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Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor  
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry  
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# Bell Notes

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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.

## *The Season of Lent is Nearly Here!*



In many ways it seems like it was just the Christmas season, but in a couple weeks we will be in the season of Lent. The Christian year marches forward.

Lent is typically a time of introspection, remembrance, and penitence. We begin to reflect more intensely on Christ's journey to the cross. Perhaps in past years you have watched movies portraying Christ's life. The 2004 movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, became popular as it vividly shared the story of the last days of Jesus' life, at times reflecting on earlier years. Movies such as *The Passion* visually take us back to the days of Jesus and experience Him as people of His day knew Him. We get a birds-eye look into the happenings, the struggle, the pain and ultimate victory of Christ. *The Passion* is reported to be the highest grossing religious movie of all time. It was nominated for three Academy Awards, winning Best Cinematography. I believe the movie tells us something about ourselves and those around us. We continue to want to learn more and experience more about Jesus Christ, His un-failing love and the eternal hope He has provided for us.

My hope is that as we make our way through Lent as individuals and a community of faith at Belleman's, our faith in Christ will be strengthened. As we consider all that Jesus has provided for us, we will also have opportunity to join in fellowship with other like-minded followers in our area. We are part of the family of God; we share a common journey as believers in Christ.

May Christ make Himself known to you in deep and wonderful ways as we begin our days of reflection during this Lenten season.

Christ's blessings to you as we journey together,  
*Pastor Pat*

**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**

January 16, 2023

Church Board Nominations for 2023 were presented and approved: Allen Loeb (President), Dawne Clay (Vice President), James Fitterling (Recording Secretary), Larry Henne (Treasurer), Carla Rozsitch (Assistant Treasurer), Carlene Kissinger (Financial Secretary), John Rausch (Special Funds Director), Linda Henne (Fellowship Hall Coordinator).

Pastor Pat provided a written report and highlighted some items and recent visitations and phone calls. She also presented a letter to the Board with her concerns about driving and being unfamiliar with the roads. Terry Clay had offered to drive her to make some visitations. There was some discussion about seeing if any local pastors would be willing to help out with some visitations as well.

Larry Henne reported that the chimney removal has taken place. The chimney was lowered to the Sunday School roof line and not below it due to concerns about how the chimney is tied into the building itself. The chimney has been capped for the time being. This raised the question about tackling the replacement of the roof in the near future and to be incorporated into how the chimney is dealt with. Discussion led to looking into roof replacement options in Summer 2023 for replacement possibly in 2024. Lastly, James offered an update on the Sexton House repairs. Work is slated to begin on January 17 and Berks Fire and Water has been in contact with Bobbie Jo King as far as scheduling times to be in the house working.

The Music and Worship Committee recently reviewed the 2023 calendar at their meeting and presented it to the board for approval. James briefly highlighted some items on the calendar such as summer worship times and the Lenten worship services. For the Lenten Worship services, James noted that the committee suggested joining in with the SV Pastors Lenten Series. The initial concept is to have a service with a luncheon at noon every Wednesday in March during Lent. This would mean that we would host at least one week here at Belleman's as well as the Good Friday service for the group. The Board approved the calendar and the Lenten service plans.

Louise Elliott reported that the Call Committee has had their first meeting and that Jim Blatt will be assuming the role of Chair and Maura Wesner will be taking on the Secretary position for the committee.

**Church Board Highlights Continued...**

In order to designate the remaining 2022 Heffner Tithe amount of \$850, the Board approved to donate \$425 to the Food for the Poor and \$425 to the Ukraine Response.

After many years of service, Jean Smith asked to be replaced as the Jingle Offering Treasurer. With that, Carol Weyandt volunteered to take over as treasurer. Also, to replace Dottie Stoudt who was also still listed on the account, James Fitterling offered to fill this role since he has been delivering some of the jingle offerings to the bank for deposit the last few months. The Board approved to add James and Carol to the account.

