

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! Bluegrass Sunday**  
Food items for sale after worship



### Soup and Pie Sunday is TODAY!

After worship there will be a soup and pie sale.

The special of the day will be quarts of Bacon Potato Corn Chowder.



Other pie and cake favorites will also be available for purchase as well!

Mon. (8/17) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (8/18) 5:30PM Community Meal at the Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Blessing of the Backpacks**

**8/23 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
Christian Education Meeting after worship

**Sun. Blessing of the Animals - Crystal Cammauf Leading**  
**8/30 Worship (Pastor Kevin Vacation)**

**9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove**

**Sun. Holy Communion**

**9/6 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

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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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Church: 610-926-0461
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Summer Sunday Worship Time is at 9:00 a.m.

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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.**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Bluegrass Sunday

August 16, 2026

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how may our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing and justice for those in need.

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#### *Welcome and Announcements*

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Prayers for Healing

Mark Zipp, Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty,
Richard Hartman, Richard Bausher, Livia Kiwak, Sindy Bachman,
Mathew Machmer, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Joe Barton Sr.,
Laura Schoeller, Rick Phillips, Shirley Felix, Donald Fair,
Michele Mountz, Judy Stettler, Arlene Hoffert, Jean Smith,
Grace Hunzicker, Mae Weber, Family of Dennis Linderman

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, Dakota Dailey, MAJ Michael Kufro,
SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and
women serving our country.

Prelude

** Please stand if you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn*

Chorus I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm happy, no sorry in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

I wandered so aimless, my heart filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Chorus**

Just like a blind man I wandered alone
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Chorus**

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.. **Chorus**

**Call to Worship:*

Life can sometimes be very difficult.

We look around and wonder where God is.

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

God surrounds us with love and courage.

Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we struggle to recognize your loving presence. Amen.

**Call to Confession*

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

There are far too many times, O Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

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Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks, give thanks.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... **We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Proclaiming The Word - Read by Diane Rothenberger

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. ⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant, ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares, he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

PSALM 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us

² **So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 15:21-28*

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

Children's Message

Jingle Offering: Hope Rescue Mission

Hymn

Chorus: Will the circle be unbroken,
By and by, Lord, by and by.
There's a better home a waitin'
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

There are loved ones off in glory
Whose dear forms you often miss;
When you close your earthly story,
Will you join them in their bliss? **Chorus**

In the joyous days of childhood,
Oft they told of wondrous love;
Pointing to the dying Savior,
Now they dwell with Him above. **Chorus**

Instrumental

You remember songs of heaven,
Which you sang with childish voice;
Do you love the hymns they taught you,
Or are songs of earth your choice? **Chorus**

You can picture happy gatherings,
'Round the fireside long ago;
And you think of tearful partings,
When they left you here below. **Chorus**

One by one their seats were emptied,
One by one they went away;
Now the family is parted,
Will it be complete one day? **Chorus**

Sermon

**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

Offertory Selection

**Offering Response (Sung)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Pastoral Prayer

**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*

**Sending Hymn*

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.

Chorus: I'll fly away, Oh glory
I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. **Chorus**

Instrumental

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away. **Chorus (2 times)**

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

Postlude

Turkey and Waffle Take-Out Dinner



*Tired of cooking? Want a dinner to go?
We will be offering a take-out dinner of:*

**Turkey – Waffles – Potato Filling – Gravy
Sweet Potatoes – Green Beans – Corn**

**Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3–5:30 pm**

*Additional items for separate purchase:
~Pies~
~Belleman's Famous Pepper Cabbage~
~Extra Potato Filling~*

**Return the order form on page 18
for your pre-ordered meal!**

**ALL DINNERS must be PRE-ORDERED BY
September 15, 2026**



**Again this year!
After pickup of your pre-ordered meal, the dining room will be open for indoor dining from 3-5:30 p.m.
No table service.**



TURKEY AND WAFFLE ORDER FORM



Name: _____

Phone #: _____

_____ Turkey and Waffle Platters @ \$15 ea. _____

_____ Pepper cabbage (QT) @ \$7 ea. _____

_____ Pepper cabbage (PT) @ \$4 ea. _____

_____ Extra Filling with gravy (QT) @ \$7 ea. _____

_____ Extra Filling with gravy (PT) @ \$4 ea. _____

_____ Old fashioned lemon whole pie @ \$10ea. _____

_____ Old fashioned lemon half pie @ \$5.50 ea. _____

_____ Coconut Custard whole pie @ \$10 ea. _____

_____ Coconut Custard half Pie @ \$5.50 ea. _____

_____ Shoo Fly whole pie @ \$10 ea. _____

_____ Shoo Fly half Pie @ \$5.50 ea. _____

_____ Pumpkin whole pie @ \$10 ea. _____

_____ Pumpkin half pie @ \$5.50 ea. _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Checks payable to: "Belleman's Church" and send to:
3540 Belleman's Church Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541
Or email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net

Coming to Coffee Talk this Fall...

The Adult Coffee Talk Sunday School group will be doing Life Guides Bible Study "Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely"

Topics include:

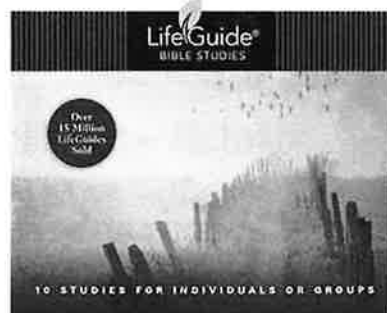
- Finding Wisdom
- Bad Words, Good Words
- Wealth & Poverty
- Planning the Future

...and more!

WILLIAM MOUSER

PROVERBS

Learning to Live Wisely



**PACK
154**

#ADVENTUREON



Meet the Pack Night

September 21st, 7:00pm

The Fellowship Hall at Belleman's Church 3540 Bellemans Church Rd, Mohrsville,
PA 19541

(fellowship hall is opposite the cemetery from the church)

Pack 154 Registration

In person or online!

Check out www.cubpack154.com
or use the QR code



The Bulletin Board

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

**Tuesday, August 18
5:30-6:30p.m. at
The Fellowship Hall**



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

August 23, 2026

Students are invited to bring their backpacks along to worship for a Blessing. We will also offer a prayer for teachers, administrators, staff and volunteers as they all embark on a new school year!



Blessing of the Animals Service is on August 30!

Bring your dogs, cats, guinea pigs, cows, sheep, horses or whatever animals you have to receive a blessing. The unique service will take place outdoors in the church grove and will be led by Crystal Cammauf. Please join us and bring your friends.



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.

Canned Fruit is currently in need.

Thank You for your participation!