

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

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MEMORIAL DAY



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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



*Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor*  
*Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry*  
*James Fitterling, Administrator*  
*Church Office: 610-926-0461*  
*Church email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)*  
*Web Site: [bellemanschurch.org](http://bellemanschurch.org)*



## From the Pastor

Just mailed out my taxes. I recognize the importance of working together to support our great nation and I mail them with the pride of being a citizen of these United States. I celebrate the gift and responsibility of paying my fair share.

And it happens to be required by law. I have to pay my taxes.

There is no choice.

It is a choice to support your church. God does not “audit”, at least by human standards. No one stands at the door of the church and asks you if you have paid your way in. Supporting your church is your choice.

Some of you give in the midst of your financial struggles. You understand what it means to give out of your first fruits because there is not much left over. Some of you give out of your abundant blessings, sharing out of the many gifts that you have received.

In our church, there is no such thing as giving your “fair share.” You give as you are able. We join our resources together, ask God to bless them and multiply them, and do our best to spread the Word of hope and promise. But you are not forced to give.

It is your choice.

The mission of your church is to spread the great Good News of our Risen Savior to the community and to the wider world. Thank you for participating in this amazing adventure. We can guide people into a life-saving relationship with Jesus Christ because YOU decided to help make a difference.

Thank You.  
Pastor Kevin

**Pastor Kevin’s contact info:**

Cell Phone: 610-334-5130

Email: kevin24@ptd.net

## Church Board Highlights

April 21, 2025

Larry Blatt was in attendance to discuss the Carillon. (The unit that plays music from the bell tower.) He gave a little history on the unit as well that is about 50 years old. It did have a repair or two in the last 10 or so years as well. Larry noted that the unit malfunctioned twice at the end of 2024. Once it shut off on its own and the second time it would just play continuously to the point where neighbors were calling the church. After looking into parts availability, which is next to nothing, Larry got price quotes to replace the Carillon with a newer digital unit. The Classic Plus unit with a price of \$16,365 is most similar to what we currently have. The board approved this with the funds coming from the Roland Bequest. Due to the amount being higher than 5 percent of the budget, congregational approval will be needed. (Information on page 8)

Carol Kissinger, representing the Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus, was present to ask the board for permission to host two of their concerts in the church in 2025. The first would be August 17 at 4 p.m. with the Men in Harmony (August 16 rehearsal). The second is their Christmas concert on November 30 at 2 p.m. (November 29 rehearsal). These dates were approved.

On Property, Larry Henne reported that there is another tree down behind the Fellowship Hall. Also, James Fitterling noted that he did make contact about having the parking lot swept, so when this is done we can look to repaint lines.

Christian Ed reported that this years VBS theme is True North and is set for July 28-31 at the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Kevin reported that his installation date will be May 11 and it was discussed about having lite snacks afterward.

The Fire Company sent out their annual fund drive letters and the topic of a donation was brought to the board. The board approved to give \$100 from the Heffner Tithe to the Central Berks Fire Company.

Lastly, Pastor Kevin was questioned about First Communion Classes and discussed with the board about past practice for this. After discussion, the board agreed to advertise First Communion Classes for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older. There will be further discussion about timing on when to hold the class.

**Belleman's Joint Board - March 2025**

|                   |              |
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| Beginning Balance | \$ 19,841.42 |
| Income            | \$ 20,340.95 |
| Expenses          | \$ 20,166.42 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 20,015.95 |

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Attendance/Offering

	10:00AM	Offering
April 6	91 (Church), 34 (Facebook)	\$3,110.00
April 13	115 (Church), 31 (Facebook)	\$2,886.00
Good Friday:	40	
Easter Dawn:	60	
April 20	172 (Church), 55 (Facebook)	\$7,785.00
April 27	85 (Church), 23 (Facebook)	\$2,943.00

* Facebook views convey the number of viewers who watched for at least one minute.

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**Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants**

**May 11: (Altar Communion)**

*Altar Assistants:* Carla Rozsitch, Linda Henne,  
Maura Wesner

*Cup Stations:* Eric Weyandt, Diane Rothenberger

*Ushers:* Sam Stump, Larry Henne

**June 8: (Pew Communion)**

*Ushers:* Roxanne McMurtry, Kim Smyre,  
Allen Loeb, Frank Kornfeind, Ken Borkey

**Communion note:** Ask the ushers for Gluten Free options!

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The May **Jingle Offerings** go to
St. Vincent Mission in David, KY

**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC
at Belleman's Church**

Monday, May 26, 2025

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 Cub Pack 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

Sun. Mother's Day - Holy Communion
5/11 9:00AM **Sunday School**
9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Chapter 36 – The Uprising of Worship, Psalm 103,
Acts 2:41-47, 1 Corinthians 14:26-31, Colossians 3:12-17)
10:00AM **Worship Service**
3 p.m. *Pastor Kevin's Installation Service in the Sanctuary*

