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3540 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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**Turkey and Waffle Take
out Dinners September
26 from 3-6.** See insert
for Details.

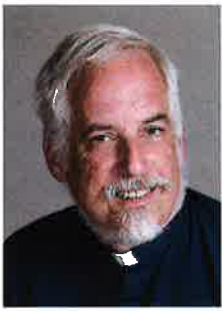
Bell Notes

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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 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

I used this quote in a sermon recently. It's a quote from Rob Bell, Pastor and theologian, who I think has some great insights about faith and life.

His quote is in reference to Peter climbing out of the boat, at Jesus invitation, and walking on the Sea of Galilee. Peter is fine for a bit, walking on the wet and the waves, but soon things change.

Peter sinks. Jesus saves him. Jesus asks Peter, why did you doubt?

Rob Bell comments:

"Now, I always assumed that Peter doubts Jesus. But Jesus isn't sinking! Who does Peter doubt? He doubts himself. He loses faith in himself that he can actually be like his rabbi. Faith in Jesus is important, but what about Jesus' faith in us? I mean he must have faith in us because he leaves it all in the hands of these disciples. Jesus has faith that you can follow him and that you can be like him. May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like him."

Jesus believes in us! We do spend a lot of time talking about, and pondering, and studying how can we best believe in Jesus. I think Rob Bell makes an important point here. It may not matter how well, or how much we believe in Jesus, if we don't know that Jesus believes in us. It goes both ways, and we can be assured of Jesus part of the bargain. Jesus believes in us!

And we know this because he ascended to heaven. Left the building. And said to his disciples, and then the generations of disciples that came after that original group, "here is the Church. I put this together, I taught you how to live out your faith. I told you how to be the church. Go do it! I love you and I know that you can! I believe in you!

And if Jesus believes in us, how can we not also believe in us?

This is not the time or place to doubt! There is never a time or place to doubt.

Believe! We can do it! Jesus says so!

Pastor Dave's contact info:

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Email: revblitch@msn.com

Church Board Highlights

July 13, 2020

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that on the report the June income includes the last Sunday of May since that offering was deposited in June. The bill also finally came through from Schatz electric for the lighting work in the church from over the winter. That bill was \$8,326.65. Lastly, the PPP loan monies have been used up. James and Larry worked on the Forgiveness application, they are just waiting for the online portal to be up and running to make application for forgiveness.

Pastor Blitch reported that the Grove services have been going really well and he thanked everyone who has been helping to make this possible.

The Fundraising Committee has scheduled a meeting for August 3 to talk about options for the Turkey and Waffle Supper and the Bazaar. They have also continued to sell some food items after Sunday worship in the grove.

The Property Committee noted that a paving contractor working down the road from the church asked about using some of their extra material to patch some of the holes in the parking lot. This was completed at the cost of \$4,500.

Pastor Dave reported that he had a group of Youth scheduled to do a retreat to Wildwood in August. However, the Luther Inn in Wildwood cancelled their operations for this summer. The group is thinking of trying to do a camping weekend to Knoebels or at Maura Wesner's instead.

Pastor Dave suggested the formation of a 3-4 person committee to review safety protocols for the Coronavirus and see about possibilities for indoor worship. Pastor Dave, Frank and James will work to get a committee together.

James received a call from Thrivent that Ella Hix had some investments with Belleman's listed as the beneficiary. James wasn't given an exact amount but that it is around \$4,000. Ella's family has suggested using these funds to purchase a new piano for the church. They will be looking to get more information on the kind of piano and James will work with Thrivent in the meantime to take care of transferring the funds to the church.

Pastor Bruce Potteiger is scheduled to supply on August 2 when Pastor Dave is on vacation and Rev. Ken Gould was scheduled for August 16 when Pastor Dave would have been with the youth retreat. With the plans for that weekend up in the air the idea was to keep Pastor Gould scheduled for now but cancel if a supply is not needed. The Board approved these supply pastors.

