

Salem (Belleman's) Church  
3540 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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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.*



## **March 2023**

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



*As we journey to the cross...*

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near...  
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have  
mercy on them, and to our God, for he will  
freely pardon. Isaiah 55:6,7b

We have journeyed approximately halfway through the Lenten season at this point. Are we feeling the weightiness of the season? Often our lives are filled with the busyness of our routines. Sometimes our routines and our own struggles take priority over this season as we are called to examine our lives, how the past year has unfolded, ways we could have been more faithful in our relationship to Christ.

Our lives hold many complexities. Yet we can enlist ways for times of introspection and simplicity, taking time to “be still” and “silent” in the presence of God. Perhaps planning this time in the early morning, before lunch, or in the evening hours. Just five, ten, or fifteen minutes of introspection, coming before the Lord, asking Him to reorder our thoughts and actions can be revolutionary in our daily lives. Reflection and introspection can lead us to newfound insights of how we can reorder our busy lives with new meaning.

As we seek Him, we are steadily moving through this Lenten season toward Holy Week, a week like none other in the history of the world. As we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice, we eventually begin to catch a glimpse of His glorious defeat over sin and death. And we celebrate. But for now, let us continue to examine our lives, seek His forgiveness and move through these days giving thanks for His great provision for us.

Christ’s blessings and hope be with you this Lenten season,

*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 - February 20, 2023**

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that the chimney removal payment of \$12,589 was made. Also, it was noted that \$2,500 was transferred to Joint Board from the Fundraising Account to help cover the deductible for the Sexton House Repairs and toward the patching that was done on the parking lot in 2022. There was a question about the offerings being so much higher in January. This was due to the Christmas Eve service occurring on January 8 and those offerings being deposited in January.

The Fundraising Committee met in January and discussed plans for the Oyster and Memorial Day events. Preliminary plans are to have Oyster as a take out event and try to have a picnic on Memorial Day. The group is currently trying to gauge interest in helpers for a picnic and they will be meeting once again on March 1.

James Fitterling noted about the suggestion from the Congregational Meeting about installing some kind of railing in the Chancel area of the Sanctuary. Eric Weyandt volunteered to make a contact and go from there. Larry Henne also noted about removing the hemlock trees at the rear of the church parking lot as they are starting to get some disease in them that is making them thin. The suggestion is to plan a work day in May-June to remove the trees and then plant Arborvitae in their place later this year. James reported about the completion of the sexton house repairs. Due to the type of walls in there not being drywall and the constant cracking issues, there was a suggestion to maybe tackle drywalling one room per year in an attempt to update the house a bit. This will be discussed further in the future. Lastly, James noted about the need to have the fire extinguishers serviced and not being able to get a hold of the folks who previously serviced them. It was suggested to make contact with Kistler O’Brian to have the service completed.

The Christian Education Committee met recently and discussed plans for VBS and possibly returning to a week long format, Rally Day presenters and scheduling First Communion Classes in May most likely.

The Call Committee reported that the Committee recently had a meeting with UCC representative Kevin McLemore to help get their work kicked off. They are working on plans for a Congregational survey and to have regular reports to the congregation in person during Sunday Services.

For this year’s Candy sale profits, it was suggested about splitting the profits to benefit the Veteran’s Making a Difference (50%), Belleman’s Lift Youth Group (25%) and the remaining 25% to

use as startup money for Community Outreach projects such as movie nights and such. This Outreach amount will be kept and accounted for in the Youth account for now. This was approved.

Miscellaneous items:

- The Board made plans for the Community Lenten Service lunch on March 8.
- Updated wedding fee guidelines were approved.
- Lee Henne reported that the Cub Scouts would like to add a closet in the Fellowship Hall Basement. The Cubs are prepared to pay for the materials and they have Kevin Weyandt lined up to organize the project. This was approved.
- Connie Mohn was approved to be the new Boy Scout Charter Representative from Belleman's.
- Pastor Pat suggested possibly looking into some security cameras for the church after seeing the recent church vandalism that occurred in Reading. Some possibilities were discussed and Ken Borkey volunteered to make contact about an evaluation to increase wifi connectivity to enhance the possibilities to get security cameras in place in the future.

