

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!**      *Holy Communion*  
*Narthex Facelift and Church Cleanup meeting*  
*after worship in the chapel*

Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport  
8/15      (Belleman's Month to serve)

Sun. *Bluegrass Sunday*  
8/16 **9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove**  
*Food items for sale after worship*

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**

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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"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27

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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James Fitterling, Administrator  
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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.**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind or fire,
but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a
great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take
heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather
to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In
comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup
of the Eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a
sign of God's presence to others.*

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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.,  
Batdorf Family, Laura Schoeller, Dennis Linderman, Rick Phillips,  
Shirley Felix, Donald Fair, Michele Mountz, Judy Stettler,  
Arlene Hoffert, Jean Smith, Grace Hunzicker, Mae Weber

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**

*Unison*  
 A D A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A D E/D

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the  
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D C#m F#m

world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
 en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness,  
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry,

G Esus E G Esus E

shine on me, shine on me, shine on me, shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain* A E/A A D Bm A/C# Bm D B7/D# Esus E Esus E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

A E/A A D Bm A/C# Bm D Bm G Esus E

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A E/A A D Bm A/C# Bm D B7/D# Esus E Esus E

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A E/A A D Bm A/C# Bm D E7 A D/A

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1, 2 E/A D/A Final ending E/A D/A A D/A A

shine on me, shine on me, shine on me, shine on me, shine on me.



*\*Call to Worship*

God moves among us.

**We welcome your presence, Lord.**

Reach out your hand and I shall always be with you.

**We reach for you, Jesus, and trust that you are present when we fear or ache.**

Your presence, Oh Lord, calms the seas as it calms our hearts.

**May we rest assured that you are ever present with us, easing our worries as you love our fears away.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our gentle parent, bring calm to the storms that batter us and blow us off course. We do not need to walk on water; we need only walk through our lives as whole and holy children who recognize that your love unites us, buoys us, and carries us forward to face miraculous challenges in a complex world. Help us to see through the clutter of daily existence in order to focus on what is most important: love, compassion, faith, and connection. 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...

**God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Carla Rozsitch*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:5-15*

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you;

it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

#### *RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 85:8-13*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants, but let them not turn to folly.

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### *\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 14:22-33*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: VBS Mission Project*

# Hymn

1. My life flows on in end - less song,  
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife,  
 3. What though my joys and com - forts die?  
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,

a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I  
 I hear that mus - ic ring - ing. It  
 The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth. What  
 a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing! All

catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 finds an ech - o in my soul. How  
 though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs  
 things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain  
 hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 can I keep from sing - ing?  
 in the night he giv - eth.  
 can I keep from sing - ing?

in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing. Since

love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

# 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.**

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

The needs of our world are too numerous to name. Shelter, food, clean air and water... Our gifts touch these needs, but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world so much that we give of ourselves. Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love. So as you offer your gifts today, don't let your giving be done. Start planning to go deeper. May God now bless our hopes and dreams.

## Offering

Offertory Selection: "I Will Rise" M. Maher, L. Giglio,  
 C. Tomlin, J. Reeves

## \*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

## *Holy Communion*

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Luke the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

**In company with all believers, in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal, in the blazing splendor of your glory you called forth light from darkness, day from night. Among the living you made and called humankind, imprinting upon us your image, to be bearers of your glory in the world. Though we failed to shine, and hid your image within us, you continued to call us into fellowship with you and to fulfill your mission for us through prophets, scriptures, priests, and a people you redeemed for yourself. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human form. Born into poverty, he fulfilled his mother's song, that you would fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich empty away. Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, he forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, restored the blind and lame, visited the sick, the prisoners and the needy, and gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, transfiguring the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we pray:

**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, for ever. Amen.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed and forgiven.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

### INVITATION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All things are now ready.

*(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.**

### Sharing of the Elements

*All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Holy Communion will be offered at the Pew.*

