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3540 Bellemans' Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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



... *the same yesterday, today, and forever.* Hebrews 13:8

We surely live in a world of change – some of those changes we greet with joy, others less enthusiastically. Change evokes all sorts of feelings. For us as followers of Jesus Christ, knowing of His great love for us, we readily welcome the words of

Hebrews 13:8 as we reflect on them – **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and always.**

Together we are on the brink of change as my interim ministry will conclude on May 31. As we move toward that date, I would like to express my deep appreciation for our ministry together at Belleman's. I have enjoyed the time with you. You have been affirming of my ministry; I have greatly appreciated that. Our weekly times of worship, surely our Christmas Eve and Easter services have been wonderful times of celebration together – the music ministry has been uplifting and inspirational through the direction of our Director of Music. I have especially enjoyed spending time with the children in our Children's Messages and the songs they have shared. I have enjoyed touching base with the Confirmation Class and their dedicated teachers. Our discussions during our Wednesday prayer gatherings have been delightful and thought-provoking. Your warm greetings to me after our worship services have been gladly received. The leadership of the Board is steadfast as they discern the needs of the church. Care for the church building and grounds is exemplary. The leadership of our Administrator has been a God-send as I became acclimated to the church traditions and in many ways throughout my service here. For each one who has assisted with Christian Ed and worship in a variety of ways – I give a hearty thanks for our service together while I have been here.

My distance from the church and ministry has been a deterrent for me and has led me to feel that I have not always adequately met the needs of the congregation in a variety of ways. But in the ways I have been able to minister I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve with you.

As we continue on our separate ways, let us be grateful for our time together. May we go forward centered in the cornerstone of our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord can be trusted to lead throughout our lives and every change that we experience. He will faithfully lead us forward as we seek Him.

Christ's blessings to you,

Pastor Pat Horst, Interim Pastor

Church Board Highlights April 15, 2024

Treasurer, Larry Henne reported on the Thrivent Choice income, so far in 2024 designations are over \$2,200 and he thanked everyone for designating these funds to Belleman's. Under expenses he noted maintenance items that were paid include plaster repairs and the annual Fire Extinguisher service.

Pastor Pat reviewed her report briefly and submitted her letter of resignation as interim pastor effective May 31, 2024. She reviewed the letter and discussed it briefly.

James reviewed his printed report and noted that he plans to work on pastoral coverages in a similar fashion to how it was handled in the past.

In regards to property/maintenance James reported on an anonymous donation to replace the kitchen countertop and sinks in the kitchen area of the Church basement. Also, Larry Henne reported on the Church roof proposal he received for the roof replacement as well as replacement of gutters and downspouts and a few other odds and ends. The plan will be to acquire another quote or two by the next board meeting and then be able to move on something for the roof replacement. Plan would be to have a discussion congregational meeting on June 2 with vote on June 9.

Call Committee members Linda Henne and Louise Elliott presented the finalized Church Profile which was emailed out to Board members. They reported that the profile will be getting published very soon. The church profile was approved.

The Community Outreach Committee reported on the 2024 Easter Candy sale which included a profit of \$3,469.66. The committee has finalized plans for the May 10 Hoedown and continues to work on plans for the anniversary festivities.

Solvelt has made us aware that they have received the hardware needed for the wifi upgrades for the church. Installation will be scheduled in the near future. We still need to work with Comcast for new service.

In regards to Church Insurance, we received news back from the broker that he was unable to get us a competitive quote. John Rausch and James Fitterling have since been gathering information about what insurance other churches have as well. Since last meeting, John and James have met with another Insurance Broker to review options. So far, we have no real news and she suggested quoting things out over the summer to maybe have a new plan in place for the renewal time in February 2025. An additional suggestion was to seek some appraisals on church buildings to make sure we are insuring for the proper amounts.

Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ 45,108.73
Income	\$ 13,591.10
Expenses	\$ 18,533.31
Ending Balance	\$ 40,166.52

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**Attendance/Offering**

|          | <b>10:00AM</b>              | <b>Offering</b> |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| April 7  | 71 (Church), 165 (Facebook) | \$4,871.00      |
| April 14 | 60 (Church), 154 (Facebook) | \$1,844.00      |
| April 21 | 62 (Church), 136 (Facebook) | \$2,852.00      |
| April 28 | 75 (Church), 136 (Facebook) | \$4,594.00      |

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Holy Communion Assistants

May 12: *Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Nikole Botscheller, Dawne Clay

Cup Stations: Eric Weyandt, Diane Rothenberger

Ushers: Sam Stump, Larry Henne

June 9: *(Grove Worship - Pew Style Communion)*

Ushers: Linda Henne, Kim Smyre, Allen Loeb, Frank Kornfeind

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**Confirmation Sunday**

Brynna Kiwak will be confirmed at Belleman's on May the 12th at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

*Please join us in celebrating this important occasion.*



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101st Birthday Card Shower!

May 21, 2024

Mary Anspach

1180 Ben Franklin HWY East

Apt 228

Douglassville PA 19518

**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 Annville
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!**

Calendar of Events

- Fri. 7-10PM Community Hoedown at the Fellowship Hall
5/10 Food and Ice Cream beginning at 5:30
- Sun. Mother's Day - Confirmation Sunday**
5/12 **- Holy Communion**
9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
- Tue. (5/14) 1-7PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/15 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (5/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
- Sun. Pentecost Sunday**
5/19 **9:00AM Sunday School**
10:00AM Worship Service
VBS Meeting after Worship
- Mon. (5/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Tue. (5/21) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
5/22 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. Pastor Pat's Last Sunday**
5/26 **9:00AM Sunday School**
10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. **Memorial Day**
5/27 1:00PM - 7:00PM Picnic
2:30PM Service
4:00-7:00PM Music by the Washington Band Of Anville
Sponsored by Leibensperger Funeral Homes, Inc.
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/29 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. Celebration of Music Sunday - Dawne Clay**
6/2 **9:00AM Sunday School**
10:00AM Worship Service
Congregational Meeting - Church Roof
- Sat. 3:00PM 100th Anniversary Service and Celebration
6/8 (Info on Page 8)

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

Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

**Sunday School will be off
For the Summer!**

- Sun. Worship in the Grove - Rev. Josh Fitterling**
6/9 **9:00AM Worship** **Holy Communion**
Congregational Vote - Church Roof
- Sat. (6/15) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
- Sun. Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Barry Spatz**
6/16 **9:00AM Worship** **Father's Day**
- Mon. (6/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Sun. Worship in the Old Church - Dawne Clay**
6/23 **9:00AM Worship**
- Sun. Worship in the Grove - Crystal Cammauf-Young**
6/30 **9:00AM Worship**

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Beginning in June our worship services will be led by the diverse schedule of leaders below. Also listed, is the worship service location as we incorporate outdoor and Old Church worship during the summer months.

- June 2 - Dawne Clay (Sanctuary)**
June 9 - Rev. Josh Fitterling (Grove)
June 16 - Rev. Barry Spatz (Sanctuary)
June 23 - Dawne Clay (Old church)
June 30 - Crystal Cammauf-Young (Grove)
- July 7 - Rev. Ken Gould (Sanctuary)**
July 14 - Rev. Barry Spatz (Sanctuary)
July 21 - Crystal Cammauf - Young (Grove)
July 28 - Rev. Kevin McLemore (Sanctuary)
- August 4 - Rev. Ken Gould (Grove)**
August 11 - Dawne Clay (Old Church)
August 18 - Rev. Barry Spatz (Sanctuary)
August 25 - Crystal Cammauf - Young (Grove)

**1924 Belleman's Church
100th Anniversary
Worship Service**



June 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Immediately following the worship, we will be taking a photo of those in attendance on the front steps to recreate the 1924 dedication photo. Following the photo there will be a FREE meal at the Fellowship Hall for those who make reservations using the form below!