Lastly, there was a suggestion to look into some different kinds of programs that could possibly bring in some younger members. James noted that there has been a suggestion to form some sort of a Community Outreach Committee in the past. This can be something to look into going forward.

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**Belleman's Joint Board - Month of December 2022**

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| Beginning Balance | \$9,845.07  |
| Income            | \$21,095.93 |
| Expenses          | \$29,276.70 |
| Ending Balance    | \$1,664.30  |

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**Attendance/Offering**

	<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
Jan. 1	42 (Sanctuary), 208(Facebook)	\$7,485.00
Jan. 8	139 (Sanctuary), 137 (Facebook)	\$6,653.00
Jan. 15	69 (Sanctuary), 115(Facebook)	\$3,126.00
Jan. 22	82 (Sanctuary), 109 (Facebook)	\$3,986.30
Jan. 29	69 (Sanctuary), 110(Facebook)	\$2,272.00

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**In the case of inclement weather,** Announcement of the cancellation of Sunday activities at the church will be recorded on the church answering service. **Call the church number 610-926-0461,** check Facebook or the WFMZ website for this information. The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.

**Holy Communion will be celebrated March 5**

10:00 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne, Maura Wesner

*Cup Stations:* Allen Loeb, Eric Weyandt  
*Ushers:* Frank Kornfeind, Larry Henne

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The February **Jingle Offerings** go to **Safe Berks (Formerly Berks Women in Crisis)**

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**The Easter Candy Sale is right around the Corner!**

Keep your eyes open for details about the 2023 Candy Sale in upcoming Sunday Bulletins. Deadline to order will be March 12. **It will be here soon!**

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## Lenten Worship Series 2023

Presented by the Schuylkill Valley Pastors Association

This coming Lenten Season we will be worshipping alongside the churches of the Schuylkill Valley Pastors Association. Here is the schedule of the coming Worship Services:

### Ash Wednesday

We begin the season of Lent on "Ash Wednesday" with a **worship service on February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** This service will be at **Epler's UCC (1151 W Leesport Rd, Leesport, PA 19533).** The service

includes an opportunity to receive ashes on your forehead. Ashes are a sign of both our penitence and our mortality, allowing us to begin our Lenten journey in a spirit of humility.



### Lenten Wednesday Services

During the season of Lent, there will be weekly Lenten worship services **every Wednesday at 12 noon.** Lunch will be served first and will be followed by a brief worship. Services should be over by 1 for anyone planning to attend during their lunchtime. The services will be live streamed on Facebook and will remain posted for you to view when it fits your schedule. We look forward to embarking on this Lenten journey with the SV Churches as we head toward Easter Sunday! Lenten Service locations are as follows:

**March 1: Gernant's Church Hall**  
(13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport PA 19533)

**March 8: Belleman's Church Hall**  
(3730 Belleman's Church Rd, Mohrsville PA 19533)

**March 15: Bern UCC**  
(3196 Bernville Road, Leesport PA 19533)

**March 22: Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity**  
(102 Apple Street, Leesport PA 19533)

**March 29: Bethany EC Church**  
(308 Main St, Leesport, PA 19533 )

### Maundy Thursday

This years Maundy Thursday Worship on **April 6** will be hosted by **Gernant's Church (13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport Pa 19533)** as we commemorate Jesus's Last Supper . The service will be in the **sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.**



### Good Friday

The Good Friday Worship Service on **April 7** will be hosted by **Belleman's Church (3540 Belleman's Church Rd, Mohrsville Pa 19533).** The service will be in the **sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.** as we observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus.



### Easter

This season is capped off on **Easter Sunday April 9** as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from death. The day begins with the Easter Dawn Service here at the **Belleman's Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m.** in cooperation with the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren.



