

Salem (Bellemans) Church
3540 Belleman's Church Road
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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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April Showers Bring May Flowers

We have all heard the phrase, *April showers bring May flowers*. As I write this article --- it is raining. It rained yesterday; it is expected to rain tomorrow. It almost seems like too much of a good thing. Will this overabundance of rain bring an abundance of May flowers? That remains to be seen. That is the way with much of life; we are unsure of how things will turn out.

God's Word addresses this in various places. As we consider the flowers, Matthew 6 uses the lilies to share that we should not worry:

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Often we do worry; we may have concerns for our health or the health of a family member. We may have financial concerns or have concerns about the crops we have planted. We might worry about world events or struggles within our own country. Worry drains us of the hope and joy God ultimately desires for us. It is true, as Matthew 6:27 also shares,

²⁷ *Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

In reality, stress and worry might shorten our lives by leading to all sorts of medical situations. Does that mean we should not have concern or show compassion to others in the midst of their deep struggles? I don't believe so; but for matters outside of our control, I believe, God wants us to put our trust in Him -- and find our comfort in His provision. Remember the words of Jesus not long before He went to the cross, John 14:27:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Our Lord can be trusted to lead us through both the valleys and the mountaintops. Our Lord is with us. Even as we recently celebrated the Resurrection of the Living Christ, my hope for you is to experience our Lord's presence. While in the midst of rain -- we look forward to and hope for the beauty of May flowers to abound this season. Blessings for the journey,

Pastor Pat

Pastor Pat's contact info:
Cell Phone: 717-926-2181
Email: phorst105@gmail.com

Church Board Highlights March 18, 2024

The Minutes from the February meeting, the Pastor Report and the Administrator Report were approved.

Treasurer, Larry Henne presented and reviewed his written report. He noted that the Lutheran investment amount of \$9,292.41 was received and is noted on his report. The amount was moved into the holding account. He also noted that the 2023 audit was completed in February.

The Property Committee is working to tie up some loose ends on some projects. Plastering repairs in the loft were completed in February, fire extinguishers were serviced in early March and Emergency lights at the church are in the process of being replaced.

The Community Outreach Committee has completed the Easter Candy fundraiser and will be meeting after Easter to get plans settled for the Hoedown in May and continue with June anniversary plans.

In regards to the church insurance, information was provided to the insurance broker seeking new insurance quotes and we await a reply on possibilities and quotes.

Diane Rothenberger discussed her report on the February Synod event that she and her husband Rick attended. Her full notes were printed in the meeting packets. She noted that it was a very interesting event and the bishop is very motivated to work on ministry building in the synod. She also introduced the book "Cultural Architecture" which was supplied by the synod to each congregation in attendance. She read it and has it available for anyone else who would wish to read it as well.

Ken Borkey presented a plan by Boy Scout Troop 154 to build an addition onto the scout shed near the parking lot to house the trailer they recently purchased. They have donations to cover costs and plan to do the work themselves. This plan was approved.

James reported that the Easter Dawn service is over at the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren this year. That would usually mean that our pastor would be the preacher for the service. However, the Church of the Brethren has a younger member, Kurtis Rohrbach who has interest in ministry and would like to preach for the Dawn service. Pastor Pat was in agreement on this. Since we don't have a big part in the service this year, we will be offering to have someone from Belleman's do the opening for the service.

The April **Jingle Offerings** go to
Relay For Life - Live Long and Prosper Team

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**Belleman's Joint Board - February 2024**

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| Beginning Balance | \$47,707.65 |
| Income            | \$23,189.26 |
| Expenses          | \$25,788.18 |
| Ending Balance    | \$45,108.73 |

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Attendance/Offering

	10:00AM	Offering
March 3	72 (Church), 229 (Facebook)	\$4,046.00
March 10	70 (Church), 185 (Facebook)	\$2,410.00
March 17	80 (Church), 202 (Facebook)	\$2,339.00
March 24	86 (Church), 163 (Facebook)	\$2,850.00
March 29	77 (Church), 157 (Facebook) Good Friday	
March 31	165 (Church), 196 (Facebook)	\$6,591.00

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**Holy Communion Assistants**  
at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**April 28:** *Altar Assistants:* Maura Wesner, Linda Henne,  
James Fitterling  
*Cup Stations:* Kim Smyre, Ken Borkey  
*Ushers:* Lee Henne, Jaclyn Kunkle

**May 12:** *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Nikole Botscheller,  
Dawne Clay  
*Cup Stations:* Eric Weyandt, Diane Rothenberger  
*Ushers:* Sam Stump, Larry Henne

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Special Request from Safe Berks

Safe Berks is currently in need of donations of Twin Sheets.
A box will be in the narthex to drop off donations. Thank you!



