

Thank you for worshipping with us this day.

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest book located in the Narthex.

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### Calendar of Events

#### **Happening Today!**

#### **Seed/Soil Sunday; Grange Sunday**

Mon. (4/20) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (4/21) 5:00PM Oyster Patting at the Fellowship Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

4/22 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (4/25) 3:00–5:30PM Oyster Supper Pick-up at the Hall

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**

**4/26 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**

("Images of Christians" - Givers - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9: 6-15 )

**10:00AM Worship Service**

*Council/Consistory Meeting after worship*

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

4/29 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. Holy Communion**

**5/3 9:00AM Sunday School**

**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**

("Images of Christians" - Ambassadors - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

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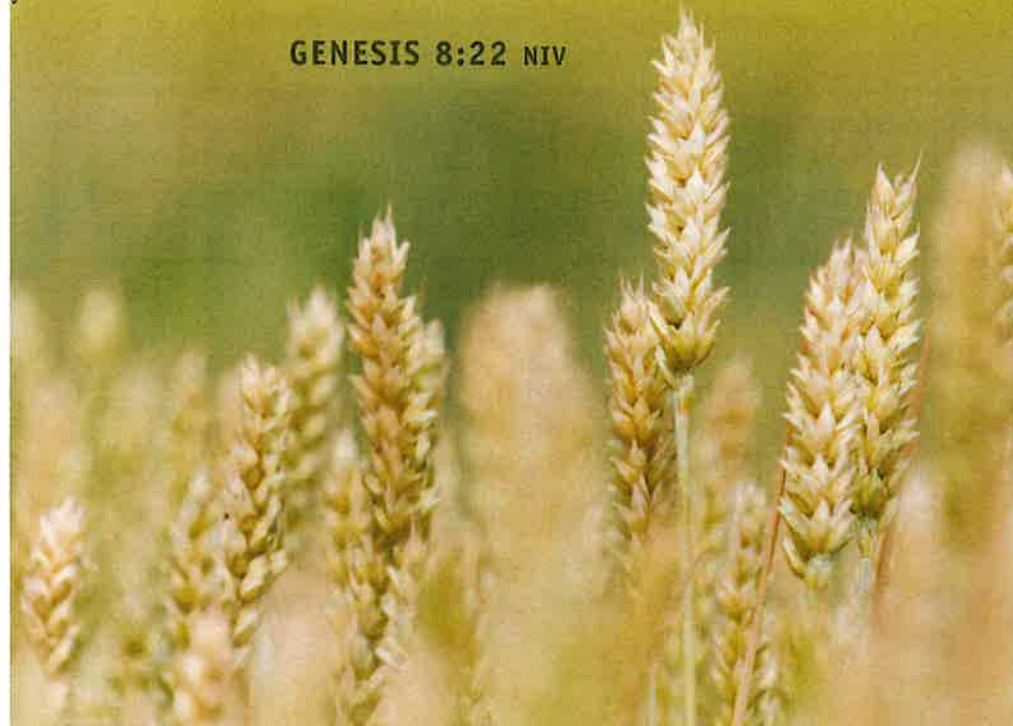
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"As long as the
earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."

GENESIS 8:22 NIV



We welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Church of Christ.

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Rev. Kevin Fruchtl, Pastor  
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James Fitterling, Administrator  
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Church: 610-926-0461
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:00 a.m. weekly

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*Children's Bulletins are available in the pink crate in the entrance of the church.*

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Mission Statement:

**With the strength of our combined traditions
We strive to be unified through CHRIST as...
A community that reaches out and welcomes
individuals of various ages and faith
backgrounds... offering a diversity of
opportunities in worship and service... so that
we are spiritually enriched by the power,
promise and presence of the Holy Spirit.**

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and he opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

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### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayers for Healing

Mark Zipp, Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty,  
Richard Hartman, Richard Bausher, Livia Kiwak, Sindy Bachman,  
Robert Elliott, Shirley Felix, Jean Stoudt, Mathew Machmer,  
Gene Kemp, Arlene Gilmer, Joan Huey, Audrey Hess,  
Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Sophia Moore,  
Family of Ross Van Dyke

Note: Please know that not all hospitals notify the church when a parishioner has been admitted. Please make the office or Pastor Kevin aware if anyone from our Belleman's family has been hospitalized. Thank you!

