

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

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*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.*

*Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org*



Time, Talent, and Spiritual Gifts

Have you ever considered how God has designed you to be part of the family of God within the church? My guess is that many of you have given this much thought and prayer.

Within the next couple weeks we will be discussing time, talent and spiritual gifts as they relate to our service within Christ's church here at Belleman's.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 is a well-known passage regarding the spiritual gifts:

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

I love to see how God equips people to serve within the church. Surely many of you are utilizing your giftedness as you serve the Lord and one another. All aspects of serving within the church are important, whether it is teaching, singing, administering, leading, encouraging, helping, or giving just to mention some of the many ways to serve.

Various ways to offer our time, talent, and giftedness are part of Christ's church as God calls us to serve for the common good. It's an exciting journey to share God's love, hope, goodness, and great gift of salvation provided to us through Jesus Christ.

As we explore how to use our time, talent, and spiritual gifts ask God to reveal to you how He is calling you to serve here at Belleman's.

Christ's blessings to you as we serve our Lord,

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

There was no meeting held since the last newsletter was published. The next scheduled meeting is November 13, 2023.

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Belleman's Joint Board Financial Report for September

Beginning Balance \$12,493.61
Income \$20,181.05
Expenses \$16,023.73
Ending Balance \$16,650.93

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Attendance/Offering

	Worship Attendance	Offering
Oct. 1	110(Sanctuary), 219(Facebook)	\$2,992.00
Oct. 8	71 (Sanctuary), 229 (Facebook)	\$2,178.00
Oct. 15	75 (Sanctuary), 204 (Facebook)	\$2,320.00
Oct. 22	70 (Sanctuary), 205(Facebook)	\$2,472.00
Oct. 29	72 (Sanctuary), 156(Facebook)	\$2,332.00

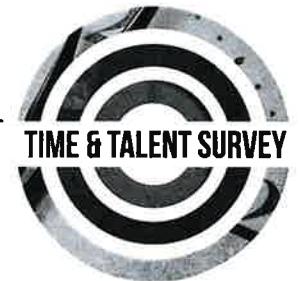
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November Jingle Offerings are designated for Salvation Army

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Thanksgiving Sunday

This year on **November 19** we will be celebrating Thanksgiving as part of the 10 a.m. worship service. At the service we will be taking time to consider Time, Talent and Spiritual gifts. Time and Talent sheets will be included in the bulletin that day as well as included in this newsletter. In addition to reviewing ways to serve through Belleman's, the Time and Talent sheets serve as a way to update church records. Please be sure to fill out the address, phone number and email address section as we look to update our church records. Thank you for your help!



Poinsettia sale to benefit Belleman's Christian Education

Rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by placing poinsettias in church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin for your use, or you can see Linda Henne at Church or call her at 610-926-4506. Plants are available this year @ \$8.00 each and will be available in Red, White and Jingle Bell this year. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.



Poinsettias

**Orders should be placed by December 10.
Thank you.**



Do you do your grocery shopping at Boyer's Market?

If so, we have reward cards that you can use when you shop at Boyer's. When you use this card, we get a percentage toward the maintenance of the Old Church. Please talk to James in the church office for one of these cards.



**The Annual December
Congregational Meeting
is coming up on December 10**

The following items will be up for discussion and approval:

- 2024 Budget
- New Board, Council and Consistory members



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.



**Communion Assistants
For December 3rd**

Altar Assistants

- Dawne Clay
- Linda Henne
- Maura Wesner

Cup Stations

- Allen Loeb, Eric Weyandt

Ushers

- Jim Blatt, Larry Henne



Mobile Giving App



Vanco has been the administrator of online and scheduled giving for Belleman's for many years. The app is called Vanco Mobile. Once downloaded, you can designate offerings to Belleman's with a credit card or bank transfer. If you have any questions about this or to get started with Vanco Mobile, please contact the church office.

SV Food Pantry needs your help...mark your calendars!

Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the **November 18, 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 signup 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!



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
Tuesday, November 21
5:30-6:30p.m. at
The Fellowship Hall
Served Cafeteria Style



Calendar of Events

- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
11/12 10:00AM Worship
Community Outreach Meeting after worship
- Mon. 6:00PM Council and Consistory Meeting
11/13 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Tue. (11/14) 9:30AM Music and Worship Committee
- Wed. (11/15) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (11/18) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
Belleman's Month to Serve ((Info page 6)
- Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday/Time and Talent Sunday**
11/19 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship
- Tue. 5:30-6:30PM Community Meal at the Fellowship Hall
11/21 (Info page 6)
- Wed. (11/22) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thur. (11/23) Thanksgiving Day
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
11/26 10:00AM Worship (Dawne Clay leading Worship)
2 p.m. Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus Christmas Concert
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer Time with Pastor Pat
11/29 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. Holy Communion/ First Sunday of Advent**
12/3 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship
- Wed. (12/6) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
12/10 10:00AM Worship
Congregational Meeting following Worship
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer Time with Pastor Pat
12/13 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat.(12/16) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
12/17 10:00AM Worship
- Mon. (12/18) 7:00PM Board Meeting



The Angel Tree is Here!!!