April is Oyster Month
at Belleman's Church!!

Remember to pick up your
orders via our DRIVE-THRU on
Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 3-6 pm

At the Fellowship Hall

- Oyster Patting on Tuesday, April 23 at 5 p.m.
- Helpers are needed at various other times throughout the week leading up to Oyster Day on April 27. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to signup to help out. Thank you!

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

FEATURING CALLER KEN SAUL

FRIDAY, MAY 10

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL



FOOD AND HOMEMADE ICE

CREAM AT 5:30 P.M.

HOEDOWN 7-10 P.M.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

**WILL BE OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING,
OTHERWISE INDOORS - RAIN OR SHINE
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!**

**SPONSORED BY THE BELLEMAN'S
CHURCH COMMUNITY
OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

*Your Blood. Their Hope.**



**MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER**

Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual Blood Drive which will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 1:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

To schedule an appointment call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 or visit GIVEaPINT.org and use **Sponsor Code 3227.**



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

Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the April 20, 2024 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!



Egg Hunt 2023

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for this year's Egg Hunt. We had around 60 kids hunting eggs at Belleman's this year. It was a great turnout!



Calendar of Events

- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
4/7 10:00AM Worship Service
- Tue. (4/9) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
4/10 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
4/14 10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. (4/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/17 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
4/20 (Bellemans Month to Serve)
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
4/21 10:00AM Worship Service
- Tue. (4/23) 5:00PM Oyster Patting at the Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
4/24 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (4/27) 3:00–6:00PM Oyster Supper Pick-up at the Hall
- Sun. Rogation/ Seed and Soil Sunday - Holy Communion**
4/28 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/1 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
5/5 10:00AM Worship Service
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
5/8 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. (5/9) Ascension Day
- Fri. 7-10PM Community Hoedown at the Fellowship Hall
5/10 Food and Ice Cream beginning at 5:30
- Sun. Confirmation Sunday - Holy Communion**
5/12 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service

100th Anniversary Celebration Plans Unveiled!

The Community Outreach Committee is in charge of planning the 100th Anniversary celebration of the 1924 Belleman's Church building.

This important event will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, **SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



The service to commemorate the occasion will begin at 3 pm in the church sanctuary, with our special guests, two "Sons of the Congregation" Rev. Barry Spatz and Rev. Joshua Fitterling, present that day.

Following the service, plans are to reenact the 1924 photo of worshipers on the outside steps of the church, with a photo of the 2024 congregants!

A meal in the Fellowship Hall will be held after the photo session, with seats limited to the first 150 respondents. More details and reservation forms will be upcoming in the church bulletin and in next month's newsletter.

We hope to see you there!



RELAY FOR LIFE OF KUTZTOWN
& EASTERN BERKS

PRESENTS



RUBBER DUCK DERBY

ONLY \$5 PER DUCK RACER!
(\$25 for a 6 Quack)

Win one of these GREAT prizes:

- 1st - Karu Multi-Fuel Outdoor Pizza Oven (\$429 value)
- 2nd - Emeril Lagasse 360 Air Fryer (\$153 value)
- 3rd - Kenneth Cole Reaction 28" Luggage (\$140 value)

William DeLong Memorial Park, Bowers PA
Saturday, May 18, 2024 - Duck Release 7PM

Contact (no need to be present to win)

MARK OR ANN STAMP - 610-926-3416 484-824-7799

Mstarduster@aol.com - Live Long & Prosper Team



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

A decorative border with a black and white checkered pattern. On the left side, there are illustrations of a musical instrument (possibly a saxophone), a vinyl record, a sundae, and a burger. On the right side, there is a musical note illustration.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF KUTZTOWN
& EASTERN BERKS

INVITES
ALL
CANCER SURVIVORS
AND
A CAREGIVER

TO A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER!

4 PM - Survivor Ceremony
Followed by Dinner & Entertainment
Goody Bag for Survivors!

Saturday, May 18, 2024
William DeLong Park
Bowers, PA

Survivors - Register at
www.relayforlife.org/pakutztown
or call 1-800-227-2345
for a FREE Survivor T-Shirt!

A QR code located in the bottom left corner of the flyer, used for registration.

"SOCK IT TO CANCER"

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC at Belleman's Church

Monday, May 27, 2024

Picnic Food available 1:00-7:00 p.m.