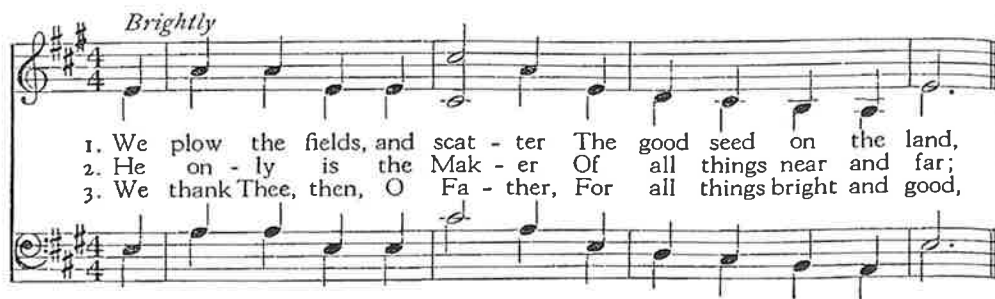
#### Military

Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner,  
Phillip Spatz, Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman,  
Andrew Cichowicz, J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman,  
MSgt Kevin Mohn, Nathan P. Stump, Andrew D. Potts,  
Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman, Dakotah Dailey, MAJ Michael Kufro,  
SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and  
women serving our country.

### Prelude

## \*Gathering Hymn

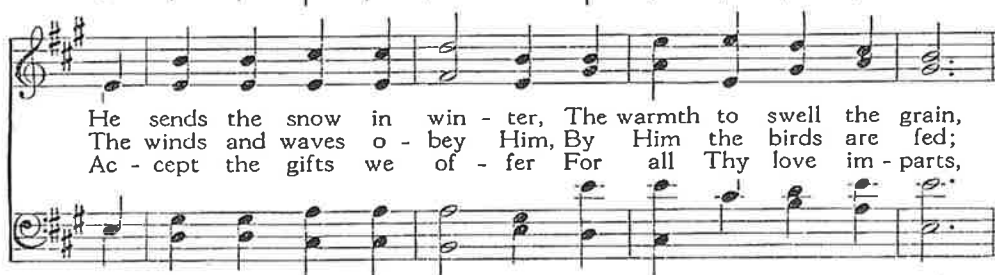
*Brightly*



1. We plow the fields, and scat - ter The good seed on the land,  
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er Of all things near and far;  
3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;  
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star;  
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;

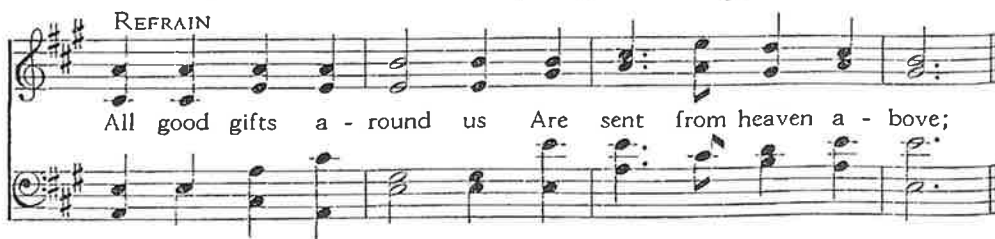


He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey Him, By Him the birds are fed;  
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer For all Thy love im - parts,



The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.  
And that which Thou de - sir - est, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

REFRAIN



All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heaven a - bove;



Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love. A-MEN.

