

Salem (Bellemans) Church
3540 Bellemans Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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MEMORIAL DAY



May 2023

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



Greetings for May

Such a beautiful time of the year, seeing new life spring forth. Flowers, trees, gardens, fields are all showing signs of new life. My hope is that you have been able to enjoy God's creativity as seen in nature. I truly enjoy connecting with God as I see His handiwork. Yes, I know there are scientific reasons for the changing of the seasons, but I continue to be amazed with the mystery of it all and see God's hand in it.

We are surely aware that in our world not all is beautiful. There are cataclysmic scenarios within nature as well. We hear and see images of destruction brought about by tornados, earthquakes, and natural disasters; also violence and war exist, and along with new life, we also know that pain and death also occur. How do we reconcile all of this?

One of my favorite verses is Psalm 46:10 where God's word says,
Be still and know that I am God.

The chapter begins by stating,
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

As we read through the chapter we read that great tumult is occurring but in the midst, God shares His presence and concludes with,
*I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Whether this is a season of deep appreciation of beauty that surrounds us, a season of tumult for you, or a bit of both, my hope is that God will be your strength, presence, refuge, and provision. May our Lord make Himself known to you in your present situation.

Blessings in Christ,
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 April 17, 2023

The minutes from the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting, April 2, 2023 congregational meeting and April 16 voting session were approved.

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted the Thrivent Choice deposits on the income report totaling \$1,186 so far for 2023.

The Pastor and Administrator reports were approved.

Larry Henne, Mike Harle, Eric Weyandt, James Fitterling, Dennis Dougherty and Frank Kornfeind were approved as members of the Maintenance Committee.

Kim Smyre, Mica Kornfeind, Eric Weyandt and Louise Elliott were approved as members of the Community Outreach Committee.

Ken Borkey reported that he and James met with a representative from Solve IT regarding wifi upgrades within the building and ultimately the Fellowship Hall as well. The initial guess on pricing is \$5,000 for hardware and installation but not including wire runs. The company asked for some guidance on whether this is a suitable ballpark for pricing before they move forward into looking at wiring. This was agreed. The other part to this was that Solve IT recommended switching over to a Comcast service for internet due to the lower speeds we have with Frontier. This would help with live streaming among other things.

In continuing the discussion on the geocaches, James noted that the Cemetery Board agreed to place another one on the cemetery as well. James noted stipulations the cemetery board placed as far as being mindful of cemetery activities as well as only being around during daylight hours and ultimately having it removed if it becomes a problem. This seemed agreeable to the board to utilize similar conditions for placing one over by the parking lot. This was approved and the board requested wording that will be included on the website for this to be presented next meeting.

Eric Weyandt reported that handrails in the chancel area were fabricated and installed.

Dawne Clay noted about past practices of having the Board members meet with Confirmation Students to see how they are doing and to get to know the class a bit. There was a suggestion that if some members are willing to do this that the meeting may happen during the Sunday school hour in lieu of making a weeknight time to meet. This was agreeable and Board members were invited to meet with the class as it fits their schedules.

Contributions to both wider church bodies (Covenant

Association and Mission District) are due soon and were discussed. Total contribution suggested was \$2 per average worshipper and as past practice, we would split that amount in half. Part going to the Association and the other half to the Mission District. It was approved to make a \$75 contribution to the Covenant Association and a \$75 contribution to the East Berks Mission District.

It was approved to donate \$500 from the Heffner Tithe to the West Reading Disaster Relief Fund. This fund helps to support the families and the community affected by the Palmer Candy explosion.

Lastly, James noted that the Hope Rescue Mission is requesting more clothing donations. The Board was agreeable to this as a May project.

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#### Belleman's Joint Board

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 12,900.29 |
| Income            | \$ 12,957.63 |
| Expenses          | \$ 13,139.75 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 12,718.17 |

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Attendance/Offering

	10:00AM	Offering
April 2	123 (Church), 204 (Facebook)	\$3,604.00
April 9	169 (Church), 209 (Facebook)	\$7,074.00
April 16	78 (Church), 186 (Facebook)	\$2,275.00
April 23	70 (Church), 259 (Facebook)	\$3,441.00
April 30	76 (Church), No Live Steam	\$1,893.00

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

**May 28:** Altar Assistants: Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne,  
Dawne Clay

Cup Stations: Eric Weyandt, Lee Henne

Ushers: Sam Stump, Larry Henne

#### Upcoming Jingle Offerings:

We continue to pray for the families, friends, and neighbors affected by the tragic explosion at R.M. Palmer Company in West Reading. The West Reading Disaster Recovery Fund has been created to help support those affected by this disaster. May Jingle Offerings are designated for the **West Reading Disaster Recovery Fund**.

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Confirmation Sunday

**Galen Borkey, David Garber,
Maya Hein and Elyssa Machmer**
will be confirmed at **Belleman's** on
May the 28th at the 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.