*(Wine is provided in the outer rings - darker color)*

*(Grape juice is provided in the center of the trays - lighter color)*

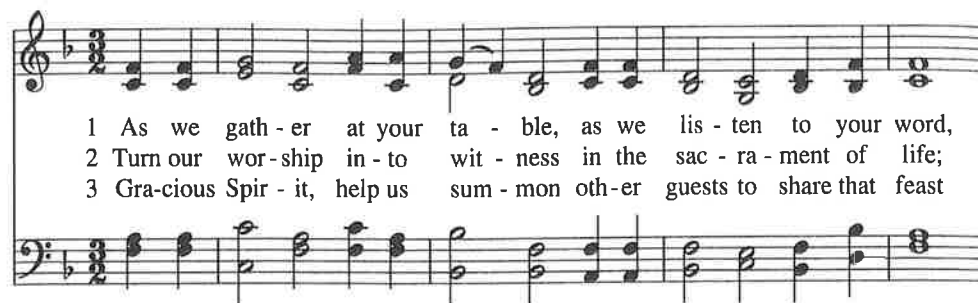
*(Gluten-free bread is available.)*

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

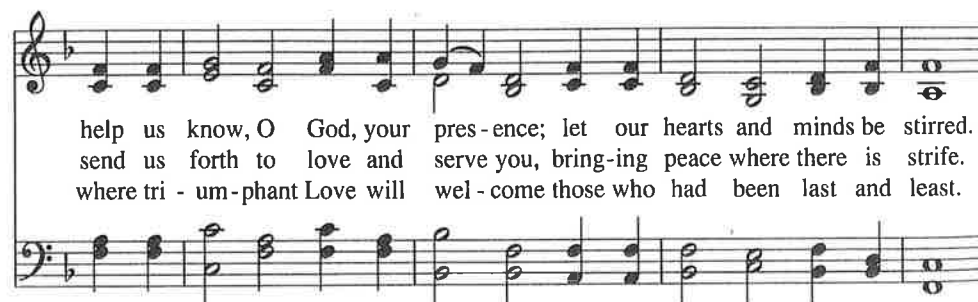
**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of your son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!**

### \*The Benediction

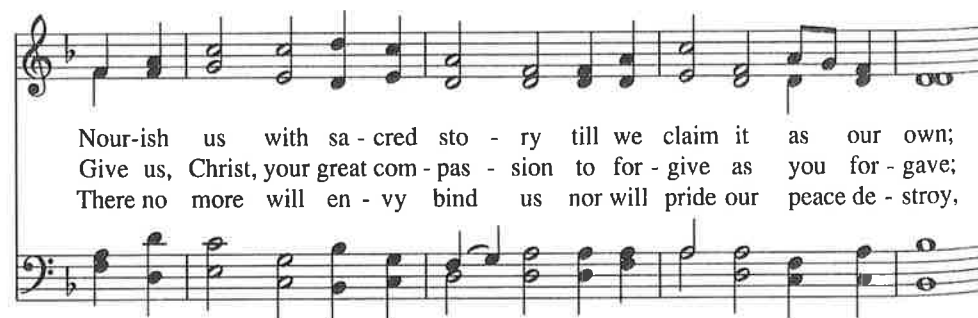
### \*Sending Hymn



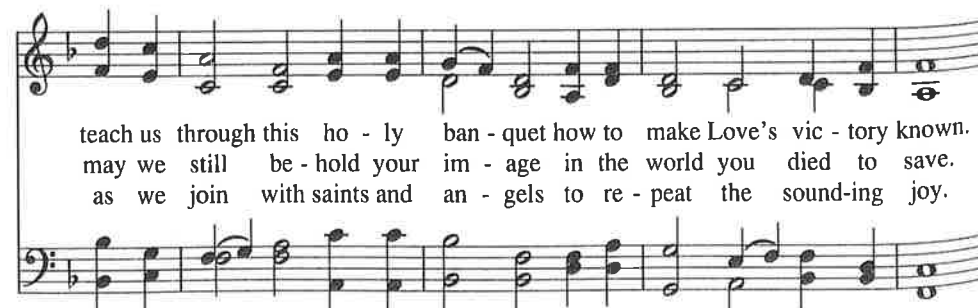
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.



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

*Postlude*

**Today's Communion Assistants (Pew Communion)**

*Ushers: Frank Kornfeind, Allen Loeb*

**Communion note:** Ask the ushers for Gluten Free options!

**Narthex Facelift and  
Church Cleanup Project**

**Help wanted!**

We will be gathering after worship **today in the chapel** to plan out a work schedule for this project. Anyone who is willing to help in any way is encouraged to attend. All skill levels welcome as work ranges from lite construction to painting to moving things and cleaning up. Thank you in advance for making this project a success!



**Soup and Pie Sunday is next Sunday!**

August 16 after our 9 a.m. worship in the grove, 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!



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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**SV Food Pantry needs your
help...mark your calendars!**



Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the **August 15, 2026** distribution. **That means that we need your help at the food pantry that day.** Help will be needed from **8 a.m. till noon.** There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your assistance!



Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 a.m. worship in the grove

Invite your friends!

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!





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

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.**