

Salem (Belleman's) Church
3540 Belleman's Church Road
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Bell Notes

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

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Web Site: bellemanschurch.org



September has arrived!

It happens every year. It seems summer flies by and autumn quickly approaches as we greet September. This September we have had a surge of high temperatures but soon enough the cooler weather will come.

Have you ever considered September as a season of new beginnings?

Did you know that September marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year? It's true.

Rosh Hashana is the Jewish New Year; it is held on the first day of Tishri (the first month on the Jewish calendar). This holiday is also sometimes called the Feast of Trumpets or the blowing of the shofar. This year Rosh Hashanah will be honored from sundown on Friday, September 15th until Sunday, September 17th. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of a 10-day period of reflection, repentance, and renewal that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are considered "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

As a significant festival for the Jewish people, we might also consider how this was commemorated in Jesus' life. Jesus was born into a Jewish family; his family undoubtedly honored the Jewish feasts and festivals.

Interestingly, as we consider September, many things are scheduled to begin again within our church calendar; the beginning of Sunday School classes, the beginning of this year's Confirmation class, the beginning of choir practice.

My hope is that as we enter into this season of beginnings, you will enjoy the cool crisp air as it arrives and the beginning of our church calendar of activity. Hopefully, too, it will also be a season of spiritual renewal for you. As we turn to God and our faith in Jesus Christ with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, I pray this will also be a time of renewal for you in this season of beginnings.

...be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Romans 12:2

Blessings to you as we begin again,

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

August 21, 2023

Several Call Committee members were in attendance to address a few things with the board. There was discussion about what salary to offer as part of the profile. After some discussion it was approved to offer a salary/housing amount of \$75,000. There was still a question about the expectation on how insurance and pension are to fit into this, the committee will double check on this.

James' vacation dates of September 19-23, were approved.

The Fundraising Committee met recently to discuss plans for the Turkey and Waffle meals. James noted that he got the mailers to the post office the day of this meeting. James reported that Cindy Bachman noted the current balance in the Fundraising account at \$7,182.42.

Some comments from the congregation surveys were reviewed. There was some discussion about varying topics but one suggestion was to maybe do the Time and Talent Sheets at some point this fall.

James noted that he has mailed out letters announcing the beginning of the coming confirmation class year. The class looks like it will have at least 5 members. There was also discussion about First Communion Class. Lastly, James noted that the Christian Ed committee met to discuss Rally Day. Since they hadn't located a special presentation for the day, they are planning to have an activity time after worship on September 10 with games, music, crafts and lunch for Sunday School kids and families. Lastly, James relayed from Cindy Bachman the current balance in the Christian Ed account of \$5,181.70.

James noted that Cindy Bachman reported the Smile Fund Balance at \$350.16. There is a bill to pay soon and Cindy requested funds for the Smile account. To accomplish this she asked about using one of the recently received Redner Tape checks for this. The two check amounts were \$342.93 and \$361. The board approved to use one of the checks for the Smile Fund with the remaining check going to Fundraising as usual.

It was reported that after giving \$500 to each of the Shoemakersville Fire Victim families that \$365 remains for 2023 Heffner Tithe.

Updated funeral fees were included with the meeting packets and were approved as presented.

Pastor Pat noted that her church at Lebanon prepares a yearly Lenten Devotional and she will be preparing a piece for that. The church wanted to know if we would be interested in them for our members. There would be no cost for us as they would send us the computer file to print as many copies as we need. The Board agreed to this.

Belleman's Joint Board for July

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,735.68
Income	\$ 13,390.85
Expenses	\$ 16,304.43
Ending Balance	\$ 14,822.10

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### Attendance/Offering

|           | 9:00AM                          | Offering   |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|
| August 6  | 56 (Sanctuary), 245(Facebook)   | \$4,449.00 |
| August 13 | 60 (Old Church), 248 (Facebook) | \$2,257.00 |
| August 20 | 52 (Sanctuary), 200 (Facebook)  | \$2,033.00 |
| August 27 | 72 (Grove), 152(Facebook)       | \$1,816.00 |

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The September **Jingle Offerings** go to **Maui Wildfire Response**.

