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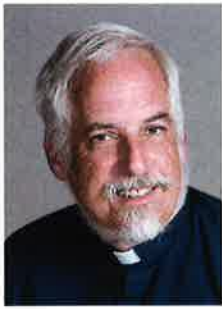
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



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Pastor's Ponderings

Transitions. Soon we're going back to worshipping indoors. The options of watching on Facebook and Youtube, or listening from your car are still being provided. Please look in this newsletter for specifics about what indoor worship will look like.

I want to thank all the people who made our outdoor services so enjoyable and successful. There were many hands. James Fitterling, Michael Holcombe, Frank, Mica, and Jack Kornfeind were there just about every Sunday to set up the stage and the offering table, and acted as greeters or ushers. We thank Oliver Blatt for a remarkable sound system. Thanks too to Linda Hartman and the choir, and Skip Rubright and orchestra for providing our worship music. Thanks to Alyse Mitten-Hein, Michael Holcombe and James Fitterling for live streaming and recording our services. Also, thanks to Larry and Linda Henne, Karen Harle, Cindy Batdorf and the many others who manned the concession stand and cooked or baked delicious soup, barbeque and pies. If I missed someone, I'm sorry but you are appreciated too.

Transitions. It would be really nice to think that this October at Belleman's will be just like last October. We have come to a point in the current pandemic that congregations are all prayerfully making or have made the hard decisions on what to do when it comes to indoor worship and gatherings. Some are still conducting only virtual worship. There are many positions congregations' have taken on the use of masks in worship, and during other congregational gatherings, when congregations do open their doors. I have spent some time watching the Sunday worship services of several churches found on Facebook. There is no one decision that fits all. But all have been prayerfully made.

Belleman's has taken a position that is well centered in the debates that goes on when making such a decision. I believe we have made wise choices. The variety of decisions made by congregations mirrors the wide positions taken by individuals and their own response to the pandemic. It mirrors the comfort levels of our congregation when it comes to their participation in community gatherings, like worship. All need to feel welcome and safe as they enter our sanctuary.

Transitions: A congregation's decision is not the same as one's personal decision as a congregation's decision effects dozens and potentially hundreds of other people. One's personal beliefs need to be tempered by the beliefs of others who wish to worship at Belleman's. It is a balancing act that can be toppled easily. But in order to love the fellowship, and respect those who worship with us, many that we call friends, the concerns and safety of the gathered people of God take precedence over any one's personal beliefs. When we look at our context we choose what is best for the fellowship of believers that come to Belleman's, who we love and God loves even more.

No one is happy about the decisions that need to be made. Not because they are the wrong decisions, but because the pandemic has disrupted so much of our lives and we're tired of making them. They are decisions that need to be made because we are Christians and as such we care and love each other. We can hope that soon all these precautions will be moot points. But until then, it is what we need here at Belleman's Church.

Philippians 2:1-4 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Pastor Dave's contact info:
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Church Board Highlights September 21, 2020

Nikailyn Madden was approved to join the Board to fill the vacant position.

James noted that he replaced the battery and pads on the AED.

It was reported that the Turkey and Waffle take out orders have exploded and are over 600 dinners and 235 pies. It will be a busy week leading up to the event. There was some additional discussion about the traffic flow and keeping that safe. It was suggested to make sure we have enough cones and signage.

Larry Henne gave a report on an electrical issue that was discovered at the fellowship hall. A lighting ballast burned out in the hall and upon inspection some other electrical issues were uncovered. This led to contacting an electrician with the plans to rewire the lighting in the fellowship hall and replace with LED lights. This cost was estimated at \$5,000 in time and materials. Additionally, the feeling was that if the ceiling needs to be torn apart for the electrical repair, that the drop ceiling itself should be redone. The labor for this would be done in-house. An estimate of approximately \$3,000 for the materials for the ceiling. This project was approved.

Pastor Dave reported that the Lift youth group is planning an event on the afternoon of October 4. They will be helping Jack Kornfeind paint the swing set and visit a corn maze as part of the event.

The Safety Committee met recently and there was also a meeting with Linda Hartman to discuss possibilities for music in the church. There was some discussion about dates to return indoors. After some discussion, it was decided to return to indoor worship in the Sanctuary on October 11 with one 9:00 a.m. worship service. Live video will be available via Facebook as usual and the plan would be to maintain the setup for worship to be transmitted through the radio for anyone who would like to remain outside in their cars. A survey will be taken of the congregation to see their preference for worship. The safety committee will be meeting again shortly to review the survey results and work on safety protocols.

James presented about the potential need for this streaming license since we are live streaming our worship services. The license cost is \$65.70 per year. This was approved.

James also brought a recommendation to the Board from John Rausch about a free service that Church Mutual is providing with an Armed Intruder Emergency Service. This is all subject to being eligible. James hasn't looked into it yet and just wanted to see if the Board had interest in him looking at it closer. The Board agreed to look further into this.

