

Thank you for worshipping with us this day.

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest book  
located in the Narthex.

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### Calendar of Events

#### **Happening Today!**

**Bluegrass Service - Holy Communion  
Worship in the Grove - Rev. Ken Gould**

Mon. (9/2) Labor Day

Wed. (9/4) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. (9/8) 9:00AM Worship - Crystal Cammauf-Young**

Wed. (9/11) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Fri. 6:00PM Rally Day - Family Fun Night  
9/13 Featuring the Amazing Magi

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School  
9/15 10:00AM Worship - Dawne Clay**

Wed. (9/18) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (9/21) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

**Sun. Harvest Home  
9/22 9:00AM Sunday School  
9:00AM Confirmation First Meeting w/ parents (Info page 19)  
10:00AM Worship - Rev. Barry Spatz**

Wed. (9/25) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 2:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church  
9/28 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School  
9/29 10:00AM Worship - Linda Henne - Faithful Men**

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#### Acknowledgements:

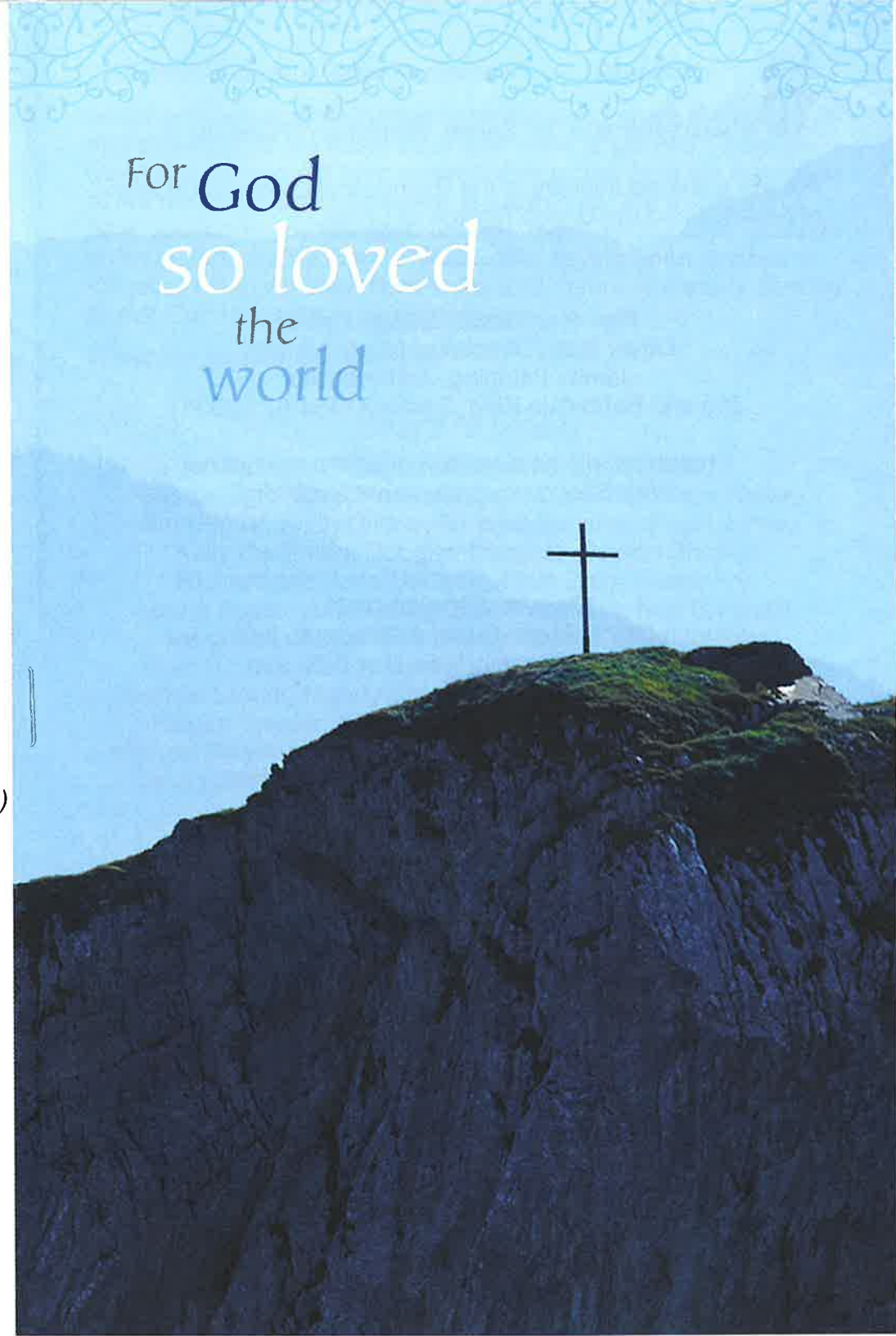
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**W**e welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Church of Christ.

