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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.*

**\*\*\* Summer Worship Schedule begins June 11 with  
Worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.\*\*\***



*Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor  
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## Greetings for June

It has surely felt like summer these past few weeks. Our crunchy, browning lawns look like it is August due to lack of rainfall. *Lord, please send some rain, we might say. And we hope for that refreshing of our lawns, gardens, fields, and our lives.*

We might declare along with David as he writes in Psalm 63 when he was in the desert of Judah:

*You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.  
I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.  
On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the night.  
Because you are my help,  
I sing in the shadow of your wings.  
I cling to you;  
your right hand upholds me.*

If you presently feel like you are in a dry and parched land, my hope is that you sense God's love and presence.

*Bring on the refreshing rains, Lord. As we wait, we will continue to give you praise as we cling to you.*

Blessings to you these summer days,  
*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 May 15, 2023

The following items were approved:

- Meeting minutes from April 17, 2023
- Treasurer Report
- Pastor Report
- Administrator Report

Larry Henne noted that cleanup from the wind storm has been progressing. Trees are getting cleaned up and the wire to the bandstand and dusk till dawn light will be repaired soon. James added that there has been some wind damage to some of the windows at the old church. The insurance company has opened a claim for this repair. Larry also mentioned the removal of the hemlock trees at the back of the parking lot. It was decided to look at June 2 and 3 to accomplish this. Lastly, it was noted that the countertop project was slated to begin the day after this meeting.

The Call Committee reported that they are looking to finalize surveys to be mailed out to the congregation soon.

The Mission Team reported on the summer local mission work scheduled in Blandon the week of June 19. Also, it was noted that they are planning a traveling trip in February 2024 to Florida most likely.

Administrator James Fitterling reported on his findings from his contacts with Comcast. Basically, cost would be around \$150 - \$165 per month with Comcast to make the switch. It was discussed that unless we have the WIFI bridge for the fellowship hall in place the hall would be without internet in the time being unless we would add internet service down there too. The Board discussed possibly holding off on making the switch to Comcast until we have a better plan on the WIFI upgrades.

James also reported that Frank Kornfeind is making plans for the community meal. It looks like recent meals have been between 100-115 people served. James noted that a few helpers might be needed to hand out the meals.

Lastly, James noted that there was a request to use the fellowship hall on October 21 for a wedding reception and to have their wedding outdoors behind the hall. Board members were fine with this and having the use of the fellowship hall as the rain option for the wedding as well.

**Belleman's Joint Board Treasurer Report for April**

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,718.17
Income	\$ 25,289.19
Expenses	\$ 20,089.59
Ending Balance	\$ 17,917.77

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**Attendance/Offering**

|        | <b>10:00AM</b>               | <b>Offering</b> |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| May 7  | 72 (Church), 208 (Facebook)  | \$3,046.00      |
| May 14 | 81 (Church), 165 (Facebook)  | \$2,325.00      |
| May 21 | 70 (Church), 246 (Facebook)  | \$2,533.00      |
| May 28 | 112 (Church), 134 (Facebook) | \$3,557.00      |

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**Holy Communion Assistants for July 2  
(Grove Worship - Pew Style Communion)**

*Ushers:* Linda Henne, Kim Smyre,  
Adrianna Madden, Frank Kornfeind

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**Honoring our 2023 Graduates!**  
**Sunday, June 18 worship 9:00 a.m.**  
**Please let the office know of any graduates to be honored during this service!**  
**Congratulations graduates!**

**The June Jingle Offerings go to Berks Encore.**

BERKS ENCORE is a nonprofit leader of senior services in Berks County. The services provided by Berks Encore offer support for our community's older adults without compromising their independence. Through advocacy, education and referrals, we develop aging-confident individuals to enhance their ability to live well later in life.



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**Local Mission Opportunity!**

**The Belleman's Mission Team** is taking on a project to help a needy homeowner in Blandon this June!

**When: June 19-23, 2023**

**Where: 338 East Wesner Road, Blandon Pa 19510**

Work days are expected to last from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Lunch will be provided!

Youth are encouraged to attend but we ask that a parent or guardian please be present.

Please signup in the narthex if you are able to attend one or all of the work days!



## Calendar of Events

Summer Worship Services  
will be at 9:00 a.m.  
beginning June 11!

