

Bell Notes

*Salem (Bellemans') Church
3540 Bellemans' Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910*

*Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship 10:00 a.m. every Sunday*



OCTOBER

*Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
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From the Pastor

This first year together has gone by so fast! We have journeyed together through worship and funerals and weddings and program planning and even found time to hear each other's stories and even laugh a little.

Occasionally someone will ask me, "What does the pastor do all week?" My stock answer is that I sit on the couch all week and watch soap operas and eat Tastykakes until Sunday when I work for an hour or two. The actual answer is much more complicated. My schedule varies widely based on immediate needs, the time of year, and many other factors.

So, very loosely, I spend about 15-20 hours a week on worship and sermon preparation and preparation for Confirmation. An average week also includes hospital visits, nursing home and care facility and home recovery visits, home communions, funerals and grief follow-up, Bellemans committee and team meetings including the Joint Board, correspondence and email, NE PA Lutheran Synod and Covenant Association UCC and Penn Southeast Conference UCC commitments including helping as our four Pennsylvania UCC conferences transition to the Keystone Conference, church office time, community outreach, and trying to keep track of all the volunteers and congregants.

I engage in long-term planning and visioning work, support the cub scouts and boy scouts when I can, and I forgot that I am supposed to have 1 or 2 days off a week.

And, of course, eat healthy, exercise, get plenty of sleep, and pray without ceasing...

I may not always be in the church office, but I am available by phone, text or email. I love to say that James usually knows where I am before I do. If you would like a visit or would like to share some time together, just tell me and I will be there for you.

God is doing great things through Bellemans and through our ministry together.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

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Church Board Highlights

September 15, 2025

Linda Henne was present to discuss some damages to the walls upstairs at the Sexton House. Some photos and a sample were presented to the board for review. It is believed that there is some amount of moisture transfer from the outside that is causing the peeling on the interior walls. Possible issues are from rotten windowsills or cracks in the stucco. The Board approved to seek contractor opinions and recommendations for the repairs at the Sexton House.

Pastor Kevin reported that he made a bunch of Shut-in visits prior to leaving for his vacation. He also noted the beginning of confirmation class coming up in addition to other fall events.

James noted an additional vacation request from November 21 – December 5. This completes his 2025 vacation dates.

The Property Committee reported that the LED Lighting project is complete and that the new Carillon installation is set for September 23. Additionally, it was noted that repairs were made to the siding at the fryer shed and the refreshment stand. There was also some drywall work done in the fellowship hall basement.

The Community Outreach committee is working on a Peaches and Ice Cream reception following the Rally Day program on September 21. They also have a Family Movie Night scheduled for October 18 featuring the movie Coco. Lastly, they are once again planning an Old Church Christmas service on December 14, 2025.

A newspaper article was read about a tragic death of Ed-die, an employee of Pott's Nursery. His car broke down along 61 near Deer Lake and he was hit by another car while working on his car. A Heffner Tithe donation in the amount of \$500 to the family was requested and was approved by the board.

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### Belleman's Joint Board Treasurer Report for August 2025

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 23,978.02 |
| Income            | \$ 16,442.18 |
| Expenses          | \$ 28,982.46 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 11,437.74 |

## Attendance/Offering

|         | Worship Attendance            | Offering   |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Sept 7  | 64(Sanctuary), 120 (Facebook) | \$1,817.00 |
| Sept 14 | 67 (Sanctuary), 52 (Facebook) | \$3,727.00 |
| Sept 21 | 85 (Sanctuary), 40 (Facebook) | \$2,678.00 |
| Sept 28 | 84 (Sanctuary), 58 (Facebook) | \$4,968.00 |

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

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October Jingle Offerings are designated for US Disaster Relief

(Proceeds will be split to go to the Lutheran Disaster Response and the UCC Disaster Recovery)

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## Communion Assistants

### November 2: (Pew Communion)

*Ushers:* Kim Smyre, Roxanne McMurtry, Diane Rothenberger, Ken Borkey, Sam Stump

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Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual Blood Drive which will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the **Fellowship Hall**.



To schedule an appointment call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 or visit GIVEaPINT.org and use Sponsor Code 3227.



Flea Market Collection Has Begun

The first collection occurred on Monday, September 30. Donations will be accepted from 6:00 to 7:30 PM every Monday through October 27.