Pastor Dave noted that this year's Synod assembly will be virtual only via zoom. Two lay delegates are needed to attend online and Pastor Dave will be looking for some folks to attend. He stressed that this is for voting on a bishop as the current bishop is retiring. And a certain number of lay leaders are needed for a quorum to vote.

We need your help!

There could be as many as four openings on Church Board for terms beginning in 2021. If you are interested in serving and helping to lead Belleman's into the future, we would love to have you aboard. Please let James know in the office (610-926-0461) if you are willing to serve!

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 27,342.35 |
| Income            | \$ 16,432.11 |
| Expenses          | \$ 20,404.15 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 23,370.31 |

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Attendance/Offering

	9:00AM	Offering
Sept.6	84 (Grove), 113(Facebook)	\$2,826.00
Sept.13	107 (Grove), 89 (Facebook)	\$2,775.00
Sept.20	65 (Grove), 123 (Facebook)	\$2,234.00
Sept.27	72 (Grove), 275(Facebook)	\$3,877.00

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**Jingle Offerings for October**

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| October 4, 11  | Phoebe Berks          |
| October 18, 25 | US Hurricane Recovery |

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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!

Calendar of Events

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10/11 (Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Wed. 2-7PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall
10/14 Sr. Choir TBA

Sat. 9:00AM – 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
10/17 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10/18 (Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Mon. (10/19) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Sun. Reformation Sunday

**10/25 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
(Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Wed. (10/28) Sr. Choir TBA

Sun. All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion

**11/1 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
(Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Daylight Savings Ends

First Sunday of the Month Collection
for the Capital Campaign

Fri. 9:00AM to 5:00PM Bazaar
11/6 (Info Page 7) →

Sat. (11/7) 9:00AM to 1:00PM Bazaar

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11/8 (Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Wed. (11/11) Sr. Choir TBA

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11/15 (Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Mon. (11/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Sat. 9:00AM – 10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
11/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11/22 (Virtual and in car worship options remain)**

Belleman's Church

BAZAAR

3730 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541

FRIDAY, November 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Home Made Foods

Soups, BBQ, Chicken Pot Pie,
Pepper Cabbage, Cookies, Pies,
Candy, Apple Dumplings, and
Chinese Auction

All Items

TAKE OUT ONLY

Sorry, NO FLEA MARKET or
breakfast foods this year

On All Saints, November 1st, we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of the saints from the congregation that are now in the Church Triumphant. A candle will be lit for each member listed below.

<u>Born</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Died</u>
3/27/1973	Brenda S. Waits	11/12/2019
10/3/1947	Dale E. Machmer	12/28/2019
5/6/1929	Arlene M. Zellers	1/2/2020
2/6/1953	Sharon L. King	1/6/2020
8/13/1937	Marlene L. Miller	2/3/2020
7/6/1929	Ella K. Hix	2/13/2020
4/29/29	Fern A. Weist	3/19/2020
6/19/1960	Annette S. Fitterling	6/7/2020
1/8/1935	Donald G. Miller	6/15/2020
12/1/1937	Sandra F. Burkhart	6/17/2020
12/5/1938	Kenneth K. Weist	6/23/2020
10/11/1961	JoAnn D. Crupi	8/20/2020
3/14/1959	Dean J. Stellwagon	9/1/2020
9/19/1930	Lorraine D. Seaman	9/20/2020
11/29/1934	Donald L. Dautrich	9/22/2020
10/12/1947	Carolyn A. Hoffman	9/23/2020

In addition, you will have the opportunity to submit names to be remembered as part of the worship service that day. Inserts will be in the bulletins in October to submit names or you can email names to the church office at :

salembellemans@frontiernet.net
or call 610-926-0461.

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Belleman's Military Members

CWO2 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



Dear Belleman's Church Family, Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. Thank you for your love and kind thoughts. They are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Ann Stump

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Thank you for the beautiful plant in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. God's Riches and Blessings, Carlene and Eric Kissinger

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To everyone at Belleman's Church, Thank you all for the birthday cards, the beautiful violets and the Sunday Services I receive every week. I read them over and over. Sincerely, Ethel Reinhart

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To the Smile Group, Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received for my 90th birthday. It sure was a nice surprise. Thanks again! Dottie Yeakel

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Belleman's Church, It is Children's Home of Reading's 135th anniversary...and what a year it is turning out to be. Especially in this difficult economic time, we gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$201.00 from the Belleman's Jingle Offering. We truly appreciate your interest and support of our programs. Thank you for being the helping hand these children so desperately need. Sincerely, Jill Troutman, VP of Advancement, Marketing and Communications

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We give thanks to God for your continued ministry during these difficult times of pandemic! May you trust His heart, follow His leading and rest in His hand. God's peace and blessings from the members of Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield, PA

