

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 This week! *Blessing of the Backpacks***  
*Christian Education Meeting after worship*

**Sun. 8/30** *Blessing of the Animals - Crystal Cammauf Leading*  
*Worship (Pastor Kevin Vacation)*  
**9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove**

**Sun. 9/6** *Holy Communion*  
**9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

*Mon. (9/7) Labor Day*

*Tue. (9/8) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting*

**Sun. (9/13) 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

*Mon. (9/14) 7:00PM Board Meeting*

*Tue. (9/15) 6:30PM Mission Team Meeting*

*Sat. (9/19) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport*

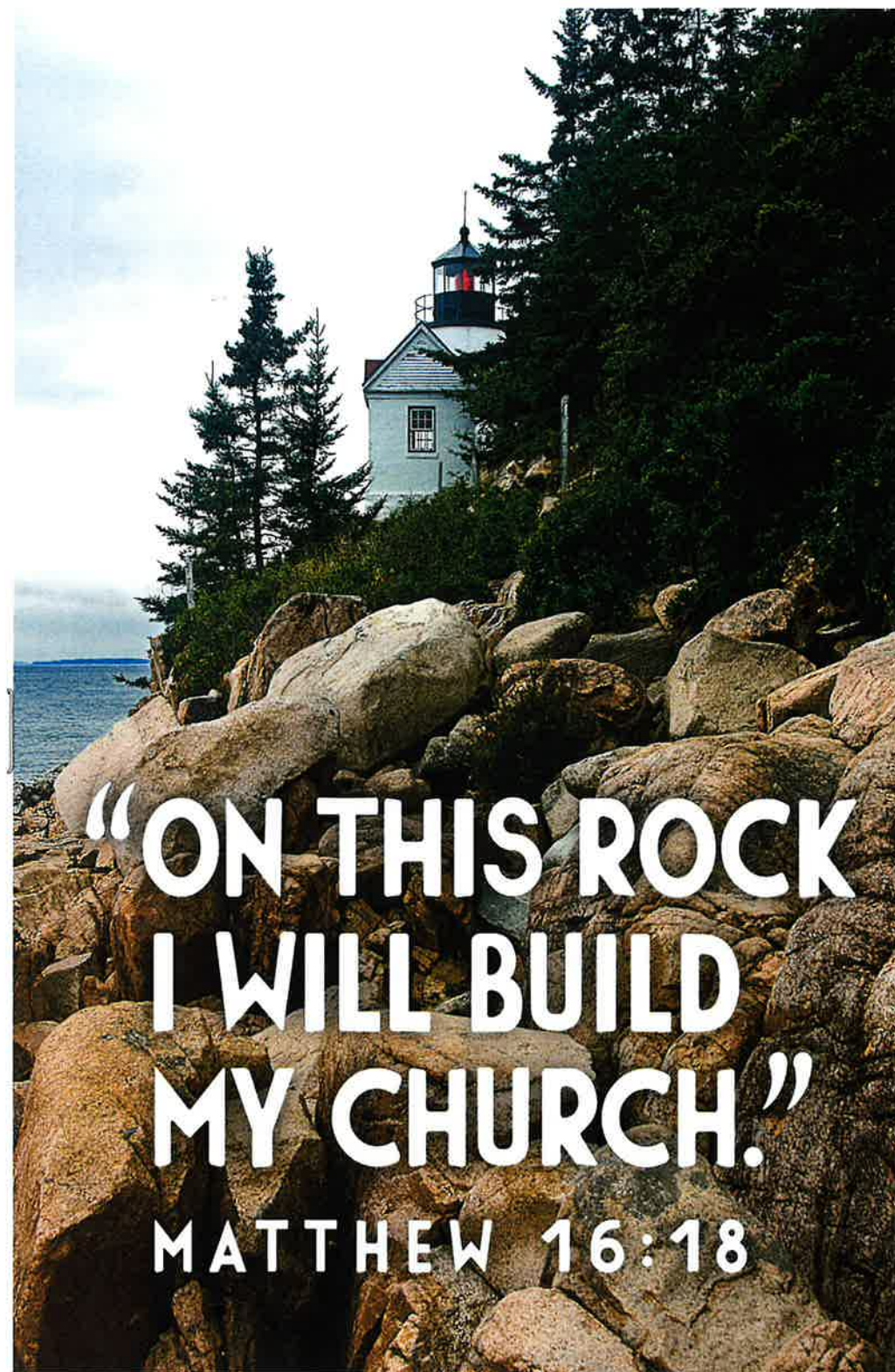
**Sunday School returns September 20 at 9 a.m.  
and Sunday Worship will be at 10 a.m.**