Help is always needed for: unloading the cars, unpacking and sorting items, pricing items, arranging stock on shelves and tables. Anyone who can come for even one session will be joyfully welcomed.

Help is especially needed on Friday, November 7 and Saturday November 8. Questions? Call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.

Our thanks to all who have helped to make this project so successful in the past and to those who will be working to make it a wonderful success again.

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On All Saints, November 2nd, we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of the saints from the congregation that are now in the Church Triumphant. A candle will be lit for each member listed below.

| <u>Born</u> | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Died</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 3/2/1931    | Florence M. Deisher | 12/24/2024  |
| 7/17/1937   | Forrest A. Machmer  | 1/11/2025   |
| 12/1/1934   | Paul L. Leshner     | 1/26/2025   |
| 2/20/1924   | Benton N. Kissinger | 3/7/2025    |
| 5/27/1937   | Janet C. Weaver     | 5/17/2025   |
| 12/22/1946  | Lew A. Roth         | 6/21/2025   |
| 4/9/1956    | James K. Holcombe   | 6/29/2025   |
| 5/16/1941   | John P. Lutz        | 7/25/2025   |
| 8/18/1936   | Ronald L. Burkhardt | 8/10/2025   |
| 1/26/1947   | Bruce D. Cammauf    | 8/31/2025   |





Potter and Clay Sunday was September 7



Thank you to Jessica Harle and Rev. Josh Fitterling for leading our special Potter and Clay Worship Service. Above is a sampling of the pieces that Jess produced during the service.

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Family Movie Night
Saturday, October 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Belleman's Grove and Fellowship Hall

Feel free to come dressed in your Halloween Costume
Presented by the Community Outreach Committee

Belleman's Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

in the Fellowship Hall
3730 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541



FRIDAY
November 7, 2025
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



SATURDAY
November 8, 2025
8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Home Made Foods Served
Soups, BBQ, Chicken Pot Pie
Platter, Sandwiches & more
Pastries, Candy, Crafts, Raffle,
Quilt



FLEA MARKET



Calendar of Events

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

10/12 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 6 – Plotting Goodness, Genesis 12: 1-9,
Galatians 3:6-9, Mark 11:15-19)

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
10/13

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/15 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Blood Drive at the Fellowship Hall

Thu. (10/16) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle

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

10/18 6:00PM Family Movie Night (Info Page 6)

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

10/19 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 7 – It's Not Too Late, Genesis 18:9-33, 22:1-14,)
Micah 6:6-8, Acts 18:19-34))

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

10/20 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/22 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall

10/23 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

Sun. Reformation Sunday

10/26 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 8 – Rivalry or Reconciliation, Genesis 32:22-
33:11, 50:15-21, Matthew 25: 31-40, Luke 10:25-37)

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

10/27

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/29 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Calendar of Events

Sun. All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion

11/2 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 9 – Freedom!, Exodus 1:1-14, 3:1-15,
John 8: 1-11, Galatians 5:1, 13-15)

10:00AM Worship Service

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/5 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Fri. (11/7) 8:30AM to 6:00PM - Bazaar

Sat. (11/8) 8:30AM to 12 noon - Bazaar

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. (11/11) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/12 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Remember to pick-up your Sandwiches!!
Thursday, October 23.
Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the
Fellowship Hall. As always, options are
Italian, Ham/Cheese and
Turkey/Provolone.
Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.
Thanks for your support of this project!



Belleman's Military Members

CWO2 Josh Linderman

Andrew Potts

1LT Bradley P. Hoppes

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

Turkey and Waffle 2025



Turkey and Waffle, continued...

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Turkey and Waffle Take-out a success. Soon after enjoying delivered meals, a customer sent this email:

Hi, I would call but know you are too busy for that. Joe is in ecstasy! What a fabulous meal! He raved about everything! What an accomplishment! 370 some dinners, that Good, not many people could pull that off! For Joe to have a dinner of real home-style cooking is one of the few delights left to him, so many, many Thank You's from both of us! - Margaret

This message justifies the long week of prep work. Thank to All!

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### Hats off to the Potato Man!