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### Holy Communion Assistants for October 1

*Altar Assistants:* Lester Gambler, Gloria Gambler, Linda Henne

*Cup Stations:* Adrianna Madden, Eric Weyandt

*Ushers:* Larry Henne, Allen Loeb

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Hero Banner Program

A program for "Hero's Banners" for Veterans or active-duty military is underway in Centerport Borough and Centre Township. This program is open to all military/active or veteran/ alive or deceased (with any relationship/connection, past or present with Centerport or Centre Township). The Patriotic Order Sons of America Camp #446 in Centerport is organizing the effort. For further information call Glen at 610-823-8064, or email at gbalthaser109@comcast.net, or by US mail to POS of A Camp #446; PO Box 76; Mohrsville Pa 19541.

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### Belleman's Military Members

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| CWO2 Josh Linderman   | MAJ James Fluck     |
| Andrew Potts          | MSgt Kevin Mohn     |
| 1LT Bradley P. Hoppes | GYSGT Phillip Spatz |
| SGT Andrew Cichowicz  | Alfred Cross        |
| Nathan P. Stump       | Cydney Lawrence     |
| SGT John R. Wesner    | Dustin Spatz        |

### Calendar of Events

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship with Holy Communion**

**9/10 Rally Day Kickoff Luncheon**

Wed. 5:00PM "Back to School" Choir Picnic and Rehearsal  
9/13 At Oliver Blatt's House

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

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

**9/17 10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. (9/20) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. Harvest Home**

**9/24 9:00AM Sunday School and First Communion Class**

9:00AM Confirmation Class First Meeting

with Parents in the loft (Info page 13)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Wed. (9/27) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 1:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church

9/30 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall

**Sun. World Communion Sunday/First Communion**

**10/1 9:00AM Sunday School**

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon, (10/2) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Tue. (10/3) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. (10/4) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

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

**10/8 10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon.(10/9) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. (10/11) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thu. (10/12) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle

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

**10/15 10:00AM Worship**

Mon.(10/16) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. (10/18) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall

10/19 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

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

## Sunday School is back!

Sunday School returns to its 9:00 a.m. time slot on Sunday, September 17. (Worship moves back to 10:00 a.m.)



**Children's Classes** will meet in the basement area classrooms. These classes are for children aged preschool through 6th grade. All are welcome to attend!

**First Communion Class:** We rejoice that we were given the gift of life in Holy Baptism, and in that, we were forgiven of our sins, brought into the membership of the Church, the Body of Christ, and offered the promise of eternal life. Now our youth are given the privilege of receiving the second Gift of Grace – the sacrament of Holy Communion. As Holy Baptism brings us into God's love, Holy Communion nourishes us, sustains us and makes us grow in faith. So, First Communion classes will be held for all children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older, who have not attended First Communion classes in the past on **Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m.** The youth will receive their First Communion on Sunday, October 1, 2023 (World Communion Sunday) at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you would like your child to participate, please call or email James in the church office.

**Confirmation Class** will meet in the upstairs Loft area. This class is for students in grades 7 and 8. Please see information on page 13.

**Adult Sunday School:** The traditional Adult Sunday School will once again be held in the church sanctuary and led by Crystal Cammauf-Young and the Belleman's Orchestra.



## Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who need extra support with reading at Perry Elementary Wednesdays from 8:45 – 9:30 AM, Tilden Elementary Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM and Schuylkill Valley Elementary Thursdays from 8:00 – 9:00 AM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering

weekly during the 2023-2024 school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org).



United Way of Berks County



Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual Blood Drive which will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at the donor center (2745a Leischs Bridge Road, Reading, PA) **NOT at the Fellowship Hall.**

To schedule an appointment call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 or visit [GIVEaPINT.org](http://GIVEaPINT.org) and use **Sponsor Code 3227.**





#ADVENTUREON



Join us for incredible adventures!

Cub Scouting offers something for everyone. Come take an adventure while learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun!

### Meet the Pack Night

September 21st, 7:00pm

The Fellowship Hall at Belleman's Church 3540 Bellemans Church Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19541

(fellowship hall is opposite the cemetery from the church)

Pack 154 Registration

In person or online!