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**9/20 9:00AM Confirmation Class**  
*First Meeting upstairs in the Loft for confirmands and parents*  
**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**

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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 (610-334-5130)  
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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.**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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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,  
Mathew Machmer, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Joe Barton Sr.,  
Laura Schoeller, Rick Phillips, Shirley Felix, Michele Mountz,  
Ron Miller, Judy Stettler, Arlene Hoffert, Jean Smith,  
Grace Hunzicker, Mae Weber, Dottie Cowan, Sue Dieffenbach,  
Family of Tom Rhoads

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*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*\*Gathering Hymn*

**Light of the World, You stepped down into  
darkness**

**Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You**

**So, here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor**

**And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross**

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*\*Call to Worship*

Our help is in God,  
**who calls us to worship.**

Our hope is in love,  
**that calls us to care.**

Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.  
**Let us bring our full love and care.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Rock of ages, be our fortress and our shelter in trou-  
bled times. Be our strength and our courage when we  
are afraid. Be our grace and our forgiveness when we  
fall short. Be our inspiration and our guide when we  
strive to serve you and your world fully. In hope and  
gratitude, 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 to the Holy One,  
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...

**Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence as we worship this day. Bless us with your love as we grow in love and mature faith. Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in the world. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Eileen Fruchtl*

*FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; <sup>2</sup> look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup> The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. <sup>4</sup> "Listen

to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

*PSALM 138*

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

<sup>4</sup> **May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.**

<sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

<sup>6</sup> **Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever, do not abandon the works of your hands.**

*SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will. Humble Service in the Body of Christ <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in

accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;<sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13-20*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Children's Message*

*Backpack Blessing and Prayers for our schools*

*From [www.saltproject.org](http://www.saltproject.org)*

*Jingle Offering: Hope Rescue Mission*

### Hymn



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,  
4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that you called in -  
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise  
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and



vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## Sermon

### \*The Apostles' Creed

**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

Special Music Selection: "Lord of the Dance"

**Chorus:** Dance, dance wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance said He,  
I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
I will lead you all in the dance, said He

