

Salem (Belleman's) Church
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Bell Notes

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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. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
Church Office: 610-926-0461
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Web Site: bellemanschurch.org

From the Pastor...



Revelation 21: 5 *And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

All things new. We can hope. As we journey into the new year, we trust that God's words are trustworthy and true. We can hope for God's spirit of renewal to blow through our lives and our world. Because this world definitely needs some freshening up!

We trust that God's words are true. Let us add our energy and efforts into the holy process of making things new. We know that the world is changing and not always for the better. We can't stop all the change. We can decide that our church will grow in spirit and in effort so that people will have the opportunity to hear the old, old story in a rapidly changing world.

This will not be an easy year. We face economic struggles and our world continues to believe that violence is the only way to solve problems.

May we be the voice of calm. May we be the ones who help the world to live differently. May we believe, may we believe that God is "doing a new thing" and that we can work with the Creator to renew this world.

God's words are trustworthy and true. As we enter a new year, may it be so.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:
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Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Church Board Highlights

December 16, 2024

- The minutes from the November 18, 2024 and December 2, 2024 Board Meetings as well as the December 8 Congregational Meeting were approved.
- The Pastor Report, Administrator Report and Treasurer Report (subject to audit) were approved.
- The Board approved to resume drinking water testing for the church building.
- A quote was received to add another heater to the basement at the Fellowship Hall. The Scouts use this space quite regularly and the space is not adequately heated in the wintertime with the units that are currently there. The cost to add the heater is \$3,300 and the Scouts are willing to pay for \$1,000 toward this expense. The remainder would be paid from the Fundraising account. This was approved.
- The Community Outreach reported on the Old Church Christmas service. There were approximately 155 community members in attendance.
- The Endowment Fund reported that the bequest from the Staab estate has been received in the amount of \$132,822.58 and has been added to the Endowment Fund as directed.
- James reported that a few days prior to this meeting we have received notice from Church Mutual stating that they will not be renewing our church insurance policy in February 2025, citing number and amount of claims as the reason why. This news does put more emphasis on quoting out new insurance options as we now only have about 40 days until our insurance policy runs out. James is getting close to receiving a quote from one company and is seeking other options as well.
- James reported that the AED is overdue for a new battery and also pads. He got a price for these items online at \$333, this cost was approved.
- James noted that we were asked about Belleman's Sponsoring an ongoing drive by Keystone Military Families to collect new socks to be sent to servicemen deployed overseas. The board was fine with this collection box being placed in the narthex.
- Lastly, James shared a thank you note from the Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus expressing their appreciation to Belleman's for allowing them to have their recent Christmas Concert here. They also presented the Board with a donation of \$100.

Belleman's Joint Board Treasury Report for November

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 26,174.05 |
| Income | \$ 29,751.92 |
| Expenses | \$ 22,934.70 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 32,991.27 |

(Note: This report includes the 2024 Bazaar profit amount of \$15,275.)

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**Attendance/Offering**

|                  | <b>Worship Attendance</b>       | <b>Offering</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dec. 1           | 95 (Sanctuary), 395 (Facebook)  | \$3,578.00      |
| Dec. 8           | 89 (Sanctuary), 341 (Facebook)  | \$2,854.00      |
| Dec. 15          | 112 (Sanctuary), 383 (Facebook) | \$2,994.00      |
| Dec. 22          | 85 (Sanctuary), 279 (Facebook)  | \$5,147.00      |
| Dec. 24 (4:30pm) | 243(Sanctuary), 495 (Facebook)  | \$7,166.00 *    |
| Dec. 24 (7pm)    | 92 (Sanctuary), 377 (Facebook)  |                 |
| Dec. 29          | 63 (Sanctuary), 231 (Facebook)  | \$2,505.00      |

\* Denotes total collected from both Christmas Eve worship services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m..

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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.



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**Communion Assistants  
For January 12th**

Altar Assistants  
Gloria and Lester Gambler  
Carla Rozsitch

Cup Stations  
Ken Borkey, Sam Stump

Ushers  
Frank Kornfeind, Lee Henne



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**Communion Assistants For February 9**

Altar Assistants: Linda Henne, Maura Wesner  
Dawne Clay

Cup Stations: Eric Weyandt, Kim Smyre  
Ushers: Allen Loeb, Larry Henne

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Mission Trip 2025

The **next meeting** for those signed up to go on the Mission Trip in March 2025 will be on **Monday, January 27 at 6:30PM**. At the meeting on January 27, please be prepared to pay your \$60 deposit to assure yourself a spot on a trip. See you there!




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**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**January 26, 2025 following worship**

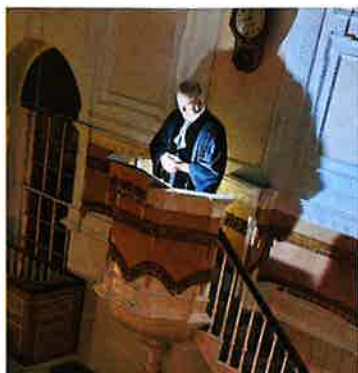
**Important Notes:**

- Year End Ministry Reports
- 2024 Financial Reports



Congregational Meeting

*The OLD CHURCH CHRISTMAS celebration was a big hit! Thank you to all who attended, baked cookies and organized this unique worship opportunity. What a nostalgic way to celebrate the birth of Jesus!*



The **Belleman's Mission Team** recently completed a project for a needy family in Shillington. We painted, installed flooring and updated the kitchen in their home. **Thank you** to everyone who helped to give this needy family a home makeover just in time for Christmas!

Your continued support of the Mission Team helps to bring assistance to needy families locally and those affected by natural disaster elsewhere.