Visit BeAScout.org or Scan the QR Code →



Have questions? Contact us below.

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Assistant Cubmaster  
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Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America

610.926.3406



## Turkey and Waffle Take-Out Dinner



*Tired of cooking? Want a dinner to go?  
We will be offering a take-out dinner of:*

**Turkey – Waffles – Potato Filling – Gravy  
Sweet Potatoes – Green Beans – Corn**

**Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023  
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3 – 6 pm**

*Additional items for separate purchase:  
~Pies~  
~Belleman's Famous Pepper Cabbage~  
~Extra Potato Filling~*

**Return the order form insert for your pre-ordered meal!**

**ALL DINNERS must be PRE-ORDERED BY  
September 16, 2022**



**Again this year!  
After pickup of your pre-ordered meal, the dining room will be open for indoor dining from 3-6 p.m.  
No table service.**

# RELAY FOR LIFE OF Kutztown

## Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks

Relay for Life of Kutztown 2023 has come to a close. The Relay raised **\$121,609!!**

**We look forward to Relay for Life 2024 with the theme "Sock it to Cancer - Rock and Roll!"**

Upcoming fundraiser:

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**

**On Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 8am-11pm**

Purchase a shopping pass for \$5 and save 25% off purchases that day. **If you would like a shopping pass contact: Ann Stump at 610-926-3416 or James at the church.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Ann and Mark Stump, Relay for Life of Kutztown  
Live Long and Prosper**

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**Devotion Books are available
in the Narthex**

Just a reminder that "The Upper Room" and "Word in Season" devotionals are free for the taking in the narthex.



It is Sandwich Sale time again!

Could you eat one? We are hearing that folks are anxious to bite into a Belleman's hoagie.



Date of the sale will be:

Thursday, October 19.

Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Call 484-256-5705 to order.

Please call in orders by October 12!

As always, options are Italian, Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.

Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.

Thanks for your support of this project!

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**Bazaar Flea Market is Back!!**



Only about 20 days until the first collection of items for the market.



Three groups of people are responsible for the success of the market: those who organize and work the sale; those who donate items; those who purchase items. The combined efforts of all have resulted in very nice profits.

Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, October 2. Items should be brought to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:30. Collections will be made on every Monday through October 23.

Things that cannot be accepted: outdated electronics, items that are broken or not in working order, shoes, clothing, baby items that do not meet safety code, car seats, microwaves, computers & computer components, and old television sets. Most anything else is welcome. Especially welcome- volunteers to help unload, unpack, organize, price and enjoy the fellowship. Please do not drop off items if no one is at the Fellowship Hall. Questions- call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.

## Call Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to the call committee's survey. The responses have been tabulated for insertion into the Church's profile. Your individual comments will also be taken into consideration.

Unfortunately, we have run into a roadblock. Both the Conference and Synod have specific compensation guidelines for different sized congregations. According to these guidelines, we would not have sufficient funds to hire a full time pastor. At this point, we are exploring our options.

When looking at the Church's financial reports, we appear to have options for funding. However, these accounts have restrictions concerning how the monies can be used, and they specifically cannot be used for payroll ( salaries ). The Heffner Fund is a good example. Several other organizations received equal amounts from this benevolence with strict conditions. If any group does not conform to these conditions, they for-feit their share, which would then be distributed to the remaining groups.

We have not had a Stewardship campaign for some time and many members have not increased their giving for several years. The pandemic and loss of members have all contributed to our shortfall. With the average number of members worshipping weekly being about 60, we would need each member to increase their giving by \$3.00 per week to be able to reach our compensation guideline. If we are unable to accomplish this, our profile would not be accepted or distributed to potential candidates. We will be presenting this report to the Church Board for discussion.

Yours in Christ,  
the Call Committee

## Searching for a New Pastor



## Thank You Notes

**Dear Belleman's Church, Berks County** is a special community in many ways; this was especially evident in the wake of the tragedy that struck R.M. Palmer and the West Reading area earlier this year. You along with more than 1,900 individuals, families and organizations across the county, and country, shared your concern and generosity with those impacted by the tragedy. We are grateful for your donation to the West Reading Disaster Relief Fund. (\$500 Jingle Offerings).

