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**275th Anniversary
Celebrations are coming!
(See page 6 for information)**

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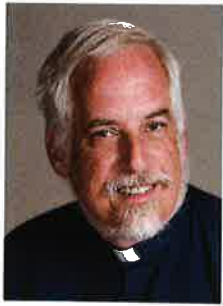
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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.*



September 2021

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

Things are going on with my back, and as I write this in two days I'll be getting an MRI to hopefully figure out what is up with several nagging issues that seem to be coalescing. Prayers are welcome.

In the midst of this I was able to attend the concert of a lifetime. Skillet is my favorite Christian rock band and Switchfoot is right behind them. My daughter Kristin and I had tickets for that concert. The statement was made at the concert that Switchfoot and Skillet had never been on the same concert bill! My dream came true! It was my 12th Skillet concert and my 3rd Switchfoot concert.

This was the Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra concert. The Beatles and Rolling Stones concert. The Led Zeppelin and The Who concert. The Duran Duran and Police concert. The 'NSync and Backstreet Boys concert. The Beastie Boys and NWA concert. The Pearl Jam and Nirvana concert. The Ed Sheeran and Arianna Grande concert. At least for me and a bunch of people who posted on Instagram and Facebook it was epic.

The crowd was interesting, it was a mix of people who were attending a Christian concert, wearing Christian Music Festival and Jesus t-shirts, and a bunch of people drinking heavily, it was held at a winery, who were there for a rock and roll show. That's the appeal of those two bands. They have a Christian following and a secular following.

The Gospel was preached. John Cooper, lead singer and bassist of Skillet, spoke about his Christian faith and Jesus several times during the concert.

I wonder what the crowd who had no clue that this was a Christian show were thinking? Were they surprised? Were they offended? Did it ruin their concert experience?

Or did they listen to the truth of the Gospel and maybe have an epiphany?

Skillet and Switchfoot are often criticized by some in the Christian community about how they often tour with secular bands or perform in secular rock festivals. For every Christian Creation or Winter Jam festival they will show up at just a rock and roll show.

For instance one of the next gigs Skillet will be at is the Blue Ridge Rock Festival with headliners Rob Zombie, Megadeth, and Papa Roach. But even at this festival, among the dozens of bands, I found three other Christian rock bands in the published lineup, (two that I've seen in concert.)

I may never have heard of Skillet or Switchfoot if it wasn't for a Christian Festival in New Jersey called Revelation Generation.

The reason why Skillet and Switchfoot do the secular shows is not because of you or me, but for the others in the audience. For the clueless with their third beer in their hand. Where else are they going to hear the good news? Where else will they have an encounter with God? Where else will their lives be transformed by the Gospel?

That is why the church, Belleman's, you and me, have to be in the world outside our walls. To find people who would never enter our doors. There is a saying, "the church has left the building." If we are to do the job of a modern day disciple, it is what we need to do.

Pastor Dave's contact info:

Phone: 484-663-4911

Email: revblitch@msn.com

Pastoral Relations Committee

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Dave, or to any member of the committee:

Dawne Clay (Chair), Brenda Weyandt,
Phil Kistler, Mica Kornfeind and Allen Loeb.

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Church Board Highlights

August 16, 2021

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that we received a bit over \$900 from the insurance company to cover repairs to the church air conditioning units from ice damage last winter. Also, the roof on the Sexton House has been replaced and that cost was reflected on the report. Lastly, the report reflected that the property taxes for 2021 have been paid.

Pastor Dave reported that another invitation was received to attend an active shooter seminar on August 26. Pastor Dave, James and Frank plan to attend.

The Fundraising Committee reported that they have sent out the mailers and order forms for the Turkey and Waffle event.

The Property Committee reported that the repointing on the east side of the church has been completed. Also, the lighting in the basement of the fellowship hall has been installed. Upcoming, the water tank at the fellowship hall will be replaced and we are waiting for a quote for capping windows at the Sexton house.

James Fitterling noted that upon the congregational approval on August 8 that the approved Roland Bequest amounts have been distributed. Additionally, the Capital Campaign has issued the final payment on the Cemetery loan. This will have all debts repaid.

The Music and Worship Committee met and reviewed the worship time survey results. They provided a recommendation to the Board to begin with a Sunday schedule of 8:30 a.m. Sunday School and 9:30 a.m. worship beginning on September 19. This recommendation will be reviewed by the Christian Education Committee and sent back to the Board via email for final approval.

