

Salem (Belleman's) Church
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From the Pastor

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” rang out during worship as we celebrated Harvest Home. Now we journey into November, and the decorations remind us that the Thanksgiving holiday is coming.

It seems difficult to give thanks. Our lives are deeply impacted by the struggles in our world. Our country is struggling with social, racial, and political divisions. Our press and media and social media seem to believe that the more sensational and hate-filled the content becomes, the better it is.

We crave change. I know that seems strange, as most of the time we crave stability. But, deep down, I pray that we recognize that this world can be better. As individuals, it feels overwhelming. But when we unite under the gospel good news of our Savior Jesus Christ, we can show our communities and the world that there is a better way. A most excellent way.

“I am the way” Jesus says to us. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” The “truth” is not coming to you from the news, or the internet, or at the breakfast table with your friends.

Jesus challenges us to respond to hate not with hate but with love. Jesus challenges us to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. Jesus challenges us to see all of God’s children as beloved and worthy of God’s love and of ours.

Our country right now is feeding on anger, and violence, and misinformation that is disguised as the truth. Be awake. Be careful about what you read, and what you believe. Respond in love. Make this world kinder. And remember that “Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

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Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Church Board Highlights

October 20, 2025

The minutes from the September 15, 2025 Board Meeting were approved, along with the Treasurer, Pastor and Administrator Reports.

As part of his report, Pastor Kevin expressed some needs of the SV Food Pantry as they have not been getting enough products to distribute or funding. Recently, the food pantry was unable to serve all of the families that came to the October distribution. With that Pastor Kevin asked to have the November Jingle Offerings for the SV Food Pantry and to emphasize donations in November. Next, Pastor Kevin reported that he and Eileen will be planning to travel to Taiwan from February 25-March 7, 2026 to visit their son and his wife. As part of that, he requested to transfer his one remaining week of vacation for 2025 to 2026 to use for one of the weeks for the Taiwan trip. The Board was agreeable to this.

The Fundraising Committee reported that the Turkey and Waffle profit was \$4,482.59. Next, help is needed for the annual Bazaar on November 7 and 8.

The Property Committee reported that the October water test at church failed. After some investigation it was found that the GFI outlet that runs the UV light had tripped for some reason. Everything was restarted and the retest passed the next day. Next, it was reported that Fisher Roofing and Siding was contacted regarding some issues at the Sexton House. There are some leaking issues related to rotted window sills and cracking in the stucco on the outside of the house that is causing damage to the interior walls. A quote was not yet received as of this meeting and no action was taken.

The Community Outreach Committee reported that the Family Movie Night was not overly well attended but those in attendance seemed to enjoy the event.

The Mission Team reported that they are planning a March trip to North Carolina to assist the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders around the same location as last year. Additionally, they are making a summer trip offering for June/July for youth to be able to go. There are signup sheets posted in the narthex for the trips.

With the Smile Fund program becoming inactive it was suggested to move the remaining funds and closeout the bank account. The remaining balance is \$183.09 and the board approved to donate this amount to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

Belleman's Joint Board Financial Report for September

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| Beginning Balance | \$11,437.74 |
| Income | \$29,633.34 |
| Expenses | \$30,396.55 |
| Ending Balance | \$10,674.53 |

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### Attendance/Offering

|        | Worship Attendance             | Offering   |
|--------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Oct 5  | 90 (Sanctuary), 31 (Facebook)  | \$3,518.00 |
| Oct 12 | 84 (Sanctuary), 46 (Facebook)  | \$3,048.00 |
| Oct 19 | 78 (Sanctuary), 32 (Facebook)  | \$4,430.00 |
| Oct 26 | 102 (Sanctuary), 24 (Facebook) | \$3,220.00 |

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

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RELAY FOR LIFE OF

Kutztown



Fundraiser for Relay for Life of Kutztown & Eastern Berks
Benefits American Cancer Society
Applebee's BURGERS for a CAUSE
\$10 per coupon

Must pre-order coupons by November 16, 2025
Good for any single burger meal on Applebee's Menu!!
Will make a great stocking stuffer.
Sign-up sheet in Narthex or contact:

Ann or Mark Stump 610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com

November Jingle Offerings are designated for Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

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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 December 7th

Altar Assistants

Dawne Clay
Linda Henne
Maura Wesner

Cup Stations

Frank Kornfeind, Eric Weyandt

Ushers

Allen Loeb, Larry Henne



Holy Communion

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The Annual December Congregational Meeting is coming up on December 14

The following items will be up for discussion and approval:

- 2026 Budget
- New Board, Council and Consistory members





### **The Angel Tree is Here!!!**

Please take an Angel, purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag and bring it back to church by December 7. Again this year the gifts will go to Safe Berks.