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/14 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
5/17 7-10PM Community Hoedown at the Fellowship Hall
Food and Ice Cream beginning at 5:30

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
5/18 9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Chapter 37 – The Uprising of Partnership, Psalm 146,
Matthew 10: 16-20, 11:28-30, 28:16-20, Acts 16:11-40)
10:00AM **Worship Service**
Congregational Meeting after Worship

Mon. (5/19) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 1-7PM Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall
5/21 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Worship in the Old Church
5/25 9:00AM **Sunday School**
9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Chapter 38 – The Uprising of Stewardship,
Deuteronomy 15:1-11, 1 Timothy 6:3-19, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15)
10:00AM **Worship Service**

Mon. **Memorial Day**
5/26 1:00PM - 7:00PM Picnic
2:30PM Service
4:00-7:00PM Music by the Washington Band Of Annville
Sponsored by Leibensperger Funeral Homes, Inc.

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/28 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (5/29) *Ascension Day*

Calendar of Events

Sun. Celebration of Music Sunday
6/1 9:00AM **Sunday School**
9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Chapter 39 – Whatever the Hardship, Keep Rising Up!
Isaiah 40: 27-31, Acts 9:1-25, 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10; 11:22-33)
10:00AM **Worship Service**

Sun. Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday - Holy Communion
6/8 9:00AM **Sunday School**
9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Chapter 40 – The Spirit is Moving, John 3: 1-21,
Acts 2:1-41, Romans 6: 1-14)
10:00AM **Worship Service**

Tue. (6/10) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Sat. Music Department Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
6/14 (Times to be announced)

Sun. Father's Day - Dawne Clay Leading Worship
6/15 (Pastor Kevin Vacation)
9:00AM **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group Weekly Readings
(Chapter 41– Moving with the Spirit, John 15: 1-8,
Galatians 3: 19 - 4:7; 5:1, 13-26, Colossians 2:6-7; 3:1-17)

Mon. (6/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Sat. (6/21) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
6/22 *Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group Weekly Readings*
(Chapter 42– Spirit of Love: Loving God,
Psalm 116, Romans 8:1-17, Ephesians 3:14-21)

Summer Worship Services
will be at 9:00 a.m.
beginning June 15!

Sunday School will be off
For the Summer!

Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

**Upcoming Congregational Meeting
on May 18 after Worship**

Motion to be presented for discussion:
**To approve the purchase of the new
Classic Plus Carillon at the cost of
\$16,365 with funds coming
from the Special Funds Account
(Roland Bequest)**



Vote to be taken on Sunday, June 1

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**Confirmation Sunday**

**Eden Gilmer, Rowan Gilmer,  
Logan Henne, Ben King and Livia Kiwak  
will be confirmed at  
Belleman's on June the 8th at the 10:00  
a.m. Worship Service.**

*Please join us in celebrating  
this important occasion.*

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**Pastor Kevin helped to mark the achievements of 9 Cub
Scouts at the Arrow of Light Ceremony as they make the
transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.**



spring into **Saving Lives!**



UPCOMING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Belleman's Church
Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, May 21st
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

To schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR Code OR

**Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2
and mention **Sponsor Code 3227****



APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo &/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator
about our complimentary MKBC
Military Challenge Coin.



Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids & eat within 2-3 hours of donation.

GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR |

Reminder!!

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

Wheelchairs, Crutches, Canes

Please contact James in the Church Office.

Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks

Event Date: May 17, 2025, 12 p.m. till 9 p.m.
At Bower's Park, Lyons

Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks

We wish to thank the congregation of Belleman's for supporting our team, "Live Long and Prosper," in our endeavor to assist the American Cancer Society goal of fighting cancer.

Please consider joining our team, all are welcome. Our team's main task is obtaining and serving the food for the survivor dinner.

This year's relay is as follows:

Date: May 17, 2025. Time: 12 noon to 9 pm.
Location: William DeLong Memorial Park, Bowers

The highlight of the relay is the survivor dinner (free). If you are a cancer survivor you are welcome to attend, starts at 4 pm. Bring your caregiver along too. A ceremony precedes the dinner honoring survivors. We even have a treat for you.

At 7 pm. we have a rubber duck race in the creek, \$5/duck or \$25/for a 6 quack.

At dusk we honor survivors and those we lost to cancer. We illuminate Luminaria bags (Names and messages listed on the bags. You can decorate your own bag or we can do it. (\$10 suggested donation).

Please contact: Ann or Mark Stump
610-926-3416 Home
484-824-7799 Ann cell
email—mstarduster@aol.com

RELAY FOR LIFE OF **Kutztown**

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

FEATURING CALLER KEN SAUL

SATURDAY, MAY 17

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**3730 BELLEMAN'S CHURCH ROAD,
MOHRSVILLE, PA 19541**



**FOOD AND HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AT
5:30 P.M.; HOEDOWN 7-10 P.M.**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!