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Rev. Ken Gould, Supply Pastor  
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Church: 610-926-0461  
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Summer Worship Time is at 9:00 a.m.

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*Children's Bulletins are available in the pink crate in the entrance of the church.*

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### **Mission Statement:**

**With the strength of our combined traditions  
We strive to be unified through CHRIST as...  
A community that reaches out and welcomes  
individuals of various ages and faith  
backgrounds... offering a diversity of  
opportunities in worship and service... so that  
we are spiritually enriched by the power,  
promise and presence of the Holy Spirit.**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 1, 2024*

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

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### *Prayers for Healing*

Bailey Unterkofler, Missy and Brian Boyer,  
George Del Fierro, Karen Becker, Oliver del Fierro Nater,  
Jim Gilmer, Keith Gilmer, Richard Bausher, Paul Leshar,  
Kelly Kauffman, Douglas Bausher, Payton Shaffer,  
Richard and June Dautrich, Mark Zipp, Elaine Fry,  
Leona Asper, Judy Keller, Grace Hoffman, Ron Burkhart,  
Joe Joyce, Maya Hein, Nancy James, Janet Weaver,  
Ruth Barnett, Peggy Hartman, Dennis Clay, Joyce Clay,  
Dennis Stoudt, Mandy Slegowski, Carol and Rex Kissinger,  
Megan Snyder, Kim and Abby Byassee, Donald Hoffa,  
Mildred Stoyer, Easton Drumheller, Jim Smith, Mick Morrissey,  
Emery Rissler, Dalton Heisey, Heather Light, Sue Heister

### *Military*

Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner,  
Phillip Spatz, Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman,  
Andrew Cichowicz, J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman,  
MSgt Kevin Mohn, Nathan P. Stump, Andrew D. Potts,  
Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman, Dakotah Dailey,  
SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and  
women serving our country.

*Prelude*

*welcome*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*\*Gathering Hymn*

**Chorus** I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm happy, no sorry in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

I wandered so aimless, my heart filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Chorus**

Just like a blind man I wandered alone  
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Chorus**

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.. **Chorus**

We gather in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God has created the warm sunshine and the freezing snow.

**God has created the tiny flower and the great tree.**

God has brought life to the seed,

**And has blessed us with the fruits of the harvest.**

God has formed you in his own holy image.

**We shall rejoice and be glad in this image.**

Let us praise the Lord, for his name alone is exalted!

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

(Time with God)

Holy God,

**Forgive us for abusing your creation.**

**Forgive us for taking for granted all the gifts given us.**

**Forgive us for not seeing the beauty of the world and the beauty of our lives.**

**Forgive us for not reconciling our sins one to another.**

**Have mercy on us and grant us peace with you and with each other, in Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.**

Hear the Good news of the Gospel. Our broken world still belongs to God. Through Jesus Christ he restores the earth to himself and restores us to the hope of our Salvation.

**In Jesus we are forgiven, Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

*\*Praise Hymn (Sung)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray...