Thank You.

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SV Food Pantry Donations

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 Chapel and will be delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

There are suggestions of items to donate printed on the turkey feathers on the bulletin boards in the Narthex. Please take some feathers and purchase the items and bring them to church for donation to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

Thank You for your participation!



Mission Trip Opportunities 2026!

Mission Trip to North Carolina

When: March 1-7, 2026

Where: Asheville, NC/Black Mountain, NC

Reason: To help with recovery from Hurricane Helene. This trip is once again being coordinated through the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders and is the same location Belleman's served in March 2025.

Cost: \$60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.

How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so you can be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.

Summer 2026 Mission Trip

When: June/July 2026

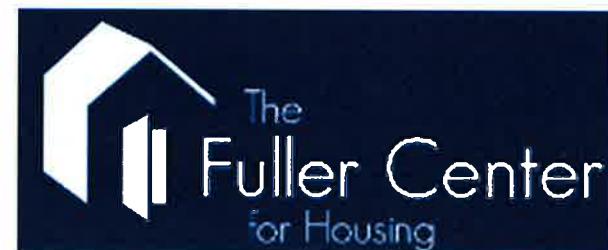
Where: To be Announced

Reason: This summertime trip gives an opportunity for youth to participate in a mission trip. The date and location will be set at a later date based on interest and the ages of those serving.

Cost: \$60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.

How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so we can judge interest in this trip opportunity. You will be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.

Please contact James in the church office if you have any questions. Also, feel free to talk to any past mission team members to see what it's like to go on a Mission Trip!



Calendar of Events

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

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

(Chapter 10 – Getting Slavery Out of the People, Exodus 20: 1-21, Matthew 22: 34-40, Hebrews 10: 1-18)

10:00AM Worship Service

Council and Consistory Meeting after worship

Tue. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

11/11 10:30AM Parish Visitor Committee Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/12 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (11/15) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

11/16 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 11 – From Ugliness, a Beauty Emerges, Deuteronomy 7:1-11, Psalm 137:1-9, 149:1-9, Matthew 15:21-39)

10:00AM Worship

Mon. (11/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/19 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday

11/23 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

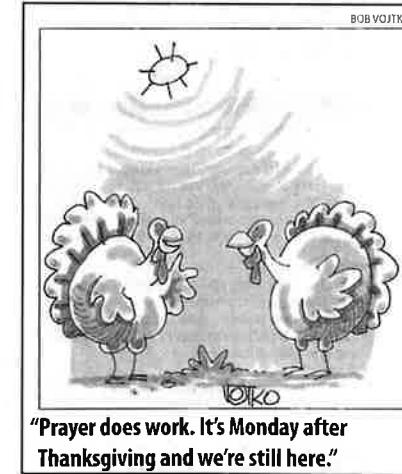
(Chapter 12 – Stories the Shape Us, 2 Kings 2:1-15, Psalm 23, Acts 1:1-11)

10:00AM Worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/26 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (11/27) Thanksgiving Day



"Prayer does work. It's Monday after Thanksgiving and we're still here."

Calendar of Events

Sun. First Sunday of Advent

11/30 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 14 – Promised Land, Promised Time, Daniel 7: 9-28, Isaiah 40: 9-11, Luke 1: 67-79)

10:00AM Worship

Community Outreach Meeting after Worship

2 p.m. Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus Christmas Concert

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

12/3 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Holy Communion

12/7 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 15 – Women on the Edge, Luke 1: 5-55, Isaiah 7: 14, 9: 2-7, Romans 12: 1-2)

10:00AM Worship

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

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### **Mobile Giving App**



Vanco has been the administrator of online and scheduled giving for Belleman's for many years. The app is called Vanco Mobile. Once downloaded, you can designate offerings to Belleman's with a credit card or bank transfer. If you have any questions about this or to get started with Vanco Mobile, please contact the church office.



*Blue Mountain*  
*Heritage Chorus*

*Presents*

## A Traditional Christmas Concert



**Salem Bellemans Church**

3540 Bellemans Church Rd.  
Doors open at 1:30 PM  
Concert starts at 2:00 PM

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

*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



# 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.



## 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:*

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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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Cemetery Logs and Wreaths

Troop 154 will have wreaths and logs available again this year for placement on cemetery graves. We can also place them on Belleman's (Fairview) Cemetery for you.