James reported that he continues to review and compile the suggestions from the congregational meeting ballots in regards to the use of the remainder of the Calvin Roland Bequest. The Executive Board will meet to review the full list of suggestions and prepare a report for the rest of the Board.

James noted that his hunting trip is during the week of the October Board Meeting. Various options to adjust the meeting were discussed. Ultimately, it was approved to hold the meeting on November 8 to cover both October and November.

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#### Belleman's Joint Board

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 31,457.82 |
| Income            | \$ 12,655.97 |
| Expenses          | \$ 18,267.94 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 25,845.85 |

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September Jingle Offerings are designated for Belleman's Rally Day - Character Juggler Chris Ivey

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**Helpers needed... Saturday, October 9 at 8:00 a.m. Cutting back hedges at the Church.**



### Congregational Meetings Recap

Congregational meetings were held on July 25, August 8 and August 15 to discuss and vote on the two motions below. Both motions passed as a result of the votes.

Motion for the distribution of funds from the Calvin Roland Bequest to the Capital Campaign (\$70,000), Endowment (\$400,000) and Old Church (\$10,000). **Result: 46 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Motion to spend up to \$30,000 from the Ray Bauder bequest to cover sound system updates. **Result: 48 yes votes and 1 no vote.**

Thank you for your participation in this process!

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Attendance/Offering

	9:00AM	Offering
August 1	54 (Grove), 169(Facebook)	\$1,739.00
August 8	54 (Sanctuary), 112 (Facebook)	\$2,912.00
August 15	62 (Grove), 73 (Facebook)	\$3,438.00
August 22	45 (Sanctuary), 95(Facebook)	\$2,096.00
August 29	44 (Sanctuary), 59(Facebook)	\$1,784.00

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#### Communion Assistants for September 12

9:00 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, Dawne Clay,  
Maura Wesner  
*Ushers:* Larry Henne, Frank Kornfeind

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Communion Assistants for October 3

10:00 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne,
James Fitterling
Ushers: Jim Blatt, Allen Loeb

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### Keystone Military Families Shindig 2021

September 8 from 11:00AM-3:00PM

Games-Food-Raffles-Vendors-Crafts-Food Trucks

Shoey Park - 8th and Main St, Shoemakersville

Call 610-698-2122 for more info.

## *You're Invited...*

To attend the following 275th anniversary festivities at Salem Belleman's Church

**Sunday, October 10 – 9 am** – Hymn Sing Service in the 1924 Church which will include the dedication of the HVAC system and organ rebuild.

**Sunday, October 10 – 3 pm** in the 1924 Church where liturgy from the 1920's, including German hymns, will be used.

Following this service at **5 pm** a meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall for those who have made reservations through the church office. Historical items will be on display at the Fellowship Hall as well. Meal cost is \$10 each, under 12 are free. (Meal reservation form is included in this newsletter)

**Sunday, October 17 – 5:30 pm** – Organists who have reserved a time slot will be given the opportunity to show their talents on our Bohler single-manual hand pump organ (bring your own pumper) that is in the 1815 Old Church. Please contact the church office to reserve your slot.

**Sunday, October 17 – 6:30 pm** service will be held in the Old Church, using liturgy from earlier church periods. Since electricity is not available in the Old Church, you are encouraged to bring battery-operated lanterns. Following the service, a cake and ice cream social will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Historical items will be on display.

*Hope to see you there!*

### **Last Call FOR CHURCH MEMORABILIA!**

As we plan for our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we continue to look for items to borrow for a display of our church artifacts! Needed are any old photos, church-related items or anything that represents or depicts life here at Belleman's! If you have something you would be willing to share for a temporary display, contact any member of the 275<sup>th</sup> Committee: John Rausch, James Fitterling, Mica Kornfiend, Carol Weyandt or Pastor Dave.

Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **October 13th** from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Personnel from the blood center will be from Berks County. Please call Roxanne Loeb for further information (610) 926-1089.

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### **Capital Campaign Mum sale!**



On Harvest Home Sunday, September 26th. Members may purchase mums to beautify the sanctuary and then to decorate their homes. **Mums** are \$6.00 each and locally grown by **Penny Hill Farms**. Please see Linda Henne (610-926-4506) to place your orders. **All orders must be received by Sunday, September 19th** and please make checks payable to **YWAM**. This year's proceeds will benefit the Belleman's Lift Youth. Coupons will be in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

The Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry is in need of YOUR HELP! We have plenty of supplies and funds (thank you for your continued donations), but we are in the process of re-organizing and need volunteers to take some more leadership roles. The Corl family who has been in charge of the monthly distribution for many years are retiring by the end of the year and we would like to get people in place as soon as possible to make the transition smooth.

