

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

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 in the Hall**

(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely,

Chapter 2: The Simple - Proverbs 7)

**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

**Sun. World Communion Sunday**

**10/4 9:00AM Sunday School**

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

(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely, Chapter 3: Avoiding the  
Fool - Proverbs 13:19; 17:12; 18:2; 21:30; 26:11 )

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (10/5) 6:00-7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Tue. (10/6) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/7 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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For the kingdom of heaven is like a

LANDOWNER

WHO WENT OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS

VINEYARD.

MATTHEW 20:1, 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)  
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry  
James Fitterling, Administrator  
Joe and Bobbie Jo King, Sextons (484-671-2531)

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Web Site: [www.bellemanschurch.org](http://www.bellemanschurch.org)

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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.**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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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*

## Administration

### Buildings and Grounds

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

#### *\*Gathering Hymn*



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.



(repeat stanza 1)

#### *\*Call to Worship*

Give thanks to the Lord.

**Call on God's holy name.**

Sing praises to our God.

**Tell of God's wonderful works.**

The Lord offers bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.

**God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.**

**Give thanks to the Lord. Let everything that draws breath  
praise God.**

#### *\* Call to Confession*

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

**You know how fickle we are, O Lord. We proclaim your  
presence with us and then we behave in ways which run  
counter to your word. We get caught up in our own  
needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives.  
Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your com-  
passionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your  
ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-  
destruction. Lift us from despair and put us back on  
track. Give us confidence in your presence and your di-  
rection throughout our lives, for we ask these things in  
Jesus' name. 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...

**Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Adult Education**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Eileen Fruchtl*

*FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11*

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. <sup>1</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to

forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." <sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

*PSALM 145:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

<sup>4</sup> **One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

<sup>6</sup> **They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

<sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.**

## SECOND READING: *Philippians 1:21-30*

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. <sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

### *\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same

thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ <sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

### *Children’s Message*

## **Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

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

## Hymn



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.  
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.



## Mission Teams and Opportunities

Sermon

### Pastoral Ministry

*\*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.

## Music Ministry

*Offering*

Offertory Selection

## Financial Ministries

*\*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.**

## Giving Thanks!!!

*\*The Benediction*

*\*Sending Hymn*

We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing  
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing  
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

we are march - ing in the light of God.

2. ***We are Dancing...***

3. ***We are Praying...***

4. ***We are Singing...***

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

*Postlude*

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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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## **It is Sandwich Sale time again!**

**Could you eat one?** We are hearing that folks are anxious to bite into a Belleman's hoagie.

Date of the sale will be:  
**Thursday, October 22.**

**Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.**

Call 484-256-5705 to order.

**Please call in orders by October 15!**

As always, options are Italian,

Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.

**Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.**



**Thanks for your support of this project!**

## **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~*

**Last minute orders can be made by using the order sheets  
on the table in the narthex**

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

### **Turkey and Waffle Volunteers needed!**

There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you have any time to donate this week as there are many tasks that need to be completed. From deboning turkey and peeling potatoes to distributing meals and traffic control, there is something for everyone!