September Sights



October Birthdays

- 16th Danielle Ramick Brown
Bradley Lynn, Roxanne McMurtry
17th Taylor Feeney
18th Keith Haas, Avery Phillips,
Daniel Linderman, Ian Heller,
Chad Ernst, Pastor Grubb
19th Glenda Gehman, Marc Wicke,
Therman Madeira
Matthew Machmer
20th Lindel Hahn, Alanah Stump
Trevor Cammauf
21st Kelsie Burkhart, Andrea Cox
22nd Paul Levey, Kaitlyn Quillman,
Kristen Quillman
23rd Jevin Dougherty, Brenda Yoder
24th Robert Billman,
Stephanie Gilmer
25th Leah Baer, Bob Billman
Nathaniel Dalton, Susan Gehris,
Cindi Strunk
26th Michael Kufro
27th Pamela Richards, Jim Sellers,
Elizabeth Daigle
28th Michael Gehris, Gary Phillips,
Kelly Troutman
29th Scott Berg, Barry Geisinger,
Harold Sunday, John Lewis, Jr.
Kailey McMurtry
30th Ronnie Adam, Kelly Schwank,
31st Porter McRae, Eric Troutman
Alyse Hein, Micah Blatt

November Birthdays

- 1st Ruth Borkey
2nd Richard Bausher,
Daryl Klopp, Hawken Kiwak,
Cheryl Kring
3rd Annabell Leshner,
Pierson Fluck
4th Karen Hahn
5th Tim Eschbach,
Hazel Weyandt
6th Christopher Hartman,
Christine Jroski
7th Crystal Cammauf-
Young
8th Deanne Felix,
Carol Kissinger
9th Cassandra Bradbury
Olive Weyandt
10th Lauryn Lush
11th Carol Kinney,
Kyle Livinghouse
12th Peggy Hartman
13th Christopher Gery,
Michael Wagner,
14th Lloyd Barnett,
Tammy Louise Brown,
Ricky Kerschner
15th Andrew Cichowicz,
Ashtyn Cammauf

November Anniversaries

- 1st Randy & Grace Shurr
7th Kristopher &
Tara Beerman
8th George & Tina Phillips
11th Jonathan &
Andrea Hoffman
13th Crystal Cammauf &
Chris Young
14th Warren & Peggy Hartman,
Thomas & Karla Lawrence

October Anniversaries

- 14th Kenn and Natalie Redd
16th Charles &
Lorraine Randazzo
17th Bradley & Kimberly
Dougherty
21st Donald & Brenda Hoffa
24th Lester & Gloria Gambler
Doug and Karen Eisenhofer
25th Joshua & Sara Linderman

*****THIS SUNDAY, October 11 we return *****
to the Sanctuary for Worship

We look forward to being able to welcome you back into the Belleman's Sanctuary! We have all been looking forward to returning to indoor worship after an enjoyable summer of services in the grove. With this move, there are some items to know. When you come to worship in person at Salem Belleman's Church the following temporary guidelines have been adopted by the Church Board to help mitigate the transmission risk of the Covid-19 virus:

- Temporarily modify worship and Sunday School times and formats to limit the duration of person to person contact.
- Temporarily limit the number of choir and other worship participants during Sunday services. (The desire is to increase the number of allowed participants over time via a planned, measured approach.)
- Require the use of face coverings (mask or face shield) for all worshippers (including members of the choir/musicians/lay readers/clergy) at all times – including when singing and/or speaking, or using a microphone.
- Require the use of face coverings (mask or face shield) for all non-worship activities held inside church facilities, including music rehearsals.
- Require that all music rehearsals be conducted either in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary to allow for the recommended increased social distancing when performing such activities.
- Temporary removal of all pew hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, offering envelopes, and pencils to reduce potential contamination touchpoints.
- Increased sanitization of high touch areas such as bathrooms, light switches, door handles, and railings.

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Some additional items to know:

- **First and Foremost**, anyone feeling ill is asked to please stay home and join in worship virtually.
- There will be **one worship service** at 9:00 a.m.
- **In-car worship** will still be available.
- **Facebook Live/Youtube** options will remain.
- **Masks/face coverings** are a **requirement** to be worn in the sanctuary for the entire service by all worshippers and worship participants.
- **Offering Plates** will be placed in the narthex as there will not be an offering as part of the service.
- Certain pews will be marked off to encourage **social distancing**.
- Congregants are asked to keep their **coats and other personal effects** with them in the pews.
- **Singing/humming** quietly will be permitted with a mask.
- **Hand sanitizer** will be available .
- There will **not be a Children's Message**.
- In person worshippers are asked to make a **timely exit** following the service.

Please know that Salem Belleman's Church has been diligently working to provide for a safe indoor worship environment.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me." -Mathew 25:40

"At the end of this pandemic it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be QUITE apparent if we underreacted or did too little." -Source Unknown

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If anyone isn't able to connect to worship virtually and is in need of a written sermon transcript, please contact the church office (610-926-0461) to be added to the transcript mailing list.