

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

Mon. 9:00AM Cleaning the Kitchen at the Fellowship Hall  
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**

Wed. (9/23) 5:30PM First Choir Rehearsal at Oliver's House

Sat. 2:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church

9/26 3-5:30PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Harvest Home Sunday - in the Old Church**

**9/27 9:00AM Sunday School**

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

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (9/28) 6:00-7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. (9/30) 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Christ
DIED
and lived again
so that he
might be
LORD
of both
the dead
and the
living.

Romans 14:9, NRSV

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.**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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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, Ron Miller,  
Arlene Hoffert, Jean Smith, Mae Weber, Dottie Cowan,  
Sue Dieffenbach, Arlene Gilmer, Rev. Martin Milne,  
Phillip Kissinger

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 "You Are My King"*

D/F# G2 Asus A

I'm for-giv - en be - cause You were for-sak - en.

D/F# G2 Asus A

I'm ac - cept - ed; You were con - demned.

D/F# G2 Asus A

I'm a - live and well, Your Spir - it is with - in me be -

G2 A D

cause You died and rose a - gain.

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D G

A - maz - ing love, how can it be

D Asus A G/A

that You, my King, would die for me?

D G

A - maz - ing love, I know it's true;

D last time to Coda 1 Asus A G/A

it's my joy to hon - or You.

2 Asus A G A D

In all I do I hon - or You.

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You are my King,

You are my King. Je - sus, You are my

King. Je - sus, You are my King.

*D.C. al Coda*

Ⓢ CODA

A G A D

In all I do I hon-or You.

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### *\*Call to Worship*

Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker of our being!

**Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**

The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us to do good work.

**Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**

Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption and restoration.

**Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and the good works of our God!**

### *\* Call to Confession*

#### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, we need your strength in our weakness. We confess that we can be judgmental and hyper-critical of our neighbors, family, and friends. We project our own shortcomings on others in order to deflect attention from our mistakes. We withhold forgiveness, mercy, and grace from those who wrong us at the same time we seek it for the wrongs we have done. Even still, we struggle to forgive ourselves. You have shown us the better way. Help us to follow your path—receiving and extending forgiveness in a world in need of an infusion of grace for transformation. In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer, and let us forgive as you forgive. 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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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 who calls, it is you who gathers us together and forms us as a community. It is you who makes us uniquely individual and who designs us for companionship. Let us journey together this day in your presence reminded of our interdependence with one another. May we see your glory and be inspired to demonstrate your goodness and care through our lives. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Dawne Clay*

*FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in

treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

*PSALM 103:1-13*

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> **The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> **he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

## SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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

## \*The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' <sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

### Children's Message

*Jingle Offering:* YMCA of Reading and Berks County  
Transitional Housing and Parenting Pathways Programs

Hymn: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Hymnal #334

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

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: "It is Well with My Soul"*

Hymnal #493

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

Postlude

## Pork BBQ Sale

Take-out or Eat-in

Sponsored by:  
Centre Township Land  
Protection Foundation

With assistance by Boy Scout Troop 154

Price: \$14.00

When: **October 11, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Where: **Belleman's Fellowship Hall  
3730 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville Pa 19541**

Call for tickets 610-926-4506 or see Larry Henne

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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
or use the QR code

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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.**