Calendar of Events

- Sun. Holy Communion**
8/9 9:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
 8/10
- Sat. 9:00AM – 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
 8/15 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
- Sun. Rev. Ken Gould leading worship**
8/16 9:00AM Worship Service
- Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service**
8/23 Pies available for purchase after worship
- Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service**
8/30 Christian Ed Meeting after Worship
- Sun. Holy Communion**
9/6 9:00AM Worship Service
- Sat. (9/12) Potato pickin' for the Potato Project (info page 7)
- Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service**
9/13 Special Presentation by the Puppet and Story Works
(info page 11)
- Fri.(9/18) Orders due for Turkey and Waffle take outs (see insert)
- Sat. 9:00AM – 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
 9/19 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
 (Belleman's Month to Serve)
- Sun. Harvest Home Sunday**
9/20 9:00AM Worship Service

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### 2020 Bazaar

At the recent Fundraising Committee Meeting it was decided to have an abbreviated version of the Bazaar. This will include food items available for **takeout only**. There will **not be any outside vendors** and there will **not be a flea market**. So, please save your items to donate for the 2021 Bazaar Flea Market. More information on the Bazaar will be in coming newsletters.

## Attendance/Offering

|         | <b>9:00AM</b>              | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| July 5  | 68 (Grove), 97(Facebook)   | \$3,172.00      |
| July 12 | 75 (Grove), 119 (Facebook) | \$3,896.00      |
| July 19 | 95 (Grove), 107 (Facebook) | \$2,764.40      |
| July 26 | 108 (Grove), 131(Facebook) | \$2,615.00      |

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ 26,046.83
Income	\$ 22,676.01
Expenses	\$ 10,516.77
Ending Balance	\$ 38,206.07

(Payroll was paid from the Payroll Protection Plan monies.
 The temporary account has been exhausted)

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A huge THANK YOU to all of you for your continued generosity and faithfulness to Belleman's through your offerings. Because of all of you, to this point, we have been able to weather the storm of Covid-19. Thank you all and God Bless!

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Jingle Offerings

August 2, 9, 16	Ryder Knechtel - 3-year old boy with a brain tumor
August 23, 30	Reading Children's Home
September 6, 13	Belleman's Christian Ed - Puppet and Story Works

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### Capital Campaign Mum sale!



On Harvest Home Sunday, September 20th, the Capital Campaign will decorate for worship with beautiful mums. Members may purchase mums to beautify the church and then to decorate their homes. **Mums** are \$6.00 each and locally grown by **Penny Hill Farms**. Please see Linda Henne to place your orders. **All orders must be received by Sunday, September 13th** and please make checks payable to **Belleman's Capital Campaign**. Coupons will be in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

## Sights from VBS



A great week it was! Thank you to all the VBS leaders, Pastor Dave, Linda Hartman, Kelly and Andy Kauffman, Teisha Madden, Adrianna Madden, Nikailyn Madden, Julie Fireman, Cindy Bachman, Jack Kornfeind, James Fitterling, Oliver Blatt and Melissa Boyer.



Thank you everyone!

## Sunday Post-Worship Menu

Thank you for the great response to the soup sales that have been happening weekly following the 9 a.m. Worship Service. We are pleased to announce that on **Sunday, August 9** we will be having fresh **Chicken Noodle Soup** and **Turkey BBQ** for sale after worship. The soup will be **\$6 per quart** and the **Turkey BBQ** will be **\$11 per quart** and **\$6 per pint**. If all items are not sold out on the 9th, the remainder will be frozen and available the week following. Thanks again for your support of **Belleman's Fundraisers**.



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Kauffman's Chicken BBQ

Sunday, October 4

At the Fellowship Hall
Take Out Only

To purchase tickets in support of the Belleman's sponsored Boy Scout Troop 154, please call Larry Henne at 610-926-4506

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### Service Opportunity: Potato Project



The **Potato Project** is a local ministry aimed at defeating hunger. The Potato Project needs volunteers to help harvest their acres of potatoes near Fleetwood, which will then be distributed to food pantries throughout Berks