**WILL BE OUTDOORS
WEATHER PERMITTING,
OTHERWISE INDOORS
RAIN OR SHINE**



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

Oyster, Shrimp and Ham Take-out 2025

Tuesday evening of Oyster Week a record number of oyster handlers showed up for the patting task which was completed in record time. This was the start of a long week. Oyster pie making, stew brewing, pie baking, oyster frying, cabbage cutting, box assembling and finally eating the oysters, shrimp and ham, required many hands. Overall, 100 pounds of shrimp, 260 pounds of cabbage, 21 gallons of oysters, 5 roasters of ham, 36 pounds of butter, plus much more were needed. Profit was \$5,134.50. Thanks to all who helped or supported this ongoing project, which started back in September of 1974, the year the Fellowship Hall was completed. May the tradition continue!



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**April 19, 2025 was another successful Community Egg Hunt at the Grove, there were approximately 50 egg hunters in attendance!**



**Dear Members of Belleman's, Thank you** for your generous gift of \$4,015.25 in 2024 to Mission Support. (Benevolence) I love serving as a synod storyteller because I get to share stories of how we are doing God's work. God bless your mission and ministry as you love, heal and engage like Jesus!

**Blessings abound,  
Georgia Suranofsky**

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Belleman's Military Members

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 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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**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

of

**Rev. Kevin Fruchtl**

as

**Pastor**

of

**Salem Belleman's Church**

A joint ministry of the United Church of Christ  
and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
3540 Belleman's Church Rd.  
Mohrsville

on

**May 11, 2025**

at

**3:00 PM**

## May Birthdays

- 18<sup>th</sup> Kristen Folk,  
Andrea Hoffman  
20<sup>th</sup> Jason Sweigert  
21<sup>st</sup> Tim Kirkhoff, Jenna Phillips,  
Mary Anspach  
22<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Hartman,  
Daniel Roe  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kenn Redd  
24<sup>th</sup> Joseph Stump,  
Louise Billitz,  
Dorothy Dougherty,  
Riley Kunkle,  
25<sup>th</sup> Barbara Spatz,  
Owen Baxter  
26<sup>th</sup> Brandon Felix,  
Makenzi Lynn Gery  
27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Hoffa,  
Zachary Duvall,  
Andrew Berg,  
Erin Reynolds,  
Janet Weaver,  
Craig Yoder  
Michael Brown  
Rosie DeJesus,  
Jack Gambler  
28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Potts  
30<sup>th</sup> Joshua Mohn,  
Kim Yoder, Alfred Cross

## May Anniversaries

- 18<sup>th</sup> Carol & Terry Kinney  
20<sup>th</sup> Daryl & Diane Klopp  
25<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Patty Ann Kintzer  
31<sup>st</sup> David & Donna Weber

## June Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor David Blich  
2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Billman,  
Rebecca Folk,  
Margaret Tothoro,  
Taylor Berg  
4<sup>th</sup> Jean Bohn, Dylan Burkhart,  
Dylan Haas, Sara Levan,  
Tucker Jozwiak  
5<sup>th</sup> Jacob Hoffman  
6<sup>th</sup> Alan Reppert, Curtis Michaud,  
Bradley Dougherty  
7<sup>th</sup> Tina Moll, Cassidy Bungarz,  
Melissa Eschbach,  
Abigail McRae  
8<sup>th</sup> Lori Barto, Scott Ebelhar,  
Cheryl Felix, Allison Younker,  
Jacob Leroy Hoffman,  
Joshua Klopp,  
9<sup>th</sup> Karen Holcombe,  
June Dautrich  
11<sup>th</sup> Melany Eltz, Jay Hill, III,  
Marissa Spatz, Grace Hoppes,  
Jack Kornfeind, Codie Hart  
14<sup>th</sup> Megan Geisinger  
15<sup>th</sup> Carla Rozsitch,  
Mason Hartranft  
Eden Gilmer  
Lisa Nicole Rubright

## June Anniversaries

- 4<sup>th</sup> Kyle and Taylor Witman  
6<sup>th</sup> Nathan & Lisa Phillips  
7<sup>th</sup> Ronnie & Rhonda Adam  
10<sup>th</sup> Robert & Louise Elliott  
Tom and Brenda Nelson  
11<sup>th</sup> Larry & Beverly Blatt  
18<sup>th</sup> Terry & Donna Schaeffer

# Music News

While our music season is coming to an end,  
you are invited to two great events!

# Celebration of Music

June 1, 2025

Join us as we celebrate our  
Belleman's Church music ministry  
during our 10:00 a.m. service.

*Belleman's Music*

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

June 14, 2025

Enjoy some great food at our music  
department's fundraiser! All you care to eat  
spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, and salad,  
with proceeds going towards a new piano for  
the sanctuary.

Musically,

*Oliver*