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3540 Belleman's Church Road
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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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*Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.*  
*Worship Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*



**April 2023**

*Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor*  
*Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry*  
*James Fitterling, Administrator*  
*Church Office: 610-926-0461*  
*Church email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)*  
*Web Site: [bellemanschurch.org](http://bellemanschurch.org)*



## *He is Risen!*

We have found our way through Holy Week. Through the reading of Scripture and worshipping together we have witnessed the journey of Jesus' final week of His life prior to His crucifixion. All hope seemed to be gone as the disciples and others present struggled to come to terms with Jesus' death. After His body was taken down from the cross, the disciples shut themselves together in a house trying to make sense of it all. Concerned for their own safety as well, they questioned, how could this man declared as Messiah possibly save the people? They had thought He would save them from their oppressors; the crowds also believed this. Now their hope was gone.

**BUT THEN...**

Three days later the grave stone was rolled away and Jesus' body was not there! More confusion...more questions...but then the resurrected Jesus made Himself known, first to Mary then to the disciples. Jesus WAS and IS alive; He has defeated sin and death! As the disciples began to piece together all that occurred, they came to realize that this is how Jesus would save the people. Jesus has set them free, not just for their present time, but for all who believe, turn from their sins, and put their trust in Jesus.

Jesus had told His disciples all that would occur regarding His death and resurrection. His words hadn't made sense to them at the time, but now, finally, all He said began to make sense.

Just as Jesus had shared, ***I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who believes in me will never die.***

**Jesus purpose in coming to earth is fulfilled; he has set us free from sin and death, to a glorious future for all of eternity.**

**He is alive! Praise be to God; we serve a risen Savior!**

*Hallelujah!!!*

**Pastor Pat's contact info:**

Cell Phone: 717-926-2181

Email: phorst105@gmail.com

*Pastor Pat's weekly office day is currently Wednesday.*

## **Church Board Highlights** March 20, 2023

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that his report shows the receipt of the Heffner Fund money for 2023 totaling \$18,653.88. \$13,038 of that was used to pay the church insurance and the remainder was moved into savings to help with bills over the summer. Larry highlighted the Thrivent Choice program. Belleman's received over \$2,200 through this program in 2022. Lastly it was noted that the repairs for the sexton house have been all paid.

Pastor Pat noted that the mid week Lenten services have been going well. Attendance has been between 30 and 55 each week so far. She also reported that she is looking to possibly take a week of vacation at the end of April-beginning of May but is unsure of dates yet.

In James' report he also noted about some possible vacation dates to go turkey hunting in April but is also not totally sure about dates yet. He also noted that the Oyster mailers were delivered to the post office.

Eric Weyandt reported on the railing in the chancel area. He met with Bachmans about putting something together. Next, in preparation for looking into the replacement of the church roof, James suggested reforming the Maintenance Committee. The committee has been dormant for a few years in terms of meeting and many of the members no longer attend. James will work on getting some names for this committee for the next meeting. Lastly, Larry Henne presented a suggestion by the Fundraising Committee to get the counters redone at the refreshment stand at the fellowship hall. Carla Rozsitch secured a bid for the work through her company in the amount of \$15,925 to completely remove the counters and re-brace and support the tops. James noted that with this amount exceeding 5 percent of the church budget that this project would require congregational approval. The board approved the bid of \$15,925 to replace the countertops at the refreshment stand contingent on congregational approval. It was decided to advertise the motion on Sunday March 26 in the bulletin, have the discussion meeting after worship on April 2 and vote after church on April 16.

The Mission Team reported that the Sandwich sale fundraiser was completed with a profit around \$5,500. The group met recently and is looking to do a week of local mission work

in June and looking ahead is planning a travel trip in February 2024. Lastly, they are looking to move the Mission Team bank account back to Tompkins Bank from Fleetwood Bank.

The Call Committee reported that they recently had a meeting with Lutheran representative Rachael Dietz. They continue plans for a Congregational survey and discussed running the questions by the confirmation class.