Items available include:

**Burgers - Hot Dogs - Fries - Turkey BBQ - Drinks
Chicken Noodle Soup - Ham and Bean Soup - Beef Vegetable Soup
Ice Cream - Desserts - Raffle
Quarts of soup and BBQ available for take-outs**

**Music by: The Washington
Band of Anville
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Leibensperger
Funeral Homes, Inc.**



Memorial Day Service - 2:30 p.m.

The service takes place in both cemeteries with participation by local groups including the POS of A and Scout Troop 154.

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.

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!**

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



Thanks to all who helped to make, buy and sell our 1,080 sandwiches on February 29, 2024. It was a great sale with lots of helping hands and good fellowship on the assembly lines. The profits (\$5,400) will be used for mission work locally and afar. **Working to help others is always rewarding!**

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**Social Ministry Committee**, Your thoughtfulness means so very much. Thank you for the bag of Valentine's goodies and thinking of me.  
**Janet C. Weaver**

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Dear Belleman's Jingle Offering, We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$365 (December Jingle Offerings). We truly appreciate your interest and support of our programs.

**We're better together, Jill B. Troutman
VP of Advancement, Marketing and Communications
The Children's Home of Reading**

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**Thank you** to everyone who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Belleman's from 2023. Thrivent Choice designations to Belleman's totaled **\$2,190!**



## April Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Jared Moser,  
Kelly Gregor,  
Cheryl Pszczolkowski Barton  
17<sup>th</sup> Timothy Fair  
18<sup>th</sup> Gayle Diehl,  
Madelyn Nabozny  
19<sup>th</sup> Francis Jroski,  
Brenda Kelly  
22<sup>nd</sup> Teisha Madden,  
Darin Hein, Robert Marks  
23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Felix  
24<sup>th</sup> Jackie Kochan,  
Nathan Younker  
25<sup>th</sup> Mindi Kufro, Logan Haas,  
Thomas Lawrence  
26<sup>th</sup> Donna Schaeffer  
27<sup>th</sup> Gene Driesbach  
Diane Seaman,  
Hannah Weyandt  
28<sup>th</sup> Sherry Ebelhar,  
Terry Kinney,  
Devin Livinghouse  
29<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Gambler,  
Ashley Keller,  
Donald Duvall  
30<sup>th</sup> Brenden Livinghouse  
Logan Borkey

## April Anniversaries

- 21<sup>st</sup> Doug & Diane Bausher  
30<sup>th</sup> Robert & Brenda  
Eisenhower

## May Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Harle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Balthaser, Regan Gilmer  
Dottie Cowan,  
Amy Machmer  
4<sup>th</sup> Trevor Moser, Brynna Kiwak  
5<sup>th</sup> Samantha Labe,  
Phillip Reppert  
6<sup>th</sup> Jean Smith, Brittany Schoen  
7<sup>th</sup> Samuel Beebe,  
Mariusz Polak,  
Lynn McCullough  
8<sup>th</sup> Rylan Gilmer, Ryan Paris  
9<sup>th</sup> Gavin Miller  
10<sup>th</sup> Kayleigh Phillips,  
Logan Henne  
11<sup>th</sup> Connie Mohn, Brandon Hilbert  
12<sup>th</sup> Gregg Rubright,  
Elyssa Machmer  
13<sup>th</sup> Doreen Ottaviani  
14<sup>th</sup> Dennis Linderman,  
15<sup>th</sup> Richard Hartman,  
Karen Emer  
16<sup>th</sup> Krista Roe,  
Deanne Burkhart  
17<sup>th</sup> Beau Dalton  
Brenda Michelle Yoder

## May Anniversaries

- 4<sup>th</sup> Keith & Pamela Haas  
9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Susan Gehris  
Joseph & Bobbie Jo King  
Bruce & Anna Potteiger  
Kerry & Cindy Strunk  
11<sup>th</sup> Larry & Connie Mohn  
Anthony & Victoria  
McCloskey  
15<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Roxanne  
McMurtry

# Music News

It's amazing to think that it's already April!  
Easter is just a beautiful memory as our choirs  
and musicians prepare for the grand finale of  
our music season here at Belleman's!  
We hope you'll join us for our

# Celebration of Music

on June 2 at 10:00 am.

Don't miss this uplifting service as we deliver a  
beautiful message through the universal  
language of music. We'll be featuring our choirs,  
along with additional musicians, and more!

As part of our Celebration of Music Sunday, we're  
inviting everyone who has ever been a part of our  
choir family to join us for this special Sunday.  
Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at 6:30  
pm, and we'd be thrilled to welcome everyone as  
part of our musical family.

Whether you join us to sing and ring, or to simply  
listen, I can't wait to share this joyous message  
through music with you!

Musically,

