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

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

Bell Notes

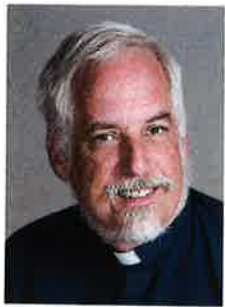
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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.*



August 2021

*Rev. David Blich, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Pastor's Ponderings

"I made it to my happy place!" Just saw a posting on Facebook of a young woman, wearing a Steelers Sweatshirt, standing in front of Mack's Pizza on the Boardwalk in Wildwood. I know exactly where she is and my family and I ate at that Mack's a week ago. Best Pizza in the world,

though I know of a few dear people who will disagree.

Her happy place. Mine too.

I've vacationed in Wildwood so many times, I've lost count. If I've organized retreats in Wildwood for youth, college students, and Pastor's twenty times, it might be too low a number. When I was a Pastor in Absecon NJ, we often had meetings in Wildwood, so I was there regularly for those. I know the town like the back of my hand and I know where everything is. It is not only a happy place, but a comfortable place. There is probably a dozen, maybe a bit more, activities or places that we go to in Wildwood, or near Wildwood, such as the Cape May County Zoo and the Naval Air Station Museum. We don't do them all every vacation, but over the course of a few years, we've hit them all. This all began 60 or so years ago, when I was a toddler. And the motel I stayed at with my Grandma, mom and dad in 1960 is the same one we stayed at last week.

So Pastor, why do you go back again, and again, and again? Sounds kinda boring doing the same things over and over.

Good question. There are times when we want to go on an adventure, see something we've never experienced before. There are times we want to go with the unknown and shoot for new horizons. And there are times we want to be soothed by the familiar.

Both are needed. One is to keep us from being bored and stretching us out with new insights, and the other is to keep us grounded to what we love in the essence of our being,

When we look at the ministry of Belleman's Church, I think it wise to balance the both. As I preached a while ago, the UCC slogan, "God is Still Speaking," is important. But also important is to remember it is the same God as it always was.

Lyrics from a great Christian Band:

*Life floods in with a conquest
Life floods in with a new quest
Here's a voice for the voiceless
And a song for the soulless
Life floods in*

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Church Board Highlights

July 19, 2020

James Fitterling, Oliver Blatt and Pastor Dave reported on some proposed updates to the sound system. The system has continued to have some issues here and there along with the fact that the system is about 30 years old. Currently, we are running the system with a loaned mixer from Oliver which has improved the sound. Upgrades would include speakers, amp and mixer in addition to the addition of a subwoofer. All existing wiring and wired mics would remain. Ultimately, the cost to complete these upgrades is around \$25,000. There would be some additional cost associated with running speaker wires and a power line for the subwoofer in addition to adding some wireless microphones. So, the Board granted approval for these upgrades to the sound system at a cost up to \$30,000 conditional upon Council and Consistory approval. Council and Consistory approval was granted via email vote. Discussion with the congregation will be held about this on August 8.

The Worship and Music committee looked at issuing a survey to the congregation concerning worship times as we head toward the fall and a potential return to Sunday school. The survey will take place the weeks of August 1 and 8. James also noted that the committee suggested returning to the three week prayer list setup from before.

The Fundraising committee met to discuss the Turkey and Waffle Supper on July 18 after worship. The event will take place on September 25 and will use a similar take out/drive through format. The Bazaar is also scheduled for November 5 and 6.

The Property Committee reported that the repointing on the church should start soon. Also, at the Sexton House the roof has been completed. Additionally at the house, a pipe in the basement sprung a leak. The leak was repaired but there are some pipes in need of replacement. This is getting looked into further. Lastly, the water pressure tank at the Hall is in need of replacement, this will hopefully be completed by the Turkey and Waffle meal.

A report was presented highlighting the 275th Anniversary Committee's last meeting. The remaining item needing Board approval is the cost for the October 10 meal. After some discussion, it was suggested to charge \$10 per person with children under 12 being free.

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**Reminder:** Individuals will remain on the Prayer List for a period of three weeks before being removed unless otherwise noted with the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance!

