

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

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September 30 from 3-6.
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Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Bell Notes

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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Summer Worship Schedule
Worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



There is a season...

Over the past weeks during worship, we have reflected on seeds and growth as Jesus taught in the parables of Matthew 13. The theme has seemed quite appropriate since we have been in the season of planting, growth, and now harvest in our gardens, orchards, and fields. We can easily relate to Jesus' parables. Of course, Jesus used these parables to help us to better understand God's Kingdom. There continues to be much for us to learn.

As we look to Ecclesiastes, too, we read of the cycle of life. The writer of Ecclesiastes, sometimes called the philosopher, shares reflections on the seasons of life.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Throughout Ecclesiastes, many of the author's words are rather negative; he exclaims:

What do people gain from all their labors

at which they toil under the sun? Ecclesiastes 1:2b-3

As we read the words of Ecclesiastes, however, I believe there is also comfort in the author's words. The seasons of life continue – there are the joyous times but also ones of sorrow. It is good for us to remember that no matter what our present season of life, our Lord is with us, to guide us and to provide for our needs. God's word shares:

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Know that our Lord IS with you. God rejoices with us in our times of joy and sustains us in our times of struggle.

May God greatly bless you in this present season of your life,
Pastor Pat

Pastor Pat's contact info:
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Pastor Pat's weekly office day is currently Wednesday.

Church Board Highlights

There was no meeting held in July.
The next scheduled meeting is August 21, 2023.

The Board did however approve via email:

- To give \$500 each to the Kupp, Hill and Agelwei families from the Heffner Tithe. They are the three families affected by the Shoemakersville fire.
- To send a gratuity of \$50 to Rev. Charles Walker for his willingness to cover for emergencies during Pastor Pat's vacation.

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**Belleman's Joint Board for June**

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 18,894.59 |
| Income            | \$ 11,293.85 |
| Expenses          | \$ 12,452.76 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 17,735.68 |

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Attendance/Offering

	9:00AM	Offering
July 2	48 (Grove), 201(Facebook)	\$4,809.00
July 9	50 (Sanctuary), 217 (Facebook)	\$1,773.00
July 16	82 (Sanctuary), 211 (Facebook)	\$2,254.00
July 23	57 (Sanctuary), 287(Facebook)	\$2,160.00
July 30	53 (Grove), No video(Facebook)	\$1,383.00

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The August **Jingle Offerings** go to  
**Belleman's Old Church**

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Holy Communion Assistants for September 10

Altar Assistants: Carla Rozsitch, Maura Wesner,
Dawne Clay
Cup Stations: Frank Kornfeind, Kim Smyre
Ushers: Lee Henne, Ken Borkey

Calendar of Events

Sun. Worship in the Old Church
8/13 9:00AM **Worship**

Sat. (8/19) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. Worship in the Sanctuary
8/20 9:00AM **Worship**

Mon. (8/21) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Sun. Blessing of the Animals
8/27 **Worship in the Grove**
9:00AM **Worship**
Appreciation Lunch in the Hall after Worship

Tue. (8/29) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Sun. Bluegrass Service
9/3 **Worship in the Grove**
9:00AM **Worship**

Mon. *Labor Day*
9/4

**Worship Services return
to the Sanctuary Full Time
beginning September 10.**

Sun. Rally Day
9/10 9:00AM **Worship with Holy Communion**
Rally Day Kickoff Luncheon

Sat. (9/16) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
9/17 10:00AM **Worship Service**

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
9/18

Sun. Harvest Home
9/24 9:00AM **Sunday School**
9:00AM *Confirmation Class First Meeting*
with Parents in the loft (Info page 8)
10:00AM **Worship Service**

**Sunday School returns
September 17 at 9 a.m.
and Sunday Worship will be
at 10 a.m.**

The Bulletin Board

Blessing of the Animals Service

It has been a number of years since our last Blessing of the Animals Service. It returns this year on **August 27!** Bring your dogs, cats, guinea pigs, cows, sheep, horses or whatever animals you have to receive a blessing. The unique service will take place outdoors in the church grove.



Please join us and bring your friends.

Also, after worship we will have a lunch available including Turkey BBQ sandwiches, Macaroni Salad, Chips and Drink. This will be located in the fellowship hall.

Note: In case of rain, worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall as well!

Bluegrass Service

The worship service on **September 3** will include hymns with a bluegrass flair once again this year and is orchestrated by Director of Music Ministry, Oliver Blatt!

Rally Day 2023

We celebrate the kickoff of a new year of Sunday School with a special celebration following worship on **September 10.**



There will be games to play, crafts to make and songs to sing which will be followed by lunch.

These activities will take place at the fellowship hall for our nursery thru 6th grade students.

Bring the whole family for this special celebration!

VBS 2023 Food Truck Party





Confirmation Class 2023-2024

Letters will be sent out during August addressed to Confirmation-age children encouraging them to attend upcoming classes. The orientation meeting for the class is scheduled for September 24th at 9:00AM. This meeting will take place in the upstairs Loft area (above the Chapel). If you

or someone you know would be interested in attending classes, be sure to **come to the first meeting!**

Again this year, Dawne Clay and Phil Kistler will be teaching the class. A huge thank you to Dawne and Phil!



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.

As summer continues, we are reminded that our recipients' children will not be receiving the school meals. These families will have to include this added expense to their grocery bills to have additional food available for their children during the summer months. The Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry wishes to help by providing additional food and snack items for the children.

To accomplish this, the food pantry is seeking donations of the following items: cheese sticks, fruit cups, nuts, dried fruits, snack packs of pudding and gelatins, jerky and snack size assortments of cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc.

Thank You for your participation!



Recycling Options at Belleman's

Inkjet Cartridges: There are collection boxes located in the Narthex and in the lower level by the Church Office. These donations get boxed and sent off for recycling.

Used Cell Phones: Located next to the Inkjet collection boxes you will find a collection box for used cell phones. Cell phones and ink cartridges do bring a monetary return to Belleman's when we ship them in.

Aluminum Cans: These donations can be dropped off by the side door or dropped off with the Office. Once we get a pickup truck load of cans together, we take them for recycling and the Belleman's Lift Youth receives the funds from the sale of these cans.

Soda Can Tabs: Before you bring your aluminum can donations, you can remove the tabs and place them in the donation bin in the Narthex. These tabs are collected for the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Lastly, don't forget the **Save-a-Tape program at Redner's**. There is a bucket in the Narthex for these donations. This program generally brings in around \$1,000 to Belleman's on a yearly basis.

Thank you for Recycling with Belleman's!



We here at Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry, Inc. wish to express our great appreciation of your food, monetary and personnel donations throughout 2023. Receiving donations from Churches like yours is a true blessing and allows us to continue to provide assistance to those in need within our community.

Samuel Reimert,
President-Treasurer, SV Food Pantry

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



August Birthdays

- 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

- 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
3rd Dan and Carly Weyandt
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

It's time!

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

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 our music
family, we would love to have you. The
more, the merrier!

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