**Belleman's Joint Board - Month of January 2023**

Beginning Balance	\$1,664.30
Income	\$36,406.76
Expenses	\$22,348.69
Ending Balance	\$15,722.37

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**Attendance/Offering**

**10:00AM**

|         |                              | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 5  | 149 (Church), 135 (Facebook) | \$3,579.00      |
| Feb. 12 | 89 (Church), 148 (Facebook)  | \$2,860.00      |
| Feb. 19 | 91 (Church), 158 (Facebook)  | \$2,502.00      |
| Feb. 26 | 82 (Church), 125 (Facebook)  | \$2,252.00      |

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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 Easter Sunday, April 9 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Altar Assistants: Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne, James Fitterling

Cup Stations: Kim Smyre, Ken Borkey

Ushers: Sam Stump, Larry Henne

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The March **Jingle Offerings** go to **Turkey Earthquake Recovery**

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**Easter Plants for 2023**

If you would like to purchase an **Easter plant** or to place a plant in church for Easter Sunday, in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please call Linda Henne (610-926-4506) or see her in church. There will also be order blanks available in Sunday Bulletins for your convenience.

Plants that are available this year are as follows:



Easter Lilies	\$8.00 each
Hybrid Lillies	\$8.00 each
Martha Washington Geraniums	\$8.00 each
Tulips	\$8.00 each
Daffodils	\$8.00 each

**All orders No Later Than April 2.**

Please make checks payable to Belleman's Youth.

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**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. [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net) or 610-926-0461



## Lenten Worship Series Continues

Presented by the Schuylkill Valley Pastors Association

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

### 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. We look forward to embarking on this Lenten journey with the SV Churches as we head toward Easter Sunday! Remaining Lenten Service locations are as follows:

**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)

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### 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 Egg Hunt 2023

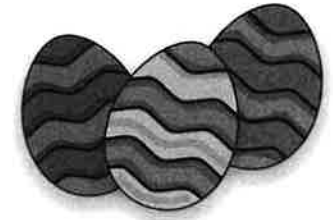
This year's egg hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 8**. The egg hunt will start around **1:00 PM** and will take place in the **church grove**.

We hope to see you there!

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The Primary Department requests **donations of small wrapped candies** for the Egg Hunt. Please drop them off in the Primary department with Brenda Weyandt or with James in the office.

Thank You!



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### 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**

**3/12 10:00AM Worship Service**

*Daylight savings time begins*

Mon 6:00-8:00PM Candy Making at the Fellowship Hall

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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 6:00-8:00PM Candy Making at the Fellowship Hall

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

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**

**3/26 10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. **12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Bethany ECC**

3/29 **(308 Main St, Leesport, PA 19533)**

5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. Happy April Fools' Day

4/1 *Deadline to submit items for the April Newsletter*

**Sun. Palm Sunday**

**4/2 9:00AM Sunday School**

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

4/5 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thu. (4/6) Maundy Thursday - 7PM Service at**

**Gernant's Church**

**(13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport Pa 19533)**

**Fri. (4/7) Good Friday - 7PM Service here at Belleman's**

Sat. (4/8) 1:00PM Egg Hunt at the Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Easter Sunday - Holy Communion**

**4/9 6:30AM Sunrise Service**

**at the Fellowship Hall**

**9:00AM Sunday School**

**10:00AM Worship Service**

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**

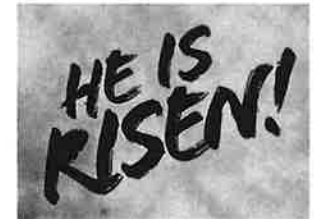
Mon. (4/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

4/19 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**

**4/23 10:00AM Worship Service**





# BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

## DRIVE-THRU

# OYSTER SUPPER



Saturday, April 29, 2023

3-6 pm Pick-Up at the Fellowship Hall

### PRE-ORDERS ONLY!!!

Choice of (3) different platters:

~Oyster Platter (5 fried oysters)

~Shrimp Platter (10 steamed shrimp)

~Ham Platter

*All Platters include potato, peas, applesauce*

Also available:

Oyster Stew (Qt – 8 oysters; pt – 4 oysters)

Single Fried Oysters-Oyster Pie (6 oysters)

Pepper Cabbage – Dessert Pies

**\*\*DEADLINE\*\***  
**FOR ORDERS**  
**APRIL 10, 2023**

**\*\*\*Available once again\*\*\***  
After pickup of your pre-ordered meal, the dining room will be open for indoor dining from 3-6 p.m. No table service.