Matthew Gambler was seeking permission to place a geocache on the church property as some other churches have done. The proposed place was over on the parking lot to keep it in a visible location. Matt did note that we can lay out ground rules for people to visit the site as far as time and avoiding church activity times. There was a question about checking with John Rausch about insurance ramifications, if any. It was decided to table this topic for members to think about it and to check with the insurance.

James reported that he discussed the Easter Dawn service with Pastor Cooper from the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren. As per the rotation we are due to host the service at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday. The service will be down at the fellowship hall. James suggested that we should setup some arrangements to have some refreshments/lite breakfast after the service for those in attendance. It was suggested to maybe do pancakes with the new griddle top range. This sounded agreeable. Additionally, Dawne Clay volunteered to make a breakfast casserole or two and to check into getting some fruit.

James discussed the older copier in the office. The machine recently hit the million copy mark and is having more issues. Upon contacting SOS it was relayed that Canon no longer produces parts for this copier due to its age. James noted that it would be good to still have a second machine in addition to the leased machine we have. SOS Business Machines is willing to trade us a slightly used machine to replace this older copier. The new copier would be \$750 and they would allow us \$150 for a trade on the old one leaving a cost of \$600 for the copier upgrade. This was approved

Lastly, Dawne Clay discussed the Confirmation Class and having some service projects for them. She suggested cleaning the old church on April 23 after church as a service project. As part of this, we would get pizza to have lunch and fellowship to go along with the project. This was agreeable and a needed project as we move toward warmer weather and more things in the old church.

**Belleman's Joint Board - February 2023**

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| Beginning Balance | \$15,722.37 |
| Income            | \$30,872.84 |
| Expenses          | \$33,694.92 |
| Ending Balance    | \$12,900.29 |

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Attendance/Offering

	10:00AM	Offering
March 5	89 (Church), 194 (Facebook)	\$4,221.00
March 12	66 (Church), 149 (Facebook)	\$2,335.00
March 19	79 (Church), 219 (Facebook)	\$2,307.00
March 26	78 (Church), 195 (Facebook)	\$2,541.00

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*Holy Communion will be celebrated May 7 and 28 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

**May 7:** *Altar Assistants:* Maura Wesner, Linda Henne, James Fitterling  
*Cup Stations:* Roxanne Loeb, Jim Blatt  
*Ushers:* Allen Loeb, Frank Kornfeind

**May 28:** *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne, Dawne Clay  
*Cup Stations:* Eric Weyandt, Lee Henne  
*Ushers:* Sam Stump, Larry Henne

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Update...Vacation Dates

As noted in the Board highlights, both Pastor Pat and James are planning some vacation time. Since the meeting, dates were confirmed and approved by the board via email:

Pastor Pat's Vacation is April 24-30
(Pastor Charles Walker will be covering for pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 484-269-4950)

James' Vacation is April 29 - May 6
(The Church Office will be closed during this time.)



Community Outreach Committee

The Church Board is seeking volunteers to help with the startup of this new committee. The committee would work to seek avenues to better connect Belleman's with the community both within the church walls and outside. If you would be

willing to assist with this new venture, please contact the church office at salembellemans@frontiernet.net or 610-926-0461



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*Your Blood. Their Hope.*



**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
BLOOD CENTER

Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **May 17th** from 1:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Volunteers Needed !!!

IHartHarvest, Inc., "The Potato Project"

SPRING 2023 SEED POTATO CUTTING IS ON:

April 22 & 23, 2023, 1PM - 4PM, Saturday & Sunday afternoons. Seed Potato Cutting Sessions for Spring 2023 Season. Open to the public - we need the help!

At Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 265 Maidencreek Rd., Fleetwood (Molltown), PA 19522.

Barebones event. Bring your own knife and cutting board, beverage and snacks. Rain or Shine. Walk-in and join us!

All for hungry neighbors in need!



IHartHarvest, Inc.
THE POTATO PROJECT

Google: **IHartHarvestInc**



April is Oyster Month at Belleman's Church!!