Please take an Angel, purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag and bring it back to church by December 3. This year the gifts will go to Safe Berks. Thank You.



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**Clothing Drive for Hope Rescue Mission**

Over the next few weeks, through December 10, 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. “



**Free Traditional Christmas Concert**  
with Sing-a-long

Presented by

*Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus*



**Salem Bellemans Church**

3540 Bellemans Church Rd.

Doors open at 1:30 PM

Concert starts at 2:00 PM

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

*Refreshments Following Program  
A free will offering will be taken.*

Director: Catherine S. Zimmerman

Accompanist: Sara Jackson

For additional information contact:

Carol Kissinger 484-671-2567



## Endowment Fund

Belleman's Church Endowment Fund was established for the preservation of our church. **Tax-deductible** gifts are available by completing the following information:

*IN HONOR or IN MEMORY OF:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name (Donor): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Belleman's Church—Endowment Fund  
3540 Belleman's Church Road,  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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Prayer Time with Pastor Pat

Due to Pastor Pat's vacation, the next gathering will be **Wednesday, November 29 at 10 am** and continues the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month for those who are able to attend. We will share in informal fellowship, a brief reflection, and then pray together.

We'll pray for individuals on the Prayer List, the Military and their Families, the Call Committee and prospective pastors submitting their profiles, our church and surrounding community, our world, and any other concerns you might have. We will conclude by 11 am and meet in the chapel.

(PS -- doughnuts and coffee will be provided!)



Mission Team Sandwich Sale

Thank you to everyone for your support of this years Mission Team Sandwich Sales. The recent October sale made a profit of \$5,100. This will help greatly toward our next trip.

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### February 2023 Mission Trip Plans

Speaking of our next trip...We are planning a trip February 4-10, 2024 to work with the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. The trip is planned to Madisonville, Kentucky to take part in the rebuild from the December 2021 tornadoes. There has been a signup sheet posted in the narthex. We recently had a meeting to begin making plans. If you are still interested in going on the trip, please contact the church office.



## 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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Cemetery Logs and Wreaths

Troop 154 will have wreaths and logs available again this year for placement on cemetery graves. We can also place them on Belleman's (Fairview) Cemetery for you.

Selections are listed below.

Call Larry Henne for additional information, 610-926-4506

CHRISTMAS WREATHES - NEW ITEMS!!

6" X 10" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ \$16.00	_____
6" X 18" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ \$22.00	_____
18" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ \$16.00	_____
24" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ \$22.00	_____
Stands (At Cost):	_____ 18" wreath	_____ 24" wreath	@ \$3.50 _____

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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

Thank you for your service!



happy. Thanks for all you do. **God Bless you all!**

**Dear Belleman's Smile Fund, Thank you** so very much for the beautiful flowers and the cute card. They sure brought a smile to my face and made me feel very

**Dorothy Yeakel**

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Dear Smile Ministry and Belleman's Friends, Thank you so much for the tasty snack basket you sent me. It was very tasty and thoughtful of you. It really does make me smile and I appreciate it very much.

God's Peace, Calvin Bair, Jr.

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**Dear Friends, We thank you** for the delicious food. (Turkey and Waffle meal) It was also a blessing to see the friendship of the volunteers.

**Our appreciation, Peggy and Carl Ernst**

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I wanted to **thank** all the volunteers that helped renovate my house and bathroom this summer. God truly gives his gifts in the form of others willing to help those in need.

**Thank you!
Robert Mertz**

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Sometime in the hustle and bustle of our work world we forget to stop and say thank you to everyone that helps make Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry, Inc. a success.

So, we all here at Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry, Inc. wish to express our great appreciation of your food, monetary and personal donations throughout 2023. We could not do what we do without receiving donations from churches like yours. It is a true blessing, and allows us to continue to provide assistance to those in need within our community.