## OYSTER SUPPER ORDER FORM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 - Pickup 3-6 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster platter @ \$15 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp platter @ \$10 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham platter @ \$10 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster stew (QT) @ \$10 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster stew (PT) @ \$5 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oyster pie @ \$9 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fried oyster @ \$2.50 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepper cabbage (QT) @ \$6 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepper cabbage (PT) @ \$3 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Old fashioned lemon pie @ \$8 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Coconut custard pie @ \$8 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherry crumb pie @ \$12 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: "Bellemans Church" and send to:  
3540 Bellemans Church Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541

Or email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)

**ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 10, 2023**

# 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)

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**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.**

**More information/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.**

**Keep on the lookout for more information!**

**Help will be needed with all parts of our Memorial Day festivities. Please contact the church office if you are available to help out. Thank you!**



**Dear Belleman's Church, Thank you** for your gift of \$425 (Heffner Tithe) to Lutheran Disaster Response (Ukraine Response). No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. **Thank you! In Christ, Amanda White**  
**Director, Congregational Generosity**  
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**Thank you** all for the cards at Christmas and also for this beautiful Valentine gift bag. I can really enjoy this.  
**Ethel Reinhart**  
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I just wanted to say **thank you to Belleman's Church Social Ministry** for the Valentine's goodie bag you gave to my mother. It brightened her day. **Thanks again! Sincerely, Linda Bayer**  
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**Thank you** for the thoughtfulness of coming to bring the wonderful delicious bag of goodies. I am very thankful for them. Hope everyone has a very nice Valentine's Day. **Sincerely, Marilyn Seaman**  
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**Greetings,** Please express to your members our sincere appreciation for your Church's support to the S.V. Food Pantry, Inc. Whether it's through assisting with distribution, working on the committee or financial support. It is with support provided by churches like yours, that makes it possible for us to provide needed assistance to families throughout our community. **Thank you! God Bless, Samuel Reimert, Pres.-Treasurer**



**Thank You to everyone who supported our Super Bowl Food drive for the S.V. Food Pantry! We were able to provide a truckload of food items to help feed our neighbors in need!**

## March Birthdays

- 15<sup>th</sup> John David Rausch, Jr.,  
Cassandra Mitten, Jean Haag  
16<sup>th</sup> Dan Gordon, Pete Lukawski  
17<sup>th</sup> Kelly Kauffman,  
George Rubright  
Curtis Eitel  
18<sup>th</sup> Robin Linderman,  
Miriam Mohn  
19<sup>th</sup> Jaclyn Kunkle,  
Carter McRae,  
Joshua Schlottman,  
Lynda Marks, Dylan King  
21<sup>st</sup> Mildred Stoyer  
22<sup>nd</sup> Kendall Gery,  
John Schlappich  
John Schmauch, Jr.  
24<sup>th</sup> Melissa Boyer  
26<sup>th</sup> Kaley Gehris  
28<sup>th</sup> Leah Kopicz, David Snyder  
30<sup>th</sup> Chris Brian Wesner  
31<sup>st</sup> Chad Fitterling,  
Pastor Bruce Potteiger

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## March Anniversaries

- 24<sup>th</sup> Ruth & Kenneth Borkey, Sr.  
25<sup>th</sup> Bernice & Richard Hartman

## April Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linette Baer, Sherry Weist  
Cody Wesner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Arlene Gilmer, Megan Snyder  
Rowan Gilmer  
Karen Eisenhofer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Teri Frederick,  
Yasmin Loose  
4<sup>th</sup> Mark Eisenhower,  
Dylan Kramer  
5<sup>th</sup> John Noecker  
6<sup>th</sup> Diane Driesbach,  
7<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Jean Patrick  
8<sup>th</sup> Brian Folk  
9<sup>th</sup> James Holcombe,  
Tanner McRae,  
Dennis Wayne, Parker Rhein  
10<sup>th</sup> Linda Kirkhoff, Tom Nelson  
11<sup>th</sup> Lynn Fenstermacher,  
Karen Harle, Tara Stiefel  
12<sup>th</sup> Dylan Beerman  
13<sup>th</sup> Kevin Jroski,  
Janet Kemp  
14<sup>th</sup> Maynard Hook, Daryl Bohn,  
Eric Weyandt, Jack Brenner  
15<sup>th</sup> Amara Mohn

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## April Anniversaries

- 5<sup>th</sup> Harold and Sandy Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> Gene & Diane Driesbach

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

# Music News

Did you know that music is the best medicine?

***If you need a dose of good news,  
you are welcome to join us  
as we worship through music!***

 There is always room for more in our Sanctuary Choir! We sing the anthem every Sunday morning and lead the congregation in song.

 Our Bell Choir is looking for a few more ding-a-lings...uh, I mean ringers... to join in the fun! Bell Choir plays during select Sunday servoces.

If you have questions about what it's like to be part of our musical family here at Belleman's, just talk to any memeber of our choirs, and they will happily answer any questions you might have. There is a place for everyone in our musical family here at Belleman's.

And, if you want to be part of the fun, but you're more technically inclined than musically, we need help with our tech team too!

Musically,

*Oliver*