Remember to pick up your orders via our **DRIVE-THRU** on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 3-6 pm
At the Fellowship Hall



- Oyster Patting on Tuesday, April 25 at 5 p.m.
- Helpers are needed at various other times throughout the week leading up to Oyster Day on April 29. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to signup to help out. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/12 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (4/15) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
4/16 10:00AM Worship Service
Congregational Voting Sunday - Hall Countertop project

Mon. (4/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/19 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Rogation/ Seed and Soil Sunday
4/23 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
Youth Service Project - Cleaning the Old Church

Tue. (4/25) 5:00PM Oyster Patting at the Fellowship Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/26 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (4/29) 3:00–6:00PM Oyster Supper Pick-up at the Hall

Sun. Crystal Cammauf Leading Worship
4/30 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/3 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Holy Communion
5/7 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (5/8) 6:30PM Mission Team Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/10 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Ascension Sunday
5/14 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
5/15

Wed. 1-7PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall
5/17 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (5/20) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
(Belleman's Month To Serve)

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
5/21 10:00AM Worship Service

Tue. 9:30AM Music and Worship Committee Meeting
5/23 5:30-6:30PM Free Community Meal

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The April **Jingle Offerings** go to
Relay For Life - Live Long and Prosper Team

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Mission Team Meeting

There are signup sheets in the
narthex for upcoming mission team
projects. Please signup and plan to
attend the meeting on May 8th!



RELAY FOR LIFE OF **Kutztown**

Event Date: May 20, 2023, 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

At William Delong Memorial Park
233 Bowers Road
Mertztown, PA 19539

Go to Relay for Life of Kutztown
to join our team Live Long and Prosper!

Questions: call/email Mark or Ann Stump
(610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com)

Don't forget to sign up to join our team Live Long & Prosper
@ Relay for Life of Kutztown & Eastern Berks or call American
Cancer Society @1-800-227-2345. A representative will help
sign up.

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Relay For Life Honey Fundraiser

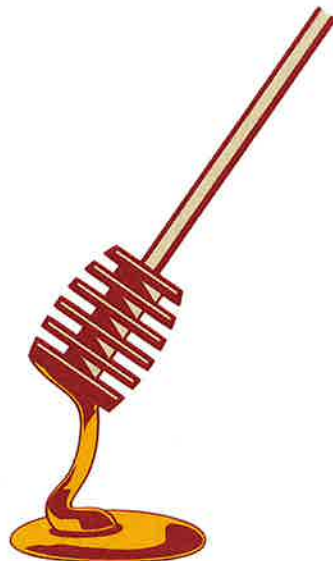
There is a signup sheet in the narthex to
order honey to support the Relay for Life!

Pickup is at the Relay on May 20.

If you are unable to attend the
relay, your order will be available for pickup at
church on May 21.

Please order by April 16.

Questions...please call Ann Stump at
610-926-3416.



MEMORIAL DAY at Belleman's Church Monday, May 29, 2023

Part 1: Take Out Food Sale

Pickup from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Order forms will be coming out soon!

Part 2: Memorial Day Service

The service will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Part 3: MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC RETURNS!

Picnic Food available 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Washington Band of Annville from 4-7 p.m.
Sponsored by Leibensperger Funeral Homes, Inc.

We need YOU!!!

Your help will be greatly appreciated for Memorial Day.

There are many ways to help:

1. Help by **donating a cake** at the Refreshment Stand.
2. Help in the **refreshment stand**. There are a variety of jobs for you to choose from.
3. Help **setup and clean up** the grove.
4. Help **carry a flag** for the Memorial Service.
5. Help **distribute** take out orders.

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for these volunteer opportunities or **please contact the church office if you are available to help out. Thank you!**

SV Food Pantry needs your help...mark your calendars!

Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the **May 20, 2023** distribution. **That means that we need your help at the food pantry that day.** Help will be needed from **8 a.m. till noon.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!



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.

Thank You for your participation!