County. So, mark your calendars, on **September 12** from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. we will likely be gathering at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 265 Maiden Creek Rd., Fleetwood (Molltown), PA 19522.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 7/7/20**

|                                                                      |                     |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| <b>Contributions, Projects, Endowment<br/>and Dissolved Accounts</b> | <b>\$322,951.55</b> |            |
| <b>Monthly Contributions 2020</b>                                    | <b>\$4,094.00</b>   |            |
| (July Collection = \$473.00)                                         |                     |            |
| Memory of Ella Hix                                                   | \$1,220.00          |            |
| Memory of Donald Miller                                              | \$50.00             |            |
| Memory of Marlene Miller                                             | \$25.00             |            |
| <b>Fundraising Projects</b>                                          |                     |            |
| Organ Restoration                                                    | On-going            |            |
| Chicken BBQ                                                          | March               | \$2,554.04 |
| Easter Candy Sales                                                   | March               | \$2,536.60 |
| Chinese Auctions                                                     | November            |            |
| Mum Sale                                                             | September           |            |
| Poinsettia Sale                                                      | December            |            |
| <b>Grocery Gift Cards</b>                                            |                     |            |
| Sold                                                                 | \$ 208,580.00       |            |
| Profit                                                               | <u>\$10,591.65</u>  |            |
| <b>Cash Total</b>                                                    | <b>\$344,022.84</b> |            |
| <b>Interest Paid</b>                                                 |                     |            |
| Total Fairview Interest Paid                                         | \$15,035.00         |            |
| Total VIST Interest Paid                                             | \$21,582.69         |            |
| <b>Loan Balances</b>                                                 |                     |            |
| Fairview Cemetery Company                                            |                     |            |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                                                   | <b>\$84,000.00</b>  |            |
| VIST Bank Loan                                                       |                     |            |
| <b>Owed Amount</b>                                                   | <b>\$34,291.45</b>  |            |
| <b>Total Principal Balance Owed</b>                                  | <b>\$118,291.45</b> |            |

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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!



I wanted to **thank you** for the Sunday Services you send me. I really enjoy reading them. **Thank you again!**

Miriam Mohn

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**Dear members of Belleman's Church, Thank you** for the beautiful birthday flowers. It was very thoughtful.

**Sincerely, Marie Bayer**

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Thank you so much for your offering to our son Tobyn. May god bless everyone!

Tabby and Kirk

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**Thank you** so much for your permission for my staff to use your pavilion and grove area to conduct our annual strategy meeting. The grove provided a beautiful setting for our meeting, even though we picked the hottest day of the year. The trees and constant breeze provided a great location for a very productive day and we walked away with a completed agenda. Your church grounds are in a beautiful and tranquil setting, and a reminder of God's splendor. Again, **thank you** for sharing your space.

**Sincerely, Sharon Strohecker, DNP, RN, NE-BC  
Vice President of Clinical Operations/CNO  
St. Joseph Medical Center**

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Belleman's Church family, Thank you for the planter you sent with sympathy for my husband Kenny. A beautiful reminder of how precious and meaningful God's gifts are especially at a time like this.

Sherry Weist

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**Belleman's Military Members**

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| SGT Josh Linderman    | MAJ James Fluck   |
| Andrew Potts          | Kevin Mohn        |
| 1LT Bradley P. Hoppes | SGT Phillip Spatz |
| SGT Andrew Cichowicz  | Alfred Cross      |
| Nathan P. Stump       | Cydney Lawrence   |
| SGT John R. Wesner    |                   |

## August Birthdays

- 16th** Joseph King  
**17th** Gabriel Batdorf,  
Carl Dietrich, Henly Brown  
Stephanie Younker  
**18th** Ronald Burkhart  
**19th** Shelby Strunk  
**20th** Jennifer Paris  
**21st** Allen Loeb,  
Jamie Kring  
**23rd** Kyle Gordon,  
Macie Eitel, Michael Noecker  
**25th** Jason Gilmer  
**26th** Kenneth Grube,  
Ruth Van Pelt,  
Cheryl Folk,  
Kristen Hartranft,  
Richard Stiefel III  
**27th** Troy Cox  
**28th** Erika Watson,  
M. Larry Blatt  
**29th** Bethany Kinney,  
Traci Quillman,  
David Kintzer,  
Savannah Hart  
**30th** Bailey Miller,  
Madison Weyandt  
**31st** Chris Hilbert