A new "separated" job description is available so that not one single person needs to do "everything." We are having our next meeting on October 7th at 7pm at Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. Please come to the meeting just to find out what happens and know that by attending this meeting that does not automatically require you to volunteer for a position. **We need volunteers!** Please speak with Rev. Gary Rarick, administrator of the SV Food Pantry if you have any questions. His contact information is: [pastorarrick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorarrick@gmail.com) or 610-401-1545.



Thank you to all who attended and assisted with this years VBS: Super Summer Sunday School.



**Please Remember...  
Sunday School Returns  
September 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

As Sunday School resumes, we are in need of teachers for the following classes:

- Nursery
- 5th/6th Grade

Please Let the church office know if you can help!  
Thank you!

## Lift Youth Organizational Meeting

Sunday, September 19 after Worship (around 11:00)



Making Plans for Fall, Election of Officers, Games, Making Pizza

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CHARACTER JUGGLER

CHRIS IVEY

APPEARING LIVE

WHEN
OCTOBER 3, 2021
9:00 A.M.
BELLEMAN'S RALLY
DAY

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BELLEMAN'S
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

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Calendar of Events

Sun. Holy Communion
9/12 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Tue. (9/14) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. (9/15) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
 9/18 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
 (Bellemans' Month to Serve)

Sunday Worship Services return to the **Sanctuary**
 full time beginning **September 19** with a
new Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
9/19 10:00AM Worship Service

Mission Team Steering Committee Meeting after worship
275th Anniversary Committee Meeting after worship
Lift Youth Organizational Meeting after worship (Info page 9)

Mon. (9/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. (9/22) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 2:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church
 9/25 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall

Sun. Harvest Home
9/26 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon.(9/27) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. (9/29) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. World Communion Sunday
10/3 9:00AM Sunday School Rally Day (Info page 9)
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. Hand bell Rehearsal time TBA
 10/4 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. (10/6) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat 8:00AM Workday at church (Hedge trimming)
10/9 (Chainsaws will be needed to cut back these hedges)

Sun. 275th Anniversary Celebration Week #1 (Info page 6)
10/10 9:00AM Hymn Sing Service
3:00PM Anniversary Service in "New Church"
5:00PM Meal at the Fellowship Hall

Mon. Hand bell Rehearsal time TBA
 10/11 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. 2:00-7:00PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall
 10/13 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 9:00–10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
 10/16 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 275th Anniversary Celebration Week #2 (Info page 6)
10/17 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
5:30PM Organ Recital at Old Church
6:30PM Anniversary Service in "Old Church"



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**Yay ! Bellemans' Church did it again!**  
 The last loan payment was made! The committee wants to **thank everyone** who helped in any way to make this project a success. We could not have done it without your help and support. We appreciate all of you. We look forward to dedicating these projects with a special worship service on October 10.  
**Thanks again. The Capital Campaign Committee.**

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Members of Bellemans', I want to **thank** everyone for the beautiful flowers and the cards I received for my 100th birthday. It was a great day.
God is good! Ethel Reinhart

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### **Bellemans' 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

# The Bulletin Board

## 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.



## Pulled Pork Take Out

**Sunday, September 26**

**Ontelaunee Grange Hall**

**Contact Larry Henne for Tickets**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal**

**Sunday, Sept 26, 2021 11 - 2**

**BSA Troop #154**

Pickup at: Ontelaunee Grange Hall  
248 White Oak Ln, Leesport, PA 19533

**Take out only - Pork by Smokey Bear BBQ - \$10**

Pork, bun, bbq sauce, baked potato, butter, apple sauce, drink and a cookie

**Sponsored by Centerport POS of A Camp # 446**



## Bazaar Flea Market is Back!!



Only about 20 days until the first collection of items for the market.

Three groups of people are responsible for the success of the market: those who organize and work the sale; those who donate items; those who purchase items. The combined efforts of all have resulted in very nice profits.

Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, September 27. Items should be brought to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:30. Collections will be made on every Monday through October 25.

Things that cannot be accepted: outdated electronics, items that are broken or not in working order, shoes, clothing, baby items that do not meet safety code, car seats, microwaves, computers & computer components, and old television sets. Almost anything else is welcome. Especially welcome- volunteers to help unload, unpack, organize, price and enjoy the fellowship. Please do not drop off items if no one is at the Fellowship Hall. Questions- call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.