The day continues with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. followed by Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**We hope you will join us in this years journey to the cross!**



## Calendar of Events

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**2/12 10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 2/15 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (2/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

**Sun. Transfiguration Sunday**  
**2/19 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (2/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 2/22 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service**  
**At Eplers UCC, 1151 W Leesport Rd, Leesport**

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**2/26 10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (2/27) 6:30PM Mission Team Meeting

Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Gernant's Church Hall**  
 3/1 **(13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport Pa 19533)**  
 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Fundraising Meeting

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
**3/5 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Belleman's Hall**  
 3/8 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu. (3/9) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**3/12 10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Bern UCC**  
 3/15 **(3196 Bernville Road, Leesport PA 19533)**  
 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall  
 3/16 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

Sat. (3/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**3/19 10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (3/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Trinity Lutheran**  
 3/22 **(102 Apple Street, Leesport PA 19533)**  
 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (3/25) 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting in the Chapel

### Mission Trip Announcement

We are currently gauging interest for doing a trip in 2023. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. If you have any interest in going on a trip, please signup and plan to attend the meeting on **February 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Thank You.

(Note: As of now we do not have a week chosen or a location. The possibilities will be discussed at the meeting.)



### Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry Report - January 2023

**Total Number of Families Registered: 151**  
**Total Households Served: 94**  
**Senior Boxes Distributed: 34**  
**Total Number of People Served: 240**

# 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

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## American Cancer Society Daffodil Days are here!

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| Bunch of fresh-cut daffodils.....                    | \$10 |
| Bunch of Daffodils with vase.....                    | \$15 |
| Pot of mini daffodils.....                           | \$15 |
| Bunch of gorgeous tulips.....                        | \$15 |
| Bunch of Tulips with vase.....                       | \$25 |
| Gifts of Hope... (Delivered to local hospitals)..... | \$25 |

**Must order by 2/21/2023**

Delivery week will be 3/20/2023

Please Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex  
or call/email Mark or Ann Stump  
(610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com)



## Redner's Tapes

Thank you to everyone who brings their receipts for this program. Please be reminded to not highlight portions of the receipt and please try to organize your receipts if you are bringing a bunch at a time, it makes it easier on those who have to put them together for Redners. Thanks again and please keep those receipts coming!

If you would like to take part in the Save-a-Tape program, stop at customer service at Redner's and get yourself a Save-a-Tape card and present the card whenever you shop at Redner's. All you have to do then is bring your receipt along to church and put it in the container in the Narthex. If there are any questions, please check with the church office.

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## Belleman's Orchestra Needs Your Help!

The Belleman's Orchestra plays on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and for some Sunday services over the summer months. The orchestra could use a few more musicians. If you are looking for another way to utilize your musical talents please get in touch. Either contact the church office or speak with George "Skip" Rubright for more information and to join in!



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## Reminder from the Cemetery Board:

Please remove Christmas decorations by March 1.  
The cemetery will be cleared by March 15.

**Thank You!**



# Belleman's Church



## Sandwich Sale

at the Fellowship Hall  
3730 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541

Pick up on:

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### Sandwich options are:

**Italian**

**Ham with American Cheese**

**Smoked Turkey with Provolone Cheese**

(Onions, tomatoes/lettuce packaged separately.)

**Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.**

Please call 484-256-5705 to order.

**Orders due by March 9, 2023**

**Thanks for your support of this project!**

The proceeds will benefit the following organizations:



**Food For The Poor  
Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders  
Restoring Hope of Berks County**



**Dear Friends,** We are writing to acknowledge your gift to The Salvation Army of Reading in the amount of \$412 (Jingle Offering). What a wonderful gift! **Thank you** for your generosity on behalf of others in this community...and for partnering with us as we seek to lift others from the depths of poverty. Without you, we couldn't help others. You are truly a valued partner! May God richly bless you.

