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December

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
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org*



From the Pastor

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

This is my prayer for you. Do not worry about shopping, or cookies, or annoying holiday parties. Do not worry that it seems like all of the people on Facebook and Pinterest and TikTok seem to be having a better holiday than you. Do not worry about your neighbor who has an army of inflatable Santas and snowmen on their lawn.

Do not worry about whether your packages are available on Amazon.

Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. Matthew 6

Do Not Worry.

Find hope. Strive for peace. Embrace love. Celebrate joy.

In Christ's love during this special season,

Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:

Cell Phone: 610-334-5130

Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Church Board Highlights - November 17, 2025

The minutes from the October 20, 2025 Board Meeting and the October Treasurer report were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Kevin noted that he is looking toward getting meetings of the Finance, Projects and Old Church Committees scheduled after the holidays are over. The recent Food Pantry drive was a huge success. Pastor Kevin thanked all who came out to help load the items and move them to the pantry. He reported that there was a meeting of the Visitation team to coordinate visits and communions before Christmas. Lastly, Pastor Kevin noted that he has had a number of hospital visitations over the last month.

James Fitterling reported that Brunner and Associates was recently out to do a tuning and minor repairs on the old church organ. This will hopefully keep it going till the rebuild takes place.

Fundraising reported that a finalized Bazaar report was not available, but the profit will come in a bit over \$16,000.

Property reported that quotes were not yet received for the Sexton house repairs or potential work to the Parking Lot.

The Community Outreach Committee is planning to have a stand at the Schuylkill Valley Winter Festival on December 7. They have a meeting on November 30 to finalize plans for this and the Old Church Christmas service.

The Worship and Music Committee recently met and reviewed/ approved the 2026 calendar for the Board to review. The Board approved the calendar with a few additions.

Frontier recently made contact that the Fiber Optic internet is now ready at the church and will be an over \$80 savings per month. The Board approved to make the move to Frontier Fiber internet.

The Board began work on the 2026 Budget and Larry Henne reviewed some places where adjustments might need to be made. Next the Board reviewed Pastor Kevin's compensation. The board noted that Pastor Kevin has been doing an outstanding job in his first year at Belleman's and with that approved a 4% salary increase for him. In order to have the Budget finalized for the December 14 Congregational Meeting it was suggested to meet briefly after worship on December 7.

It was reported that the Cub Scouts cleaned up some leaves around the grove and Fellowship Hall on November 16.

John Rausch and the Patriotic Order Sons of America are planning a Magic Lantern Show to be held at the Fellowship hall on May 2 and 3, 2026 to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

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Church Board Highlights - November 17, 2025

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The story of the country from Columbus to today will be featured on these antique glass slides. The event will be by donation with proceeds going toward the preservation of Old Belleman's Church. The Board approved the event.

Lastly it was reported that we are signed up to do the August 18, 2026 Community Meal similar to how we did in 2025.

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## Special Board Meeting - December 7, 2025

The board met to review employee salary recommendations in order to finalize the 2026 spending plan to be presented to the congregation for approval on December 14. (A copy of the plan is on page 5 of this newsletter.)

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Belleman's Joint Board Report for October

Beginning Balance \$10,674.53
Income \$16,882.07
Expenses \$19,032.99
Ending Balance \$8,523.61

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## Attendance/Offering

|         | <b>Worship Attendance</b>     | <b>Offering</b> |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 2  | 86 (Sanctuary), 42(Facebook)  | \$1,989.00      |
| Nov. 9  | 95 (Sanctuary), 38 (Facebook) | \$4,100.00      |
| Nov. 16 | 77 (Sanctuary), 49(Facebook)  | \$2,502.00      |
| Nov. 23 | 90 (Sanctuary), 35(Facebook)  | \$2,128.00      |
| Nov. 30 | 75 (Sanctuary), 50(Facebook)  | \$3,600.00      |

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December Jingle Offerings are designated for
Salvation Army.