## August Anniversaries

- 16th** Calvin & Anna Bair  
**17th** John & Faye Noecker  
**22nd** Kelly & Curtis Eitel  
**28th** Duane & Dottie Cowan,  
Kenneth & Colleen Bungarz  
**29th** Maynard & Carol Hook  
**30th** Ben & Jackie Mitten

## September Birthdays

- 1st** Rhonda Adam,  
Aaron Cammauf, Emily Fair,  
Luke Jozwiak, Alex Difatta  
**2nd** Nikailyn Madden  
**3rd** Colleen Bungarz, Mollie Kintzer  
**4th** Michael Joseph Fluck,  
**5th** Paulann Bradbury,  
Samantha Jroski, Carol Weyandt  
**6th** Oliver Blatt, Cody Zerbe,  
Jared Fenstermacher, Esther Sutliff,  
Kerry Wagner, Madison Hilbert  
**7th** Chad Wolfe  
**8th** Evalina Polak  
**9th** Larry Werley  
**10th** Calvin Bair, Carol Burkey,  
Logan Kunkle, Cam Michaud,  
John Michaud  
**11th** Michael Holcombe, Jodie Difatta  
Sheila Reppert  
**12th** Michael Jroski, Nicholas Jroski  
Kayla Rhein  
**13th** Karie Wagner, Livia Kiwak,  
Derrick Lush  
**14th** Alex Jesse Hoffman,  
Randy Shurr, Susan Sapna-Kline,  
Easton Bausher  
**15th** Craig Hartman, Sandy Gring  
**16th** Ryan Gordon, Mary Jane Grube

## September Anniversaries

- 1st** J. Michael & Ann Fluck  
Jason Kiwak & Jessica Harle  
**2nd** Eugene & Janet Kemp  
Barry & Michelle Edwards  
**5th** Chris and Jennifer Jozwiak  
**6th** Mark & Ann Stump  
Eric and Carol Weyandt  
**7th** Harold & Carol Spatz  
**8th** Benjamin & Jessica Weist  
**12th** Eric & Carlene Kissinger

## Belleman's Family Sunday Fun Day Worship Service

September 13, 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Grove with  
performance by:



With

## KID KAPOWWOW Lights His World

*Can this ordinary Cheyenne kid become*



*a warrior  
for Jesus?*

**OR**

*Jesus's Super  
Hero sidekick?*

**Let's find out!**

***Biblical truth - laughter & Song for ALL ages***

# Turkey and Waffle Take-Out Dinner



*Tired of cooking? Want a dinner to go?  
We will be offering a take-out dinner of:*

**Turkey – Waffles – Potato Filling – Gravy  
Sweet Potatoes – Green Beans**

**Date: Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3 – 6 pm**

***Additional items for separate purchase:***

***~Pies~***

***~Belleman's Famous Pepper Cabbage~***

***~Extra Potato Filling~***

**Return the order form on reverse of  
this page for your pre-ordered meal!**

**PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 18, 2020**



## Turkey and Waffle Order Form



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of dinners @ \$10/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Additional items for sale:***

\_\_\_\_\_ # of pepper cabbage \$5/qt or \$3/pt = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of extra filling/gravy \$5/qt or \$3/pt = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Homemade pies**

\_\_\_\_\_ # old-fashioned lemon (\$6)

\_\_\_\_\_ # lemon sponge (\$6)

\_\_\_\_\_ # coconut custard (\$6)

\_\_\_\_\_ # raisin crumb (\$7)

\_\_\_\_\_ # cherry crumb (\$7)

Total \$ pies = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Belleman's Church  
Remit to Belleman's Church, 3540 Belleman's Church Rd.,  
Mohrsville, PA 19541**

**Phone or email orders can be made to the Church Office:  
610-926-0461 or [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)**

**PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 18, 2020**

**All food preparation will follow  
CDC guidelines for safe food handling**