisenhower  
 Ruth Marko, Bret Edwards,  
 Jeff Fitterling

## February Anniversaries

- 21<sup>st</sup> Marian & Oscar Miller  
 Alfred & Renee Cross  
 26<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Sandra Burkhart  
 28<sup>th</sup> Jamie and Cheryl Krings

## Belleman's Military Members

SGT Josh Linderman  
 Andrew Potts  
 1LT Bradley P. Hoppes  
 SGT Andrew Cichowicz  
 Nathan P. Stump  
 SGT John R. Wesner

## March Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Dower  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Florence Deisher,  
 Leslie Feeney  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Potteiger, Lincoln Lush  
 4<sup>th</sup> Michael Hartman,  
 Arlene Hoffert  
 5<sup>th</sup> Pattie Botscheller,  
 Karen Strohl  
 6<sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Kunkle,  
 Thomas Rausch,  
 7<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Zimmerman,  
 Sallie Polack, Sarah Phillips  
 8<sup>th</sup> Nathan Stump, Karen Blich  
 9<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Burkhart,  
 Robert Heister,  
 Dustin Spatz  
 10<sup>th</sup> Stephen Lynn, Roy Moser,  
 Jennifer Jozwiak  
 11<sup>th</sup> Louise Elliott,  
 Christopher Young  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Starkey,  
 Julie Kunkle, Danielle Moser,  
 Katrina Lukawski  
 14<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Wallace,  
 Matthew Rozsitch

## March Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald & Sharon Duvall  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie & Stephen Lynn  
 10<sup>th</sup> Marilyn & Larry Zimmerman  
 11<sup>th</sup> Donna & Dennis Kunkle

Sunday, March 15  
 3:00-5:00 p.m.

CHOIR FAMILY, IT'S A...

# St. Patty's Day Bowling Party!!!

There  
 will be pizza,  
 too!!!

HIESTER LANES  
 801 Hiesters Lane,  
 Reading, Pa.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

Highest Score • Lowest Score  
 Oldest Bowler  
 Youngest Bowler  
 Best St. Patty's Day Outfit

SIGN UP IN THE MUSIC ROOM!