Just over \$1,000,000 was donated to the fund since it was established on March 25, 2023...As we reached out to the families of the deceased and those who were displaced from their homes, they expressed their sincere gratitude for the kind-heartedness of strangers as they coped with the unthinkable... Your compassion has helped individuals and families during their greatest time of need...On behalf of those individuals receiving support, thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Sincerely, Tammy White, President,  
United Way of Berks County**

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**Dear Belleman's Church and Congregation, Thank you** so much for being one of the monthly Veteran Food Pantry Sponsors. Your congregation gave us \$1,525 in gift cards. (From the portion of the Easter Candy Sales.) **Thank you** so much. We were able to use those gift cards to buy lots of food for our pantry.

**Very Respectfully, Liz Graybill, President,  
Veterans Making a Difference**

### Confirmation Class 2023-2024

Letters have been sent out 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!



### September Birthdays

- 17th Bridget Hoffert,  
Jeffrey Mohn  
18th Ryan Moser,  
Shannon Perzel  
19th Brandon Corolla,  
Jay Grube, Brian Gery  
20th Nichole Leibensperger  
22nd Marilyn Yoder,  
Wolf Arnold  
23rd Barry Edwards,  
Connor Zaleski, Emma Potts  
24th Michele Dietrich,  
Rev. Joshua Fitterling,  
Carolyn Machmer,  
Richard Evans, Sandy Borkey,  
Sean Livinghouse,  
25th Rita Bausher  
26th Tara Beerman, Natalie Redd  
Randy Phillips, Ellie Weyandt  
27th Dorothy Yeakel,  
Brian Boyer  
28th Lindsey Bradbury,  
Kenneth Bungarz III,  
Andrew Smyre  
29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,  
Michele Zimmerman  
30th George Phillips, Jr.,  
Chloe Zimmerman,  
Courtney Zimmerman  
Luke Jack Weyandt

### September Anniversaries

- 15th Cory & Mary Ann Kunkle  
16th Mark & Elizabeth Veres  
17th Dennis & Robin Linderman  
20th Jason & Sara Levan  
21st Ryan and Cheyenne Potts  
22nd Oliver and Amber Blatt  
Kenneth and Nicole Jacoby  
23rd Brian and Kara Gery  
26th James & Linette Baer,  
Therman & Bonnie Madeira

### October Birthdays

- 2nd Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,  
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,  
Holly Jean Wesner,  
Daylin Dalton  
3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn  
4th Harold L. Spatz,  
Ryan Livinghouse,  
Tyler McMurtry  
5th Skip Corolla, Jillian Phillips,  
Daniel Kiefer, Benjamin King,  
Lynn Hart  
6th Terry Clay, Naomi Arnold  
8th Aaron Nabozny,  
Allison Younker,  
9th Myra Snyder  
10th Dorothy Bausher,  
Priscilla Kiefer  
11th Linda Hartman,  
12th Ruth Ohlinger  
13th Kristy Dietrich,  
14th Robert Elliott  
15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle  
Andrea Quillman,  
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,  
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein

### October Anniversaries

- 1st Michael & Karen Harle,  
Carl and Alyse Hein  
3rd Darin & Brenda Hein  
4th Scott & Michele Dietrich  
Wayne & Arlene Hoffert  
Shawn and Meaghan Bausher  
5th Santi & Linda Imbesi  
Cody and Lynda Marks  
6th Roy & Danielle Moser,  
Charles & Elisha Zimmerman  
Andrew and Kelly Kauffman  
8th Larry & Linda Henne  
9th Richard & June Dautrich  
12th Frank & Mica Kornfeind  
John and Melissa Lewis

# Music News

## *We're back!*



**Our Sanctuary Choir returns to lead the  
music for our church services  
beginning September 17!**

**Our Bell Choir begins rehearsal  
in October!**

**We always have room for more singers, and we  
are in need of a few more ringers to complete  
our bell choir! Interested? Let me know!**

Musically,

*Oliver*