**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
DRIVE THRU**

**Tuesday, May 23
5:30-6:30p.m. at
The Fellowship Hall**



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
MSGT Kevin Mohn
GYSGT Phillip Spatz
Alfred Cross
Cydney Lawrence
Dustin Spatz



Thanks to all who helped to make, buy and sell our 1,092 sandwiches on March 16, 2023. It was a great sale with lots of helping hands and good fellowship on the assembly lines. The profits (\$5,500) were distributed to Food for the Poor, Restoring Hope and Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. Also, 20 extra sandwiches were taken to Hope Rescue Mission in Reading. **Working to help others is always rewarding!**



Hi everyone, Thank you for the nice Valentine Gift and the many cards we have received over the past few weeks.
God Bless, Paul and Annabell Leshner



Dear Belleman's Congregation and the Smile Fund,
Thank you for the beautiful plant and card we received in the celebration of our 50 years together. It was very thoughtful and did bring a smile to both our faces.

God Bless, Steve and Jackie Lynn



Dear Friends at Belleman's Church, I am writing to thank you for your generous gift of \$477 from your February Jingle Offering to Safe Berks. With your help, we can continue our mission of serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Berks County. Please know we are extremely grateful for your support. While we face many challenges, your generosity strengthens us to continue our mission.

Sincerely, Mindy McIntosh, Director of Development

April Birthdays

- 16th Jared Moser,
Kelly Gregor,
Cheryl Pszczolkowski Barton
17th Timothy Fair
18th Gayle Diehl,
Madelyn Nabozny
19th Francis Jroski,
Brenda Kelly
22nd Teisha Madden,
Darin Hein, Robert Marks
23rd Michael Felix
24th Jackie Kochan,
Nathan Younker
25th Mindi Kufro, Logan Haas,
Thomas Lawrence
26th Russell Minner,
Donna Schaeffer
27th Gene Driesbach
Diane Seaman,
Hannah Weyandt
28th Sherry Ebelhar,
Terry Kinney,
Devin Livinghouse
29th Rebecca Gambler,
Ashley Keller,
Donald Duvall
30th Brenden Livinghouse
Logan Borkey

April Anniversaries

- 30th Robert & Brenda
Eisenhower

May Birthdays

- 1st Michael Harle
2nd Lori Balthaser, Regan Gilmer
Dottie Cowan,
Amy Machmer
4th Trevor Moser, Brynna Kiwak
5th Samantha Labe,
Phillip Reppert
6th Jean Smith, Brittany Schoen
7th Samuel Beebe,
Mariusz Polak,
Lynn McCullough
8th Rylan Gilmer, Ryan Paris
9th Gavin Miller
10th Kayleigh Phillips,
Logan Henne
11th Connie Mohn, Brandon Hilbert
12th Gregg Rubright,
Elyssa Machmer
13th Doreen Ottaviani
14th Dennis Linderman,
15th Richard Hartman,
Karen Emer
16th Krista Roe,
Deanne Burkhart
17th Beau Dalton
Brenda Michelle Yoder

May Anniversaries

- 4th Keith & Pamela Haas
9th Michael & Susan Gehris
Joseph & Bobbie Jo King
Bruce & Anna Potteiger
Kerry & Cindy Strunk
11th Larry & Connie Mohn
Anthony & Victoria
McCloskey
15th Shawn & Roxanne
McMurtry

Music News

It's amazing to think that it's already April!
Easter is just a beautiful memory as our choirs
and musicians prepare for the grand finale of
our music season here at Belleman's!

We hope you'll join us for our

Celebration of Music

on June 4 at 10:00 am.

Don't miss this uplifting service as we deliver a
beautiful message through the universal
language of music. We'll be featuring our choirs,
along with additional musicians, and more!

As part of our Celebration of Music Sunday, we're
inviting everyone who has ever been a part of our
choir family to join us for this special Sunday.
Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at 6:30
pm, and we'd be thrilled to welcome everyone as
part of our musical family.

Whether you join us to sing and ring, or to simply
listen, I can't wait to share this joyous message
through music with you!

Musically,

Oliver