**Sun. Worship in the Grove**  
6/11 9:00AM *Worship*

Sat. (6/17) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. Father's Day**  
6/18 **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
9:00AM *Worship*  
*Honoring 2023 Graduates*

Mon. (6/19) 7:00PM Board Meeting

6/19 - 6/23 Local Mission Week (Info Page 5)

**Sun. Worship in the Old Church**  
6/25 9:00AM *Worship*  
*VBS meeting after service*

**Sun. Holy Communion**  
7/2 **Worship in the Grove**  
9:00AM *Worship*

**Sun. Worship in the Sanctuary**  
7/9 9:00AM *Worship*

**Mon. (7/10) - Thur. (7/13) 6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School**  
***"Food Truck Party" (Info page 7)***

Sat. (7/15) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. Worship in the Grove**  
7/16 9:00AM *Worship*

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

**Sun. Worship in the Sanctuary**  
7/23 9:00AM *Worship*

**Sun. Worship in the Grove**  
7/30 9:00AM *Worship*

## **Belleman's Vacation Bible School**



This Summer's Vacation Bible School returns to a weeklong event and Will be conducted the evenings of **July 10th –13th** from **6:00PM to 8:00PM.**

**This year, VBS will be located at the Church Grove/ Fellowship Hall!**



We hope you will come and be a part of this Special Vacation Bible School!

**If you know you will be attending, please visit this link online to signup:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CACA828A7F4C34-vbs2023>**


**Please join us as we get on a roll with God!**



A big **THANK YOU** to all those who spent days making the food, those who worked the stands and served the food, those who participated in the Memorial ceremony, and those who attended and supported the picnic and take-out meals that day! As this was our first picnic since Covid, it turned out to be a successful event, and we sincerely appreciate all the volunteers and attendees who made it a success!



Thank you to Kim Smyre for the photos and for cleaning out the ice cream tubs. 😊



## Confirmation Class 2023!

**Pentecost and Confirmation** were celebrated on May 28 with four young people being confirmed.

**Left to Right:**  
Galen Borkey  
David Garber  
Maya Hein  
Elyssa Machmer  
Pastor Pat

**Congratulations  
Confirmands!**



A BIG thank you to Dawne Clay and Phil Kistler for teaching this year's class.

Dawne and Phil are pictured with the class in the photo to the left.

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## 100th Birthday Card Shower!



**June 30, 2023**  
**Arlene Harle**  
**1224 Presson Farms Lane**  
**Monroe, NC 28110**

**Our Summer Worship Schedule begins June 11 with Worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** Listed below is the worship service location as we incorporate outdoor worship and Old Church worship during the summer months.

# Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June 11 - Grove**  
**June 18 - Sanctuary**  
**June 25 - Old Church**

**July 2 - Grove**  
**July 9 - Sanctuary**  
**July 16 - Grove**  
**July 23 - Sanctuary**  
**July 30 - Grove**

**August 6 - Sanctuary**  
**August 13 - Old Church**  
**August 20 - Sanctuary**  
**August 27 - Grove**

**September 3 - Grove**  
**September 10 - Sanctuary**

**Note:** In case of inclement weather on a day scheduled for worship in the Grove, the worship location will be the Sanctuary.

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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!



## Update from Samantha Zipp...

I write this knowing this is the last time I will be sending you a newsletter from Manila. I will still write newsletters as I settle in the US and end my time with ACTION.

It has been a busy last month of teaching. My last day at Faith Academy was on April 27th. It was bitter sweet. I know God has something amazing waiting for me in the US but it is hard to say goodbye to my students and friends here. I finished my last week of teaching with an IEP meeting to end my time with Audrey. MAP testing for both Audrey and Lily to assess progress (division wide testing). I met with two wonderful ladies to transition them into my role (for the month of May). Wrote very basic lesson plans for the month of May. I said goodbye to grade 1 students (I helped in the classroom with guided reading, writing block, and centers). Closed up my classroom and turned in my school keys. Finished all end of year reports for both Audrey and Lily and closed their files for grade one (substitutes will continue to work with them but will not grade or assess them).

I will spend the next few weeks finishing up my life here in Manila. I have a friend visiting, so that will give us a reason to visit a beach one last time before I leave...I have several other goodbyes with church friends and mission friends in the coming days...I also have all the last minute packing and dispersing of my belongings. Everything in my house is sold or given away including my car.