### \*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.**

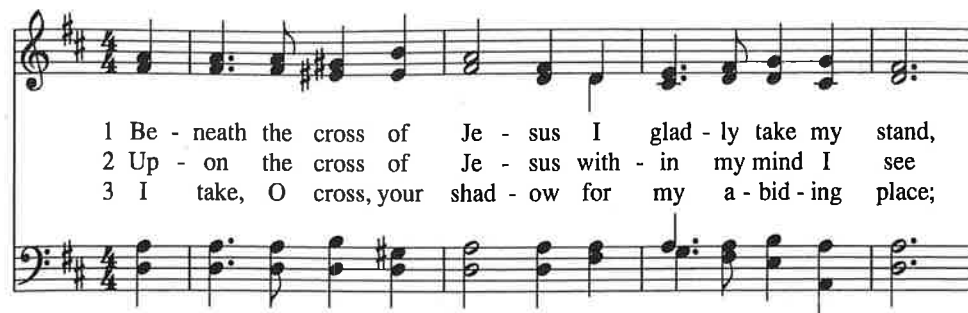
### Pastoral Prayer

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

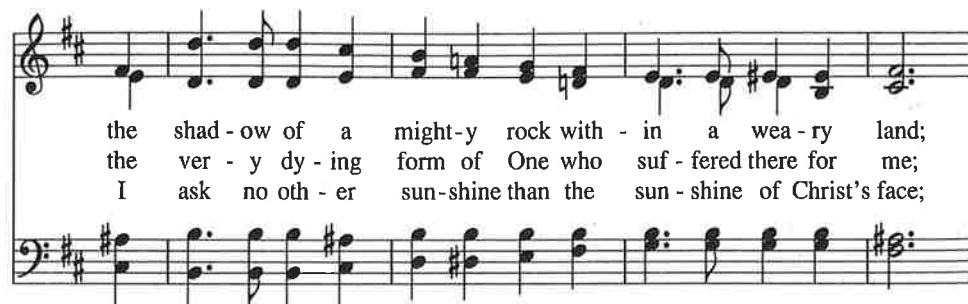
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,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

### \*The Benediction

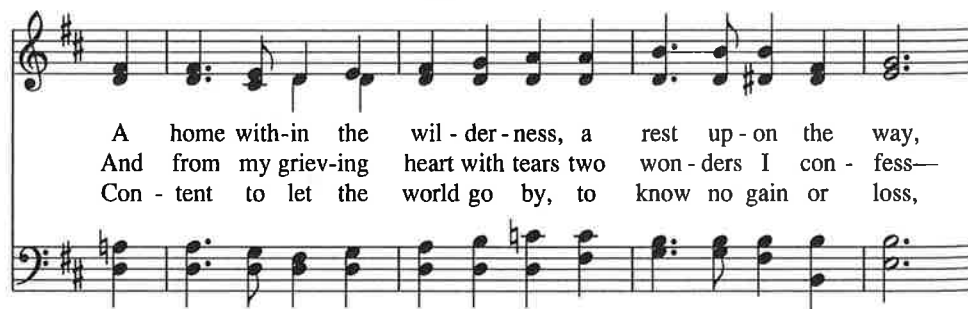
## \*Sending Hymn



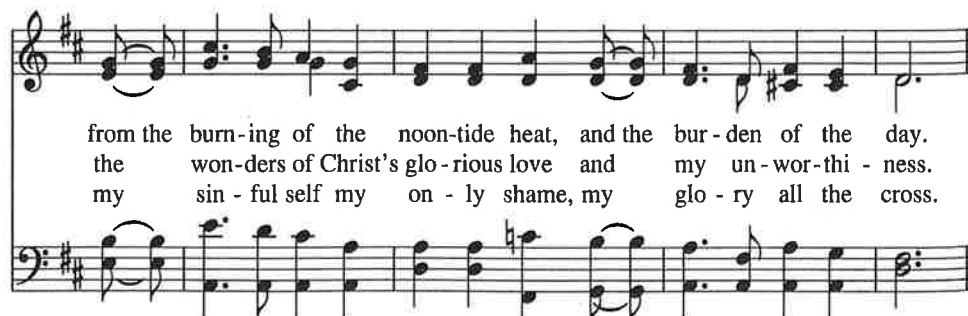
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;



A home with-in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—  
Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

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

*Postlude*

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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.



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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!

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Mission Team 2026

The Belleman's Mission team is looking to plan its next Mission Trips for 2027. If you are interested in seeing what Belleman's Mission trips are about plan to attend **our next meeting on September 15 at 6:30PM at the church.** Also, save the date for **our next Sandwich Sale on October 22!**



**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!

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**Meet the Pack Night**

**September 17th, 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](http://www.cubpack154.com) or use the QR code

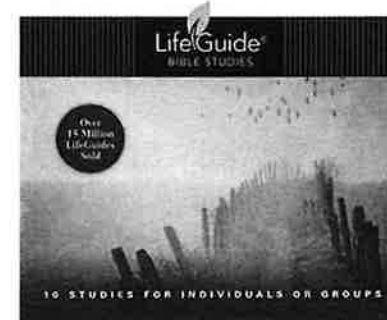
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*Learning to Live Wisely*





## 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: "Bellemans Church" and send to:  
3540 Bellemans Church Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541  
Or email: [salembellemans@frontiernet.net](mailto:salembellemans@frontiernet.net)

## 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~  
~Bellemans 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.**