**1924 Belleman's Church 100th
Anniversary Dinner Reservation Form**
Saturday, June 8 at the Fellowship Hall
following the service

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

_____ # attending including children

Please return this reservation form to the Church Office by June 1, 2024. Reservations will be limited to the first 150 attendees.

Dine-in only.

**This FREE meal is provided by the Belleman's
Community Outreach Committee.**

We hope to see you there!

Special Sneak Peek!!

For the 100th Anniversary we will be selling some bricks from the old bell tower that were saved during the tower project. Here is a sneak peek...
More info to come!



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**Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks**

**Event Date: May 18, 2024, 12 p.m. till 9 p.m.**  
At Bower's Park, Lyons

**MAY 18, 2024 ROCK & ROLL SHOW! BOWERS PARK**

1:00 - Elvis! (Jeff Krick, Sr.)

2:00 - Danny & the Dreamers

3:00 - Line Dance to the Oldies  
with Jean E. Davis

4:30 - The Blue Cadillacs

5:30 - The Old Rocker

6:30 - Les Meck & Friends

**FOOD!**

**DANCE CONTEST!**

**FUN!**

**ACTIVITIES!**

**RAFFLES!**

**BARREL TRAIN!**

**WAY HAR ICE CREAM!**

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR  
CONCESSION STAND OPEN

**"SOCK IT TO CANCER!"**

**BENEFITS**  
THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
[relayforlife.org/pakutztown](http://relayforlife.org/pakutztown)

RELAY FOR LIFE OF  
**Kutztown**

RELAY FOR LIFE OF KUTZTOWN  
& EASTERN BERKS

PRESENTS



**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)

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



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](http://www.relayforlife.org/pakutztown)**

**or call 1-800-227-2345**

**for a FREE Survivor T-Shirt!**



**"SOCK IT TO CANCER"**



**Thank you** for all the prayers and cards.  
**Skip Rubright**

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Thank you for the Valentine goodie bag. Also, for the spring flower plant - pansies are one of my favorite spring flowers. As always, the visits are most appreciated.

Sincerely, Ruth Ohlinger

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**Thank you** to the members of **Belleman's Church** from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving \$3,931.50 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for Synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

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Thank you to all the folks kind enough to donate tea towels for our hall kitchen. You filled the drawers. Ask and you will receive. **Thanks** for the great response.

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**Big news:** After many years, the white Belleman's aprons are being set aside. Replacing them are burgundy with gray lettering and gray with burgundy lettering. A **big thank you** goes out to Robin Phillips, who donated her embroidering expertise and embroidered all the aprons for us. We will now have a new look and maybe a renewed boost to our kitchen steps.

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For many years, Arlene and Wayne Hoffert have been providing all the peppers needed for our pepper cabbage. A big **THANK YOU** is due. They also chop and measure them too. The last event took more peppers than usual. Arlene said, "stop by ... I have some for you" Thanks for this generosity.

Thank you to all who played a role in our recent Oyster/Shrimp/Ham take out dinner. The date was April 27, 2024 and it was a cold, damp, windy, rainy day. But, the show went on. Hats off to our outside workers on D-day AND to all of you buying dinners AND to all who helped on any or all the days of preparation. After 150 oyster pies, 180 pastry pies, 210 pounds of pepper cabbage, 90 quarts of oyster stew and 425 dinners, we could finally relax the next day, which of course was an ideal spring day. The profit from this work was not yet available at press time.



Reminder!!

The following items have been donated over the years and are available for anyone in need:

- Wheelchairs
- Crutches
- Canes

There is also a hospital bed or two available. If you know someone who may need one of these beds, please contact James in the Church Office.

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
31st David & Donna Weber

June Birthdays

- 1st Pastor David Blich
2nd Diane Billman,
Rebecca Folk,
Margaret Tothoro,
Taylor Berg
4th Jean Bohn, Dylan Burkhart,
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 2, 2024

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,

Oliver