A huge thank you is due to Kevin Labe, who generously donated ALL the potatoes for our recent Turkey and Waffle Take-out. Those spuds made all the filling and will also be used in soups and pot pie at our November Bazaar. Thank you very much Kevin for your hard work and generosity.

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Allen Loeb's New Best Friend

Check the happy face on Allen as he operates our new, used, amazing grater. No more sore shoulders as a result of chopping 150 pounds of cabbage. No frustration of dealing with stubborn kraut. No dismantling apparatus 20 times until task is done. Maybe we should have a contest to name this best of friends.



Concession Stand Gets a Face Lift



Over the last few months the concession stand area at the Fellowship Hall has been painted, received new lighting, been reorganized and deep cleaned.

Thanks to all the folks who spent time cleaning the dust, pressure washing mats and giving new order to the supplies. Your efforts need to be recognized. **Thank You!** Mr. Clean would be proud!



*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

October Birthdays

- 2nd Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,
Holly Jean Wesner,
Daylin Dalton
- 3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn
- 4th Harold L. Spatz,
Ryan Livinghouse,
Tyler McMurtry
- 5th Skip Corolla, Jillian Phillips,
Daniel Kiefer, Benjamin King,
Lynn Hart
- 5th Terry Clay, Naomi Arnold
- 3th Aaron Nabozny,
Allison Younker,
- 9th Myra Snyder
- 10th Dorothy Bausher,
Priscilla Kiefer
- 11th Linda Hartman,
- 12th Ruth Ohlinger
- 13th Kristy Dietrich,
- 14th Robert Elliott
- 15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle
Andrea Quillman,
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein
- 16th Bradley Lynn,
Roxanne McMurtry,
Danielle Ramick Brown
- 17th Eileen Fruchtl
- 18th Keith Haas, Avery Phillips,
Daniel Linderman, Ian Heller,
Chad Ernst
- 19th Therman Madeira
Matthew Machmer
- 20th Lindel Hahn, Alanah Stump
Trevor Cammauf
- 21st Kelsie Drumheller, Andrea Cox
Samantha Weyandt
- 22nd Paul Levey, Kaitlyn Quillman,
Kristen Quillman
- 23rd Jevin Dougherty, Brenda Yoder

October Birthdays

- 24th Robert Billman,
Stephanie Gilmer
- 25th Leah James, Bob Billman
Nathaniel Dalton, Susan Gehris,
Cindi Strunk
- 26th Michael Kufro
- 27th Pamela Richards, Jim Sellers,
Elizabeth Daigle
- 28th Michael Gehris,
Kelly Troutman
- 29th Scott Berg, Barry Geisinger,
Harold Sunday, John Lewis, Jr.
Kailey McMurtry
- 30th Ronnie Adam, Kelly Schwank,
- 31st Porter McRae, Eric Troutman
Alyse Hein, Micah Blatt

October Anniversaries

- 1st Michael & Karen Harle,
Carl and Alyse Hein
- 3rd Darin & Brenda Hein
- 4th Scott & Michele Dietrich
Wayne & Arlene Hoffert
Shawn and Meaghan Bausher
- 5th Santi & Linda Imbesi
Cody and Lynda Marks
- 6th Roy & Danielle Moser,
Charles & Elisha Zimmerman
Andrew and Kelly Kauffman
- 8th Larry & Linda Henne
- 9th Richard & June Dautrich
- 12th Frank & Mica Kornfeind
John and Melissa Lewis
- 14th Kenn and Natalie Redd
- 16th Charles &
Lorraine Randazzo
- 17th Bradley & Kimberly
Dougherty
- 21st Donald & Brenda Hoffa
- 24th Lester & Gloria Gambler
Doug and Karen Eisenhofer
- 25th Joshua & Sara Linderman

Music News

Can you believe it's already Autumn?

*And that means that we begin
preparing for my favorite service of the
year...*

Christmas Eve!

While Sanctuary Choir rehearsals are already in full swing, and bell choir rehearsals getting started, we need "all hands on deck" to make our Christmas Eve service memorable.

Because of this, even if you can't commit to participating in one of our regular choirs, there is a place for you during our Christmas Eve services. If you sing, ring, or play any other instrument and would like to participate, please let me know! Christmas Eve is our chance to literally pull out all the stops, and I can't wait to fill our sanctuary with joyful music!

Musically,