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

**Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside,  
and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves,  
that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

*FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

*PSALM 15*

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*SECOND READING: James 1:17-27*

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Alleluia (Sung)*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Amazing Magi – Rally Day*



Hymn

**Chorus:** Will the circle be unbroken,  
By and by, Lord, by and by.  
There's a better home a waitin'  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

There are loved ones off in glory  
Whose dear forms you often miss;  
When you close your earthly story,  
Will you join them in their bliss? **Chorus**

In the joyous days of childhood,  
Oft they told of wondrous love;  
Pointing to the dying Savior,  
Now they dwell with Him above. **Chorus**

Instrumental

You remember songs of heaven,  
Which you sang with childish voice;  
Do you love the hymns they taught you,  
Or are songs of earth your choice? **Chorus**

You can picture happy gatherings,  
'Round the fireside long ago;  
And you think of tearful partings,  
When they left you here below. **Chorus**

One by one their seats were emptied,  
One by one they went away;  
Now the family is parted,  
Will it be complete one day? **Chorus**

Sermon

*(Silence for Meditation)*

*Response to the Word*

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

In response to hearing God's word for us, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Offering*

Offertory Selection

*\*Offering Response (Sung)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*\*National Prayer (Sung)*

**Our Father's God to thee, author of liberty,  
To thee we sing; long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might,  
Great God our king.**

*\*Pastoral Prayer*

### *Holy Communion*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O Lord our Creator, for You created the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending us your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom You have made us Your beloved children. For this precious gift, we join to sing your praise:

*(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Now we remember how Jesus gave Himself for us:

On the evening before He died, He shared a last supper with His disciples. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, gave it for all to drink, and said "Drink this all of you, this is the cup of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And now we gather, as he commanded, to share the bread and cup of Christ's endless love, and to proclaim our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### *\*The Lord's Prayer*

With confidence we pray together...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### *Invitation to Communion*

Come, share in the joyful feast of our Lord.

*All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Communion is offered at your seat*

*Grape juice is provided in the center of the trays.*

*(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us. Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us. Lamb of God**

**You take away the sin of the world;**

**Grant us peace, Grant us peace.**

### *\*The Communion Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

### *\*The Post Communion Prayer*

Let us pray. We thank you, Lord God, for this gift of salvation. May your new life burst forth from us in acts of love, proclaiming your glory, now and forever. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

### *\*The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)*

*\*Sending Hymn*

Some glad morning when this life is over  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

**Chorus:** I'll fly away, Oh glory  
I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown,  
I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away. **Chorus**

**Instrumental**

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away;  
To and land where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away. **Chorus (2 times)**

*Silence for Meditation*

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

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Assisting in Worship

**Lector:** Phil Kistler  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Lee and Logan Henne  
**Communion Assistants:** Carla Rozsitch,  
James Fitterling, Allen Loeb

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**Rally Day 2024**

As we get ready to kickoff a new year of Sunday School, there will be a special **Rally Day Family Fun night** on Friday, **September 13** at 6 p.m. at the **Fellowship Hall**. The presentation will be by Michael Reist, The Amazing Magi with his Christian Magic Show.



Bring the whole family for this special celebration!

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**Mission Team 2024-2025**



The Belleman's Mission team is looking to plan some mission projects this fall and in early 2025. Over the next month or so there will sign-up sheets posted in the narthex for those interested in assisting with some mission projects. First is a local mission project slated to take place in November and second, we are looking to plan a trip in February/March 2025 to once again work with the Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. As of now, the destination for that trip is unknown. If you are interested in one or both of these projects, please sign up in the narthex and plan to attend **our next meeting on October 7 at 6:30PM at the Fellowship Hall**.

Also, mark your calendars for our **next Sandwich Sale on October 17!**





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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 19th, 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 →



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# Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus

Presents

## "A Blue Mountain (STATE) of Mind"

Sunday, October 6th, 2024 at 2:00 PM

### Zion Lutheran Church

354 Zion Church Rd., Shoemakersville, PA

Doors open at 1:30 PM

Concert starts at 2:00 PM



Light 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

Web site: <http://bluemountainheritagechorus.org>

*"We sing from the heart!"*

# 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 28, 2024  
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, 2024**



**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.**



## Confirmation Class 2024-2025

Letters will be sent out during August addressed to Confirmation-age children encouraging them to attend upcoming classes. The orientation meeting for the class is scheduled for September 22nd 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 along with Pastor Kevin. A huge thank you to our Confirmation Class leaders!



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 Concert

By  
Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus  
And  
Men in Harmony  
Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m.  
At St Mary's Church in Hamburg