2026 Proposed Spending Plan

	2022 Approved	2023 Approved	2024 Approved	2025 Approved	2026 Proposed
Administration					
Pastor Salary	\$45,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$56,200.00
Pastor Housing	\$18,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,800.00
Pension / Health Insurance	\$38,373.00			\$37,600.00	\$41,000.00
Social Security	\$4,872.00	\$3,312.00	\$3,312.00	\$5,700.00	\$6,000.00
Mileage	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Professional Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00		
Administrator	\$26,232.00	\$27,024.00	\$27,024.00	\$27,024.00	\$28,104.00
Employee Bonus			\$1,548.00	\$1,548.00	
Sexton	\$7,680.00	\$7,920.00	\$7,920.00	\$7,920.00	\$8,244.00
Payroll Taxes (FICA)	\$3,843.00	\$3,950.00	\$4,068.00	\$4,068.00	\$4,100.00
Benevolence					
Regular	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Other	\$1,000.00	\$942.00	\$936.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Worship					
Organist	\$16,200.00	\$16,692.00	\$16,692.00	\$16,692.00	\$17,364.00
Musicians	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Supply Pastors	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$588.00
Worship Materials	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Program					
Committees & Departments	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$748.00	\$500.00
Outreach	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Property					
Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
Telephone	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Electric	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$7,500.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Property Insurance	\$12,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
Church Propane	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00
Property Taxes	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,900.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fellowship Hall					
Hall Electric	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Hall Propane	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Hall Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Totals	\$239,000.00	\$181,640.00	\$187,000.00	\$265,000.00	\$280,500.00

Belleman's Old Church Christmas Celebration



Sunday, December 14, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Belleman's Old Church

3734 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, Pa 19541

Battery lights
will be provided
for the service.

Reminder: Belleman's Old Church does not have heat,
electric or plumbing. Please dress accordingly for the weather.

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
Following the Service

AND

Christmas Cookie Exchange

If you wish to participate, please bring your favorite
cookies packaged 6 per pack.



Celebrating Christmas like it's 1850!

Questions? ... Call 610-926-0461



Christmas Eve 2025

We will celebrate Christ's birth with two worship services on
Wednesday, December 24th.

Planned service times are as follows:

4:30PM - Family Nativity Worship in the Sanctuary
with Holy Communion and
"Once Upon a Christmas Star"

7:00PM - Worship in the Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

**We look forward to seeing you as we
celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!**



Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/10 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

12/14 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 16 – Keep Herod in Christmas,
Jeremiah 32: 31-35, Micah 5:2-5a, Matthew 1:18 - 2:15)

10:00AM Worship with Kids Christmas Program

Congregational Meeting following Worship

5:30PM Old Church Christmas Celebration

Mon. (12/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/17 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (12/20) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

12/21 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 17 – Surprising People,
Psalm 34:1-18, Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 2: 8-20)

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. Christmas Eve Rehearsals

12/22 5:30PM Musicians
6:00PM Choir Rehearsal and Costume Planning
6:30PM 4:30 service Christmas Eve Rehearsal with kids

Wed. Christmas Eve

12/24 4:30PM Worship Service with Holy Communion

7:00PM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Coffee Talk Readings

(Chapter 17A – The Light Has Come, Isaiah 60:1-3
John 1:1-5, 9-10; 3: 19-21; 8: 12; 9:5; 12:35-36 &46)

Thur. Christmas Day

12/25 "Merry Christmas"

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

12/28 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 18 – Sharing Gifts,
Psalm 117, Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2: 25-32)

10:00AM Worship Lessons and Carols

Thur. Happy New Year! 2026!
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Sat. 1:00PM Cemetery Board Meeting
1/3 in the chapel

Sun. Holy Communion

1/4 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 19 – Jesus Coming of Age,
1 Kings 3:1-28; Luke 2:39-3:14, 3:21-22; 1 Timothy 4:6-16)

10:00AM Worship

Tue. (1/6) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. (1/7) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

1/11 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 20 – Join the Adventure!,
Isaiah 61:1-4, Luke 4:1-30, 5:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:1-9)

10:00AM Worship

Wed. (1/14) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
1/17

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

1/18 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 21 – Significant and Wonderful,
2 Samuel 11:26-12:15, John 2:1-12; Mark 1:21-28)

10:00AM Worship

Mon. (1/19) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. (1/21) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

1/25 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 22 – Jesus the Teacher,
Proverbs 3:1-26; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 4:1-34)

10:00AM Worship

Wed. (1/28) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal



2025 Bazaar



Weeks of preparation, cooking, baking, sewing, crafting, planning, gathering, sorting, collecting and organizing culminated in a tremendous bazaar. Thank you to all who participated in any way whether it was cooking, donating, working a stand, or doing any of the hundred necessary chores. Also a thank you to all who participated by purchasing items.

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Recently, our confirmation class and Sunday School Kids joined forces to make Christmas Cards for shut-in members of Belleman's. See page 12, for how you can help out with this Christmas Card Shower.