Selections are listed below.

CHRISTMAS WREATHES – NEW ITEMS!!

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| Large Decoration Planter | | | @ \$24.00 | |
| 6" X 10" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow..... | | | @ \$18.00 | |
| 6" X 18" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow..... | ..... | ..... | @ \$24.00 | ..... |
| 18" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries..... | ..... | ..... | @ \$18.00 | ..... |
| 24" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries..... | ..... | ..... | @ \$24.00 | ..... |
| Stands (At Cost): 18" wreath | ..... | ..... | @ \$4.00 | ..... |

Call Larry Henne for additional information, 610-926-4506

Poinsettia sale 2025

Rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by placing poinsettias in church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin for your use, or you can see Linda Henne at Church or call her at 610-926-4506.

Plants are available this year @ \$8.00 each and will be available in Red, White and Jingle Bell this year. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.

Orders should be placed **by December 14. Thank you.**



Poinsettias



Dear Belleman's Church, Your commitment to helping our dogs in need is sincerely appreciated. Zoe's House, Inc. continues to advance its mission by taking dogs in need regardless of health issues or age and

adopting them into approved forever homes. This includes providing foster care, veterinary care, transportation and lots of love. We have seen the lives of many dogs changed for the better and the joy they bring their new families is priceless. Our hope is to continue to make a difference in the lives of those dogs that so desperately need our help. We could never succeed without the help of donations from supporters such as you who understand how important our mission truly is. **Thank you for your generosity!** (\$600 Jingle Offerings and donations collected at VBS)



Belleman's Military Members

CWO2 Josh Linderman
Andrew Potts
1LT Bradley P. Hopps
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

Thank you for your service!

November Birthdays

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| 1 st Ruth Borkey | 14 th Ricky Kerschner |
| 2 nd Richard Bausher, | 15 th Andrew Cichowicz, Daryl Klopp, Hawken Kiwak, Cheryl Kring |
| 3 rd Pierson Fluck | 16 th Kevin Labe, Jr. |
| 4 th Karen Hahn | 17 th Ryan Potts, Kylie Gregor |
| 5 th Tim Eschbach, Hazel Weyandt | 18 th Faye Noecker, Lukas Smyre |
| 6 th Christopher Hartman, Christine Jroski | 19 th Dante Fillipini, Philip Kistler Linda Conrad, Abigail Mitten Helen Loeb |
| 7 th Crystal Cammauf- Young | 20 th Carol Hook, Cory Eisenhofer Emmalynn Kauffman |
| 8 th Deanne Rahn, Carol Kissinger | 21 st Cheyenne Strunk |
| 9 th Cassandra Bradbury Olive Weyandt | 22 nd Noah Oswald |
| 10 th Lauryn Lush | 23 rd Charles Miller, Nancy Zipp |
| 11 th Carol Kinney, Kyle Livinghouse | 25 th Cole Savage, Doug Bausher Samuel Schreffler |
| 12 th Peggy Hartman | 26 th Jackie Mitten |
| 13 th Christopher Gery, Michael Wagner, | 27 th Todd Gregor, Doug Eisenhofer |
| 14 th Lloyd Barnett, Tammy Louise Brown | 28 th Robin Stiefel |
| | 29 th Kyle Kunkle Linda Schlottman |
| | 30 th Ann Stump Joshua Linderman |

November Anniversaries

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| 2 nd Connor & Hannah Becker | 16 th Garry & Nancy Wesner |
| 7 th Kristopher & Tara Beerman | 18 th Dennis & Susan Dougherty |
| 8 th George & Tina Phillips | 19 th Terry & Dawne Clay |
| 11 th Jonathan & Andrea Hoffman | 21 st Harold & Stephani Mohn |
| 14 th Warren & Peggy Hartman, Thomas & Karla Lawrence | 22 nd Eric and Kelly Troutman |
| | 26 th Lloyd & Ruth Barnett |
| | 28 th Richard & Rita Bausher |

Music News

It got cold outside!
And that means that we're heading into
my favorite season of the year!
(Except for the falling temperature)

Even though Thanksgiving hasn't quite happened yet, our music family is busily preparing for our Christmas Eve service. We are always looking to grow our music family here at church, so the Christmas season is the perfect time to "test the waters" so to speak. We'd love to have you!

So, if you're like me, and don't like being cold, come and join our music family. Even if the physical temperature is cold, music is a great way to warm both the mind and spirit. Give it a try!

Musically,

Oliver