**Thank you and God Bless,  
Samuel Reimert President-Treasurer**

thank you

## Birthdays

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Kevin Labe, Jr.  
17<sup>th</sup> Ryan Potts, Kylie Gregor  
18<sup>th</sup> Faye Noecker, Lukas Smyre  
19<sup>th</sup> Dante Phillipini, Philip Kistler  
Linda Conrad, Abigail Mitten  
20<sup>th</sup> Carol Hook, Cory Eisenhofer  
Emmalynn Kauffman  
21<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne Strunk  
22<sup>nd</sup> Noah Oswald  
23<sup>rd</sup> Charles Miller, Nancy Zipp  
25<sup>th</sup> Cole Savage, Doug Bausher  
Samuel Schreffler  
26<sup>th</sup> Jackie Mitten  
27<sup>th</sup> Todd Gregor, Doug Eisenhofer  
28<sup>th</sup> Robin Stiefel, Bill Fisher  
29<sup>th</sup> Kyle Kunkle  
Linda Schlottman  
30<sup>th</sup> Ann Stump  
Joshua Linderman

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Dautrich,  
George Kunkle, Paul Leshner,  
Lacey Baxter, Greg Machmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald Kintzer, Kristie Hilbert  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Miller  
4<sup>th</sup> Susan Dougherty,  
Dennis Gehman  
5<sup>th</sup> Juliet Hoffman, Jeremy Kriner,  
6<sup>th</sup> Brooke Brenner  
8<sup>th</sup> Troy Weber,  
Ethan Mitten  
9<sup>th</sup> Duane Cowan, Joseph Perzel  
10<sup>th</sup> Mae Weber,  
11<sup>th</sup> David Billitz, Donald Hoffa,  
Cory Ulrich  
12<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Imbesi,  
Madison Wesner  
13<sup>th</sup> Nik Botscheller, John Schlotter  
14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Dalton,  
Meaghan Bausher  
15<sup>th</sup> Donna Weber,  
Maura Wesner, Natalee Svenson

## Anniversaries

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Garry & Nancy Wesner  
18<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Susan Dougherty  
19<sup>th</sup> Terry & Dawne Clay  
21<sup>st</sup> Harold & Stephani Mohn  
22<sup>nd</sup> Eric and Kelly Troutman  
26<sup>th</sup> Lloyd & Ruth Barnett  
28<sup>th</sup> Richard & Rita Bausher

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Guy & Carolyn Gresh  
5<sup>th</sup> Rick and Diane Rothenberger  
9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Nancy Schreffler  
12<sup>th</sup> Robert and Sheila Reppert



"Prayer does work. It's Monday after Thanksgiving and we're still here."

## Music News

***It got cold outside!***  
***And that means that we're heading into***  
***my favorite season of the year!***  
***(Except for the falling temperature)***

Even though Thanksgiving hasn't quite happened yet, our music family is busily preparing for our Christmas Eve service. We are always looking to grow our music family here at church, so the Christmas season is the perfect time to "test the waters" so to speak. We'd love to have you!

So, if you're like me, and don't like being cold, come and join our music family. Even if the physical temperature is cold, music is a great way to warm both the mind and spirit. Give it a try!

Musically,

*Oliver*



**Salem (Bellemans) Church**  
**2023 Time, Talent and Spiritual Gifts**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ *(please state if retired, you may indicate former profession)*

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Dates \_\_\_\_\_

(To update our files.)

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

*If a family is filling out a single form, please write in name(s) where you wish to volunteer.*

**MUSIC**

Sing in Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Play an instrument - Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Play Handbells or Chimes \_\_\_\_\_

Sing in Sunday School Singing Kids \_\_\_\_\_

Serve as pianist or organist for worship service or special events \_\_\_\_\_

**WORSHIP**

Serve on Worship and Music Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Reader (Read the lessons during worship) \_\_\_\_\_

Greeter & Usher (Hand out bulletins, welcome members and visitors to worship, invite visitors to sign guest book, receive the offering during worship.) \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare for and clean up after Holy Communion (Altar Committee) \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Minister/Communion Assistant (Assist pastor in distributing the elements during Sunday Holy Communion – Training is required.) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Visitor Committee (Serve communion to and visit with shut-ins) \_\_\_\_\_

Tech Team (Help with operating the sound system and live stream videos for worship services) \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS**

Help prepare and serve Free Community Meals \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Caroling to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Driver for shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_

Invite friends and neighbors to worship with you (Make this promise to yourself!) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEARNING**

Serve on Christian Education Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Teacher or Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Orchestra \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Bible School Teachers/Assistants/Helpers in crafts, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leader for Youth Group \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Classes \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Fundraising Committee (The function of this committee is to plan and coordinate the fundraising events of the church.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate cost of weekly bulletin (\$20.00 donation) Sign-up in the vestibule.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate Altar Flowers Sign-up in the vestibule.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist in assembling newsletters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance Committee - help with small repairs in church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Church Board (meets 3rd Monday of the month; a 3-year commitment)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on UCC Consistory (meets once or twice a year; a 3-year commitment)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Lutheran Council (meets once or twice a year; a 3-year commitment)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help at Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry (Bellemans serves two Saturdays a year)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Go on a Mission Trip

**Special Projects**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Candy - March
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oyster Supper - April
- \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Day Picnic - May
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey and Waffle Supper - September
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bazaar - November
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Sandwich Sales
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help decorate Church for special holidays and events

Special talents you wish to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ideas you wish to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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