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Turkey and Waffle Take-Out Dinner



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

**Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3 – 6 pm**

**PLEASE contact the Church Office to
PRE-ORDER BY September 11, 2021**

We will need lots of people to help us throughout the Turkey and Waffle Take Out week of preparing and on the day of the event. Please save us some of your time and be a part of this big undertaking. Let us know when you could help. Soon there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule for some of the job opportunities. Thanks and please consider joining in all the fun. September 25 is the event date.

September Birthdays

- 17th Bridget Hoffert,
Jeffrey Mohn
18th Ryan Moser,
Shannon Perzel
19th Brandon Corolla,
Jay Grube, Brian Gery
20th Nichole Leibensperger
22nd Anna Bair,
Marilyn Yoder, Wolf Arnold
23rd Barry Edwards,
Connor Zaleski, Emma Potts
24th Michele Dietrich,
Rev. Joshua Fitterling,
Carolyn Machmer,
Richard Evans, Sandy Borkey,
Sean Livinghouse,
25th Rita Bausher
26th Tara Beerman, Natalie Redd
Randy Phillips, Ellie Weyandt
27th Dorothy Yeakel,
Brian Boyer
28th Lindsey Bradbury,
Kenneth Bungarz III,
Andrew Smyre
29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,
Michele Zimmerman
30th George Phillips, Jr.,
Chloe Zimmerman,
Courtney Zimmerman
Luke Jack Weyandt

September Anniversaries

- 15th Cory & Mary Ann Kunkle
16th Mark & Elizabeth Veres
17th Dennis & Robin Linderman
20th Jason & Sara Levan
21st Ryan and Cheyenne Potts
22nd Oliver and Amber Blatt
Kenneth and Nicole Jacoby
23rd Brian and Kara Gery
26th James & Linette Baer,
Therman & Bonnie Madeira

October Birthdays

- 2nd Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,
Holly Jean Wesner,
Daylin Dalton
3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn
4th Harold Spatz,
Ryan Livinghouse,
Tyler McMurtry
5th Skip Corolla, Jillian Phillips,
Daniel Kiefer, Benjamin King,
Lynn Hart
6th Terry Clay, Naomi Arnold
8th Aaron Nabozny,
Allison Younker,
9th Myra Snyder
10th Dorothy Bausher,
Priscilla Kiefer
11th Linda Hartman,
12th Ruth Ohlinger
13th Kristy Dietrich,
14th Robert Elliott
15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle
Andrea Quillman,
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein


October Anniversaries


- 1st Michael & Karen Harle,
Carl and Alyse Hein
3rd Darin & Brenda Hein
4th Scott & Michele Dietrich
Wayne & Arlene Hoffert
Shawn and Meaghan Bausher
5th Santi & Linda Imbesi
Cody and Lynda Marks
6th Roy & Danielle Moser,
Charles & Elisha Zimmerman
Andrew and Kelly Kauffman
8th Larry & Linda Henne
9th Richard & June Dautrich
12th Frank & Mica Kornfeind
John and Melissa Lewis

Music News

It's time!

As summer turns to autumn, our
choirs return for practices and
performances!

 Rehearsal begins for Sanctuary Choir on
Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm.

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

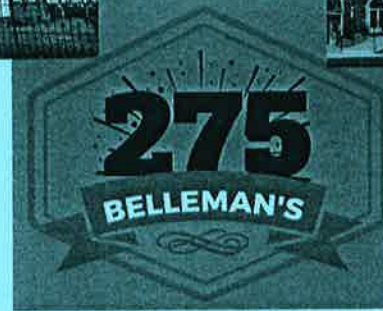
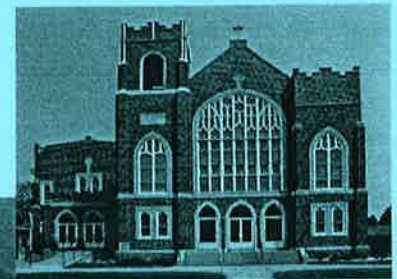
All our choirs will be singing and ringing old
favorites, along with traditional and
contemporary music, creating a fun and eclectic
blend of music for all tastes.

If you'd like to be a part of Sanctuary Choir, just
show up September 15 to rehearsal, and there
will be a seat waiting for you!

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



Belleman's 275th Anniversary Dinner Reservation Form

**Sunday, October 10 at 5 p.m.
At the Fellowship Hall**

Name: _____

___ # attending X \$10 = ___ Amount Due

___ # under 12 attending FREE

**Please return this reservation form along
with any cost due to the Church Office by
October 4, 2021.**

We hope to see you there!