**By the way of the Cross,  
Darren and Joy Mudge, Majors, The Salvation Army**

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**Dear Salem Belleman's Church,** Thank you for your gift of \$348 (Jingle Offering) to Lutheran Disaster Response (for hurricane Ian recovery). Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. **Thank you!** In Christ, **Amanda White,**

**Director, Congregational Generosity  
Lutheran Disaster Response**

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**Dear Belleman's Church,** We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$275 from the Jingle Offering (And Angel Tree Gifts). We truly appreciate your interest and support of our programs and the holiday cheer you share with our kids. We couldn't do it without you. We are grateful for your commitment to support our mission. **We're better together, Jill B. Troutman,**

**VP of Advancement, Marketing and Communications**

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**Thank you** very much for the Valentine gifts we received from the Social Ministry Committee. They are very beautiful, we loved them!  
**Miriam Mohn and Mary Anspach**

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**Thank you** for the bag of goodies! They will last a long time. I still miss Belleman's and all the good people. I go to chapel service here (at Phoebe) and that is good too. **Thanks again!**

**Janet Greusel**

## February Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Matthew Schappell  
17<sup>th</sup> Gary Kunkle  
19<sup>th</sup> David Moll  
20<sup>th</sup> Robert Sweigart,  
Jacob Moll  
Calvin Conrad,  
Timothy Hart  
21<sup>st</sup> Patty Ann Kintzer  
22<sup>nd</sup> Christian Hoffman  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Smith  
Lyn Bohn  
24<sup>th</sup> Eric Kissinger,  
Ryan Weber,  
Michael Kozik, Jr.  
26<sup>th</sup> Paige Kozik,  
Jennifer Hill, Ken Jacoby,  
Terry Schaeffer,  
Keara Lynn Patrick,  
Jeffrey Savage  
27<sup>th</sup> Dennis Dougherty  
28<sup>th</sup> Brenda Eisenhower  
Ruth Marko, Bret Edwards,  
Jeff Fitterling,  
Charlotte Peters

## February Anniversaries

- 21<sup>st</sup> Alfred & Renee Cross  
28<sup>th</sup> Jamie and Cheryl Kring

## March Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Florence Deisher,  
Leslie Feeney  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Potteiger, Lincoln Lush  
4<sup>th</sup> Michael Hartman,  
Arlene Hoffert  
5<sup>th</sup> Pattie Botscheller,  
Karen Strohl  
6<sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Kunkle,  
Thomas Rausch,  
7<sup>th</sup> Sallie Polack, Sarah Phillips  
8<sup>th</sup> Nathan Stump, Karen Blich  
9<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Burkhart,  
Robert Heister,  
Dustin Spatz  
10<sup>th</sup> Stephen Lynn, Roy Moser,  
Jennifer Jozwiak,  
Cathy Malone  
11<sup>th</sup> Louise Elliott,  
13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Starkey,  
Julie Kunkle, Danielle Moser,  
Katrina Lukawski  
14<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Wallace,  
Matthew Rozsitch

## March Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald & Sharon Duvall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie & Stephen Lynn  
11<sup>th</sup> Donna & Dennis Kunkle

## 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

# Music News

## Spring is in the air...almost!

Well, maybe not quite yet, but if you're anything like me, I can't wait for warmer weather, green grass, beautiful gardens, and the end to shoveling snow...even though we've been pretty lucky this year...so far! In short, it's pretty obvious that I'm ready for spring!

But, I've discovered that my anticipation has made it hard for me to focus on appreciating today. Spring will be here eventually, but if I worry about getting to spring, soon I'll worry about getting to summer, and then fall, before longing for spring weather again.

Luckily, there is a cure for this, or any other worry, and it's music. Music is the ultimate medicine, that works in any language and in any situation.

So, if you're worrying about spring, or anything else, listen to some music! During our next church service, close your eyes during the prelude, one of the hymns, or the choir anthem and let the music reach not only your ears, but also your heart. It's the perfect way to forget about whatever may be worrying you!

Musically,

*Oliver*