**Attendance/Offering**

|         | <b>9:00AM</b>                  | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| July 4  | 60 (Grove), 148(Facebook)      | \$1,637.00      |
| July 11 | 55 (Sanctuary), 134 (Facebook) | \$1,931.00      |
| July 18 | 72 (Grove), 168 (Facebook)     | \$2,458.00      |
| July 25 | 96 (Sanctuary), 92(Facebook)   | \$4,419.00      |

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**Belleman's Joint Board**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 21,044.21 |
| Income            | \$ 16,519.92 |
| Expenses          | \$ 6,106.31  |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 31,457.82 |

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

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**August Jingle Offerings are designated for  
Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders**

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**Congregational Voting Meeting  
Next Sunday following Worship**

**Motion to distribute the following amounts from the Roland Family Bequest; \$70,000 to the Capital Campaign to pay off that remaining loan, issue \$400,000 to the Endowment Fund for investment and to issue \$10,000 to the Old Church fund for upkeep and maintenance.**

Don't forget to come with your ideas for the use of the remaining funds.

**\*\*\*Also, being added to the Congregational \*\*\*  
Meeting next Sunday is discussion on a motion to spend up to \$30,000 from the Ray Bauder bequest to cover updates to the Church Sound System.**

Voting on this motion would take place following worship on **August 15.**

**Assistance is needed with the following:**

- We need Greeters/Ushers on a weekly basis. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Mica Kornfeind at 610-756-3844.
- We need someone to handle the scheduling of lectors on a weekly basis. If you are interested in taking charge of this scheduling task, please discuss this with James in the office.

Thank you for your help and God Bless!

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**Calendar of Events**

- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
8/8 *Summer Sunday School: VBS Sunday #4*  
*Congregational Voting Meeting after Worship*
- Tue 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting  
8/10
- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove**  
8/15 *Summer Sunday School: VBS Sunday #5*  
*Congregational Voting Meeting after Worship*
- Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting  
8/16
- Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley  
8/21 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service in the Old Church**  
8/22
- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
8/29 *Rev. Ken Gould leading worship*  
*275th Anniversary Committee Meeting*
- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove**  
9/5
- Sun. **9:00AM Worship Service**  
9/12

**Sunday Worship Services return to the Sanctuary full time beginning September 12. Worship and Sunday School Times may be adjusted starting in September as well. Keep on the lookout for updates on this.**

# *Salem Belleman's Union Church*

## *275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events*

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The time is quickly approaching for our numerous events to celebrate Belleman's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Plan to attend one, two or more of these occasions as we acknowledge our church's long and prosperous history!

The celebration will kick off with our annual **PA German Service** in the Old Church on **Saturday, September 25 at 2 pm.** The guest speaker will be Caleb Franks of Stevens, Pa. We are also asking that each attendee bring a canned good to be donated to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

After the service, make sure you have your reservations for our annual **Turkey and Waffle Dinner!** This will also be held on **Saturday, September 25** as a Take-Out event. Pick-up of the pre-ordered meals will be at the Fellowship Hall from **3 – 6 pm.** A reservation form is included in this newsletter.

On **Sunday, October 10, at 9 am,** we will have a **Dedication Service** for the Organ Re-build and HVAC System in our current church building. The service will be an old-time Hymn Sing to highlight our refurbished organ!

A second service will be held at **3 pm** and former pastors and "Sons of the Congregation" will be invited to attend. To celebrate the church building, completed in 1924, the liturgy that afternoon will be from the 1920's, including German hymns. A hymn specifically written for Belleman's by Milton Blatt will be sung.

The guest speaker will be George M. Meiser IX, a well-known Berks County historian.

At **5 pm,** a dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The catered meal will be marinated chicken, ham, potatoes, mac and cheese, green beans, roll, fruit cup, and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$10, and reservations will be required. A reservation form for the meal will be included in next month's Bell's Notes.

The final celebration event will be held on **Sunday, October 17** in the Old Church beginning at **5:30 pm.** Local organists will be given the opportunity to show their talents on our Bohler handpump organ. At **6:30 pm,** an evening service will be held in the Old Church, using liturgy from the 1800's time period. Since electricity is not available in the Old Church, we are asking attendees to bring battery-operated small lanterns or flashlights to the service. This will be a unique experience to attend an evening service in the Old Church! Following the service, a Cake and Ice Cream Social will be held in the Fellowship Hall!



A Historical Display will be located in the Fellowship Hall for the October 10 meal and the October 17 Ice Cream Social. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to allow us to borrow your Belleman's Church memorabilia to display! We are especially interested if anyone has photos of the Old Church ceiling, or the interior photos of the current church showing the second balcony over the chapel area before it was closed in.

Help us make this a successful celebration!