♥ A BIG ♥  
*Thanks!*



**Thank you** to everyone who donated clothing items for the Hope Rescue Mission in November/December. We once again had an overflowing box of donations.

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MILITARY FAMILIES

Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville and Belleman's Church are teaming up for our next collection!

The most requested item by military personnel deployed overseas is "SOCKS" yes, socks!

In 2024 the Keystone Military Families mailed 14,000 plus Christmas Stockings overseas. This year we are going to collect socks starting right now, for 2025 Stockings for Soldier's "Sock It to Em" campaign! Please donate a pair, two pair, a package or as many as you want in the drop box located in the narthex.

All socks must be new, no used socks!

Thank you for your donation!



Dear Salem Belleman's, Thank you so much for your support in our work! It is such a blessing to see God's faithful promise to care for the poor and those in need, in action, through the support from generous partners like you! Your kindness has a profound impact that will echo through generations to come. **Thank you** for being a faithful partner in fighting homelessness. We look forward to your next clothing drive for the Mission. May you be blessed by blessing others!

Thank you, Diane Schenk, Hope Rescue Mission

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**Belleman's Congregation,** I am writing to **thank you** for your generous gift of holiday (Angel Tree) gifts to Safe Berks. With the help of your donation, we are able to better help support those who come to us seeking help and support from domestic and/or sexual violence. **Thank you** for helping make the holidays special for our families. **Sincerely, Mindy McIntosh, Safe Berks**

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Thanks to everyone working with the children at Belleman's. What a nice surprise to receive a Christmas wish from Rowan. **Thank you Rowan. Jean Haag**

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We received several cards from Belleman's and since we can't thank all personally, we just want to **thank you** all who took the time to wish us Christmas greetings. We miss all the nice people we've known for so many years and miss the good times we had with the things we were involved with at the bazaar and enjoying the fellowship while helping make soups, etc. Also, Wayne and I want to thank the visitors from the church and I think this year is the first time a pastor came to visit. So, God Bless all of you with the happiest and healthiest 2025.

**Love to all, Wayne and Arlene Hoffert**



## January Birthdays

- 16th** Garry Wesner, Caleb Weist  
**17th** Sharon Dietrich,  
Bobbie Jo King,  
Andrew Kauffman  
**18th** Susan Schollenberger,  
Kerry Strunk, Kevin Noecker  
Erin Livinghouse,  
Cheyenne Potts  
**19th** Ben Mitten, Linda Wayne,  
Kevin Weyandt  
**20th** Thomas Lukawski  
**21st** Robert Flay, III,  
Nathan Phillips  
**22nd** Royce Strohl,  
Renee Cross,  
Kristopher Beerman,  
Diane Rothenberger  
**23rd** Mary Allen,  
Kenneth Borkey, Sr.,  
Kylee Cammauf  
**24th** Robert Eisenhower,  
Rachel Fair, Sharon Duvall,  
Brenda Hein, Jason Kiwak  
**25th** Eva Pauley, Violet Peters  
**27th** Melissa Kopicz  
**28th** Chad Kemp, Julia Patrick,  
Sherwood Galen, Keith Weyandt  
**29th** Beverly Blatt,  
Deanne Berger,  
Larry Hartranft, Lonnie Klinger  
**30th** Logan Cammauf,  
Melissa Schmauch  
**31st** Chelsea Bond

## January Anniversaries

- 24th** Robert & Susan Heister  
**25th** John & Barbara Rausch  
**26th** Mark and Ashlie Dreibelbis  
**29th** Cate & Curtis Michaud

## February Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Cory Kunkle, Melissa Lewis  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Brian Heller,  
Lindsay Zimmerman,  
Braden McCloskey,  
Isabella Hoffman  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Donald Borkey,  
Danielle Shatto  
Charles Zimmerman, Jr.  
**4<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Rausch,  
Jamie Heim,  
Samuel Stump,  
Matthew Yoder  
**5<sup>th</sup>** Kim Schlotter  
**6<sup>th</sup>** Kenneth Borkey, Jr.,  
Matthew Moll  
**7<sup>th</sup>** Holly Bradbury,  
Shaelyn Fluck,  
Tina Phillips, Galen Borkey  
**9<sup>th</sup>** John Loose, Anita Noecker  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Daniel Haas  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Ronald Carlson  
Bonnie Madeira  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Mark Stump, Jessica Harle  
Samantha Gregor,  
Robert Reppert, Jr.  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Alexis Garber  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Jesse Gehris, Renee Delp  
David Garber  
**15<sup>th</sup>** Thomas Loose

## February Anniversaries

- 14th** Charmaine & Alan Shatto

# Music News

## Merry Christmas from the Belleman's Music Family!

Our music family spends quite a bit of time practicing new music for our services, but during the Christmas season we also took some time for some fun and frivolity!



Bell choir also had fun and frivolity, but we were so busy having fun, we all forgot to take photos to share!

Musically,

*Oliver*

## Belleman's Military Members

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 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        |

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**January Jingle Offerings are designated for
Opportunity House**

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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!

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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,
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Calendar of Events

Sun. Holy Communion

1/12 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

Community Outreach Meeting

Wed. (1/15) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
1/18

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

1/19 10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 7:00PM Board Meeting
1/20

Wed. 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
1/22

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

1/26 10:00AM Worship Service

Congregation Meeting Review (see page 5)

Mon. (1/27) 6:30PM Mission Trip Meeting

Wed. 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
1/29

Sun. Scout Sunday

2/2 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Endowment Committee Meeting after Worship

Wed. 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
2/5

Sun. Holy Communion

2/9 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
2/12 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (2/15) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

2/16 10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
2/17 7:00PM Board Meeting