On the US front... I have a car once I arrive. A wonderful friend and prayer partner has gifted me a car. I am so very blessed to know I have a way to get to my new job. I am not sure if I mentioned before that I have a job lined up in Montgomery County, Maryland. I am currently under an open contract, so still interviewing to find out my exact location and role. I also applied to Frederick County (as a backup) at the same time I applied to Montgomery County and interviewed just last week, so waiting to hear back from them. They have some more rural teaching options compared to Montgomery County.

Pray for me as I pack up my house and say many goodbyes to friends and the only life I have really known for all of my adult life...Pray for us all as we transition to life in the US. I will need to find a time to pick up my "new to me" car, get car insurance, get a US cell number, as well as doing pre-employment requirements in Maryland.



**Dear Salem Belleman's Church, Thank you** for your gift of \$385 to Lutheran Disaster Response. (March Jingles for Turkey Earthquake Response) Your spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your generous gifts. The glory of God shines through you. **In Christ, Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity**

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**Thank you** to the Confirmation class, leaders and parents for cleaning the Old Church for the tour planned on April 29. It is much appreciated. **John Rausch, Old Church Coordinator**

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**Dear Friends,** God's blessings are a reason for joy. You are one of those blessings. **Thank you** for bringing joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ who need a helping hand. We are extremely grateful for your faithful support. You have a good and kind heart for entrusting us to work hard to lift up families in need. Together, we can do great things. **Thank you** again for your gift (\$1,850 portion of the March Sandwich Sale) and may your faith continue to increase as you share God's love. **United in God's work, Ed Raine, President/CEO, Food for the Poor**

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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

## June Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sindy Bachman  
Christopher Jozwiak  
Cate Michaud, Conor Weist  
17<sup>th</sup> Ruth Barnett, Jayden Allen  
18<sup>th</sup> Zachary Zimmerman,  
Royce Potts  
20<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Seaman  
21<sup>st</sup> Harrison Bachman,  
James Baer,  
Kimberly Dougherty  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ali Perzel-Peters,  
Eric Rubright, Lisa Phillips  
23<sup>rd</sup> Deanna Kay McRae  
Jason Troutman  
24<sup>th</sup> Janet Stetzler,  
Carlie Schmauch  
25<sup>th</sup> David Miller, Kenneth Starkey  
26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Labe, Sr.,  
Carolyn Gresh  
27<sup>th</sup> Nancy Wesner,  
Calvin Bungarz  
28<sup>th</sup> Adrianna Madden,  
Meaghan Bausher  
29<sup>th</sup> Jason Kozik, Amanda Ernst  
Larry Zimmerman  
30<sup>th</sup> Arlene Harle, Janice Kozik,  
David Weber,  
Sara Linderman

## June Anniversaries

- 20<sup>th</sup> Mitchell & Deanne Burkhart  
Kristie and Chris Hilbert  
21<sup>st</sup> Jim & Karen Holcombe  
22<sup>nd</sup> Scott & Amy Berg  
24<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Suzanne Labe, Sr.  
28<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Krista Roe,  
30<sup>th</sup> Chad & Amanda Ernst

## July Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawne Clay, Helen Ernst,  
Donny Difatta, Eli Hoffman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stephenee Billman,  
Jada Savage  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Fluck,  
5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Ann Brown,  
Andrew Mohn, Linda Beitzel  
Joel Leroy Brown  
Dawson Weyandt  
Kora Weyandt  
7<sup>th</sup> Corey Yoder  
8<sup>th</sup> Cara Weist, Austin Strohl,  
Christie Weist  
9<sup>th</sup> Tori Bachman,  
Shawn McMurtry  
10<sup>th</sup> Eugene Kemp, Emily Kozik  
Connor Borkey  
11<sup>th</sup> Autumn Edwards,  
Carly Edwards, Kellen Cammauf  
12<sup>th</sup> Shawn Bausher,  
Marie Baver  
13<sup>th</sup> Ashleigh LeRoy  
14<sup>th</sup> Michael Hoffman,  
Jessica Brown, Phillip Spatz,  
Mackenzie Beerman,  
Linda Baver  
15<sup>th</sup> Grace Shurr

## July Anniversaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> Thomas & Linda Hartman  
Mark & Amy Garber  
8<sup>th</sup> Brian and Melissa Boyer  
9<sup>th</sup> Pete & Katrina Lukawski  
11<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Carla Rozsitch  
Jason and Stephanie Gilmer  
16<sup>th</sup> Tori & Sindy Bachman

# Music News

Thank you for joining us!

# Celebration of Music

We hope you enjoyed the service!



Musically,

*Oliver*