## Mercy Ministries

Lovin' Life 5K September 11th, 2021 High Point Baptist Camp  
8:00 am check in | 9:00 am start

We will be MOVIN' IN FAITH and IN COLOR! Join us for a 5K and 1 Mile Color Fun Run! Traditional 5K and Virtual options are also available. You decide! Registration begins July 28th. \$25.00 per person or \$60.00 per family. Register early to receive a t-shirt! Prizes awarded for top individual and team fundraisers. Medals for 1st and 2nd place finishers in traditional 5K race. Visit [www.mercypregnancycenter.org](http://www.mercypregnancycenter.org) for all the details! Questions? Contact Joe Andrews at 610-335-6607 or [joea2141@gmail.com](mailto:joea2141@gmail.com)

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Update on the Relay for Life of Kutztown...

An in person event will be held on
Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Kutztown Fairgrounds
(144 N. Whiteoak St.) **Time 3-8 p.m.**

3 p.m. Opening Ceremony

5 p.m. Survivor Ceremony followed by the survivor/caregiver Lap
7:30 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony

You can search Relay for Life of Kutztown to join our team, Live Long and Prosper. You can also dedicate a Luminaria in memory, for someone fighting cancer or for a cancer survivor for a donation of \$10. If you are not computer savvy you can call Ann Stump at 610-926-3416 if you want to participate.



Luminaria Forms will also be located in the Narthex.

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## Bethany Children's Home Annual Summer Concert Series

August 6: Uptown Band, 7 p.m.

August 27: Stephanie Grace, 7 p.m.

September 10: Jeff Krick Jr.: Elvis Tribute, 7 p.m.

September 25: Ringgold Band, 1 p.m.

All shows Rain or Shine. \$5 per car suggested donation to benefit Bethany's Mission

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Belleman's Turkey and Waffle Supper is September 25, 2021

Please see insert for info.

Much help will be needed for this event!

A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex.



Belleman's Church Members, Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery times. Also, a big thank you to the Sunshine Fund for the goodie bag. What a pleasant surprise that was. Recovery is

still on-going, but hopefully I'll be up and walking within the next few weeks.

Thanks again, Bob (Nature) Elliott

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**Dear Belleman's Church, Thank you** for your gift to Bear Creek Camp! Because of you, campers will be able to enjoy the faith and fun this summer! We look forward to the next time we can see you at BCC!

**Charissa Colbert**

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Thank you so much for donating homemade hoagie sandwiches to the veterans at the Veteran Social Center. We then donated the extras to the homeless men at the Hope Rescue Mission. Thank you so much! The veterans loved them.

**Sincerely, Liz Graybill, President,
Veterans Making a Difference**

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**Dear Belleman's Church Jingle Offering, Thank you** so much for your donation of \$250.00 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Kutztown. Your support to the American Cancer Society and our Relay for Life of Kutztown team is Greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

**Sincerely,  
Ann and Mark Stump, Live Long and Prosper Team**

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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

GYSGT Phillip Spatz

Alfred Cross

Cydney Lawrence

Dustin Spatz

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 Fenstemacher, 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 Jodie Difatta, Sheila Reppert,
Michael Holcombe
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


Music News

Sure, it's still summer...but now is the time to start thinking about practicing!

Practices for all our musical ensembles

begin this fall!

 Our Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals in September on Wednesday evenings.

 Our Bell Choirs will begin rehearsals in October on Monday evenings.

If you're already a part of our music family, you'll be receiving details via email shortly. If you haven't participated in the past but want to join the fun, find me before or after any service. There is a place for everyone in our musical family here at Belleman's.

The only requirement to be a part of the music program is a love of music as we ring and sing our praises!

Musically,

Oliver

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 – Corn**

**Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021
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 oposite of
this page for your pre-ordered meal!**

PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 11, 2021



Turkey and Waffle Order Form



Name: _____

Phone # _____

_____ # of dinners @ \$12/each = \$ _____

Additional items for sale:

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

_____ # of extra filling/gravy \$6/qt or \$3/pt = \$ _____

Homemade pies

_____ # old-fashioned lemon (\$7)

_____ # lemon sponge (\$7)

_____ # coconut custard (\$7)

_____ # cherry crumb (\$10)

Total \$ pies = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

**Make checks payable to: Belleman's Church
Remit to Belleman's Church, 3540 Belleman's Church Rd.,
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**Phone or email orders can be made to the Church Office:
610-926-0461 or salembellemans@frontiernet.net**

PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY September 11, 2021

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