## \*Call to Worship

Come walk with us.  
**We will join the journey.**  
Let us talk together.  
**We will listen and speak.**  
Christ goes with us.  
**Jesus guides our steps.**

## \*Call to Confession

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and compassion, we often fail to understand the truth of your love. We are frequently confused and filled with doubt. Life can feel meaningless. We wander down the pathways of life, longing to see our way more clearly. Open our eyes this day, that we may see your way of love and grace. Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence. Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our hearts and lives, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

## \*Acknowledgment of God's Forgiveness

Praise the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of God's peace with those around you!  
(The sharing of hands/hugs are optional.)*

## \*Praise Hymn (Sung)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray... O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

**Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

*Read by Ashtyn Cammauf and Crystal Cammauf-Young*

*FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

*PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19*

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

<sup>2</sup> **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.**

<sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

<sup>17</sup> **I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, Jerusalem.**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Alleluia (Sung)*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35*

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> "What things?" he

asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people."<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together<sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."<sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Jingle Offering: Relay For Life - Live Long and Prosper Team

Hymn

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

*Sermon*

*Response to the Word*

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

In response to hearing God's word for us, we confess our faith.  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Offering*

Choir Anthem

*\*Offering Response (Sung)*

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!  
Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!**

*\* Pastoral Prayer*

*The Blessing of the Seed*

O God, you have given us seeds.

**They are the fruit of your gracious hand. They are to be planted into your soil. They have a future. They are to bear fruit for the harvest. May the miracle of life within these seeds burst forth yielding a bountiful harvest. Bless these seeds and those who plant them.**

**Amen.**

*The Blessing of the Soil*

O God, you have created and given us the soil.

**The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth and nourishment so that new life may emerge.**

**Bless the soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work the soil and harvest the produce.**

**Amen.**

*The Blessing of the Water*

O God, you offer water as the under girding of life.

**Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. Bless the soil and the seed with the gentle rain.**

**Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. In your mercy send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful.**

**Amen.**

*\*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*\*The Benediction*

*\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)*

\*Sending Hymn



1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.  
 Dai - ly, walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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.

Caned fruit and vegetables are always needed.

**Thank You** for your participation!

**Oyster Supper  
 Helpers needed!**



• Oyster Patting on Tuesday, April 21 at 5 p.m.

• Helpers are needed at various other times throughout the week leading up to Oyster Day on April 25. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to signup to help out. **Thank you!**



Join us for the Relay for LIFE of Kutztown & Eastern Berks to benefit the American Cancer Society.

It's more than a walk. There will be food, drink, raffles, fun activities and the Way Har ice cream trailer.

Has your life been touched by cancer? Consider dedicating a Luminary for a love one, who is a survivor or a loved one lost to cancer. Luminary's are lit at sunset!

Are you a survivor?? you are invited to come at 4 pm for a Cancer Survivor Ceremony followed by a FREE dinner along with other Cancer Survivors.

WHAT.....Hometown Hero's Walk for Cancer  
 WHEN.....May 16,2026  
 Time.....12 noon to 9pm  
 WHERE.....Bower's Park,235 Bower Rd, Mertztown,Pa

For more Information: Ann or Mark Stump -6109263416  
 email: mstarduster@aol.com

# MAGIC LANTERN SHOW



*Presented by the Patriotic Order Sons of America  
Washington Camp #446, Centreport, and  
Belleman's Church Historian, John Rausch*

## SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Belleman's Church Fellowship Hall  
3540 Belleman's Church Rd.  
Mohrsville, PA 19541

**\*DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM - SHOW BEGINS AT 7:00 PM\***

In celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we invite you to attend a presentation of the History of the United States on original glass slides from the landing of the Pilgrims to the end of World War II, plus updated slides through today's War on Terror. There will also be historic glass slides of early Reading and Berks County from John Rausch's private collection.

**EXPERIENCE STATE OF THE ART ENTERTAINMENT  
AS IT WAS IN THE LATE 1800s AND THE EARLY 1900s**

**\* NO ADMISSION CHARGE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED\***

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

The Historic Old Belleman's Church will also be open for tours

# COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

**FEATURING CALLER KEN SAUL**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**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!**



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

**QUESTIONS? ... CALL 610-926-0461**