*Please join us in celebrating
this important occasion.*

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#### Easter Candy Sale Report

**Thank you** one and all, whether you helped make the candy or supported the project by purchasing some of our confections! Another candy sale is in the books. The total profit from this years sale was \$3,057.59! The profit was distributed as such:

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Belleman's Community Outreach        | \$766.29          |
| Belleman's Youth                     | \$766.30          |
| <u>Veteran's Making a Difference</u> | <u>\$1,525.00</u> |
| Total:                               | \$3,057.59        |

**Thank you again for your continued support!**

## Easter Dawn Sunrise 2023



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Community Outreach Committee



The Church Board continues to seek 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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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!**

Calendar of Events

Sun. Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day

5/14 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (5/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 1-7PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall

5/17 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (5/18) Ascension Day

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

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

5/24 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation Sunday

5/28 Holy Communion

9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. **Memorial Day - 11:00AM-1:00PM** Take-out pickup

5/29 2:30PM Service

2:00PM - 7:00PM Picnic

With music by the Washington Band Of Annville

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

5/31 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Celebration of Music Sunday

6/4 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Sun. Worship in the Grove

6/11 9:00AM Worship

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

Sun. Worship in the Sanctuary

6/18 9:00AM Worship

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

RELAY FOR LIFE OF **Kutztown** 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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### 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!

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

*Summer*  
**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**Sunday School will be off**  
**through Labor Day!**

## Egg Hunt 2023



**Thank you to everyone who came out to hunt eggs and to everyone who donated candy!**



**(There were even a few eggs left behind in the cemetery for the mowing and trimming crew to snack on, too!)**



**100th Birthday Card Shower!**

**May 21, 2023  
Mary Anspach  
916 Main Street  
Mohrsville, PA 19541**

**(Stock up on those birthday cards, we have three more 100+ birthdays happening in the coming months!)**

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Clothing Drive for Hope Rescue Mission

Over the next few weeks, **through June 4**, we will be collecting clothing items for Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.

They are requesting the following items:

- **Clean used clothing**
 - **Shoes**
 - **Belts**
 - **Hats**
 - **Scarves**
 - **Purses**
 - **Sheets**
 - **Blankets**
 - **Coats**

“Hope Rescue Mission has been helping restore lives of men in the community for 128 years and soon to be helping women and children at our Lighthouse. We are a non-for-profit that is funded by the community. “



HOPE
RESCUE MISSION
Restoring Lives Since 1894

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!

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## **FREE COMMUNITY MEAL DRIVE THRU**

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



**Dear Belleman's Church, Thank you** so much for the beautiful planter sent to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. The party at the social hall was a surprise and our children and grandchildren did a great job!

**God Bless, Kenny and Ruth Borkey**

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Belleman's Church, You are very thoughtful, and I appreciate the flowers I got from the church, they are very pretty, hoping I'll be back in church again very soon.

Florence Deisher

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**Thank you** for the lovely flowers. I do miss Belleman's, we do have a nice chapel here (Phoebe Berks) and good services.

**Janet Greusel**

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Dear Belleman's Church, Thank you so much for your most recent donation of seeds to St. Vincent Mission for our Garden Program. We really appreciate your contribution and kindness to us and those that we serve. Your support allows us to have an impact on those in need in our community. Our programs and services allow us to not only meet needs that arise, but aid families in coming out of poverty through programs that aid individuals in finding jobs, provide job training and teach skills such as gardening and budgeting. We greatly appreciate all that you do for our community.

**Peace in Christ, Erin Bottomlee,
Executive Director**

St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky

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

May Birthdays

- 18th** Kristen Folk,
Andrea Hoffman
20th Jason Sweigert
21st Tim Kirkhoff, Jenna Phillips,
Mary Anspach
22nd Thomas Hartman,
Daniel Roe
23rd Kenn Redd
24th Joseph Stump,
Louise Billitz,
Dorothy Dougherty,
Riley Kunkle,
25th Barbara Spatz,
Owen Baxter
26th Brandon Felix,
Makenzi Lynn Gery
27th Brenda Hoffa,
Zachary Duvall,
Andrew Berg,
Erin Reynolds,
Janet Weaver,
Craig Yoder
Michael Brown
Rosie DeJesus
28th Andrew Potts
30th Joshua Mohn,
Kim Yoder, Alfred Cross

May Anniversaries

- 18th** Carol & Terry Kinney
20th Daryl & Diane Klopp
25th Ronald & Patty Ann Kintzer
28th Harold & Barbara Spatz
31st David & Donna Weber

June Birthdays

- 1st** Pastor David Blich
2nd Diane Billman,
Rebecca Folk,
Margaret Tothero,
Taylor Berg
4th Jean Bohn, Dylan Burkhardt,
Dylan Haas, Sara Levan,
Tucker Jozwiak
5th Jacob Hoffman
6th Alan Reppert, Curtis Michaud,
Bradley Dougherty
7th Tina Moll, Cassidy Bungarz,
Melissa Eschbach,
Abigail McRae
8th Lori Barto, Scott Ebelhar,
Cheryl Felix, Allison Younker,
Jacob Leroy Hoffman,
Joshua Klopp,
9th Karen Holcombe,
June Dautrich
11th Melany Eltz, Jay Hill, III,
Marissa Spatz, Grace Hoppes,
Jack Kornfeind, Codie Hart
14th Megan Geisinger
15th Carla Rozsitch,
Mason Hartranft
Eden Gilmer
Lisa Nicole Rubright

June Anniversaries

- 6th** Nathan & Lisa Phillips
7th Ronnie & Rhonda Adam
10th Robert & Louise Elliott
Tom and Brenda Nelson
11th Larry & Beverly Blatt
18th Terry & Donna Schaeffer

Music News

You are invited!

Celebration of Music

June 4, 2023

Join us as we celebrate our
Belleman's Church
music ministry during our
10:00 a.m. service.

What better way to worship than
through music, and I hope you
will be part of our celebration!

Musically,