## Old Belleman's Church News

Interested in our historic Old Church? We are looking for people to serve on a committee that will help preserve and maintain the Old Church for generations to come! Requirements include a willingness to help in the periodic cleaning, maintenance projects, and brainstorming possible special events to highlight this historic building! If interested contact Carol Weyandt (484-336-4680)



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All of us at Potts Nurseries would like to **thank you** for your generous gift to the family of our late employee Eduardo Barcenas. **Thank you** for opening your hearts in a time of need.

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All of us at the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry wish to **thank you** for all of your recent donations to the pantry. We could not do what we do without the support from Churches and individuals like you.

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On behalf of everyone at Miller-Keystone Blood Center, as well as our 29 community hospitals and the patients that they serve, I would like to **thank you** for your outstanding efforts in coordinating the October 15th blood drive sponsored by Belleman's Church...**16 units collected**. The need for blood is never ending, and the units collected at your blood drive play a critical role. **Thank you** for giving the GIFT of LIFE!



Holy Communion Assistants

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:30 p.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne

Ushers: Carla Rozsitch, Roxanne McMurtry,
Eric Weyandt, Frank Kornfeind, Diane Rothenberger,
Kim Smyre, Maura Wesner, Allen Loeb

7:00 p.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne

Ushers: Larry Henne, Sam Stump

Communion Assistants For January 4th

10:00 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, Dawne Clay
Carla Rozsitch

Cup Stations: Ken Borkey, Allen Loeb

Ushers: Frank Kornfeind, Larry Henne

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### **Christmas Card Shower**

With Christmas right around the corner, we are looking to brighten the Christmas season for our shut-ins. This is where you come in! We are asking that anyone who is willing and able to please send Christmas cards to members on our shut-in list.

All you need to do is contact the church office via phone (610-926-0461) or email (salembellemans@frontiernet.net) and James will provide you with a copy of the shut-in list. Lists are also available in the Narthex. What a great way to spread some Christmas Spirit!



**Christmas Cards**

### **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,  
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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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.

December Birthdays

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| 1st Richard Dautrich,
George Kunkle,
Lacey Baxter, Greg Machmer | 16th Michele DeBoeser,
Ryan Bausher |
| 2nd Ronald Kintzer,
Kristie Hilbert | 17th Linda Imbesi, Sharon Borkey,
Brenda Nelson |
| 4th Susan Dougherty,
Dennis Gehman | 18th Mason Strohl, Richie Spatz,
Elizabeth Cichowicz,
Douglas Troutman |
| 5th Juliet Hoffman,
Jeremy Kriner, | 19th Elizabeth Veres,
Bethany Werley |
| 6th Brooke Brenner | 20th Brian Reynolds, Ryan Peters |
| 8th Troy Weber, Ethan Mitten | 21st Carol Spatz |
| 9th Duane Cowan,
Joseph Perzel | 22nd Jackie Lynn, Nathan Hill,
Karla Lawrence |
| 10th Mae Weber, | 23rd Fern Fisher, Kylee Cammauf,
Cydney Lawrence, |
| 11th David Billitz, Donald Hoffa,
Cory Ulrich | 25th Kimberly Smyre, Mary Miller |
| 12th Nicholas Imbesi,
Madison Wesner | 26th Robert Fenstermacher,
Brianna Schoen, Diane Bausher |
| 13th Nik Botscheller,
John Schlotter | 27th Alyssa Kriner,
Carlene Kissinger |
| 14th Elizabeth Dalton,
Meaghan Bausher | 29th Anthony McCloskey,
Ashlie Dreibelbis |
| 15th Natalee Svenson,
Donna Weber, Maura Wesner | 30th Diane Klopp, Whitney Shurr,
Nicole Jacoby |
| | 31st Amber Blatt |

December Anniversaries

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| 1st Guy & Carolyn Gresh | 12th Robert and Sheila Reppert |
| 5th Rick and Diane Rothenberger | 31st Lindel & Karen Hahn |
| 9th Michael & Nancy Schreffler | |

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 |

Thank you for your service!

Music News

I always say "it takes a village," and right now here at Belleman's we have a very bustling community of villagers participating in our music program!

Both our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir are preparing for the very best time of year.. Christmas!

We have some wonderful music we are working on for you, and I hope you will join us for our celebration of the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. This joyous celebration will be filled with beautiful and inspiring music as we share this special message with you.

I can't wait to see everyone for Christmas Eve!

Musically,

Oliver

P.S. If you're more technically than musically inclined, as we continue our upgrades to our audio system at church, we're looking for members to join our "Tech Team." Interested? Find me or James to get started!