

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!**    *Holy Communion*

*Mon. (9/7) Labor Day*

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

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

*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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### Acknowledgements:

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*The Lutheran book of Worship—Augsburg Publishing, 1978*

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and Leadership, 1986*

*The Worship Sourcebook of CRC Publications, 2004*

*"From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving" UCC Stewardship Materials*

*Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 (pp. 117-118).*

*Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*

*HE* HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE  
THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

MARK 6:34, NIV



**W**e welcome you to Salem (Bellemans') 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.bellemanschurh.org](http://www.bellemanschurh.org)

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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.**

#### *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 6, 2026*

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

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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,  
Mae Weber, Dottie Cowan, Sue Dieffenbach, Arlene Gilmer

Family of Grace Hunzicker

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 Bellemans' 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*

**"Breathe"**  
By: Marie Barnett

**This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence  
Living in me**

**And I, I'm desperate for You  
And I, I'm lost without You  
O Lord, I'm lost without You  
I'm lost without You  
And You are my daily bread**

**This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word  
Spoken to me**

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*\*Call to Worship*

Many are gathered here, hungry for so much. All who are hungry in your souls, who need rest and nourish, inspiration and faith,

**We will give you something to eat! We have stories of faith and songs of praise.**

All who are hungry in body, whose stomachs have known the pain of emptiness for more days than you can count,

**We will give you something to eat! We have resources to share and a table big enough for all!**

All who are hungry for knowledge of a God of abundance and generosity,

**We will give you something to eat! We have stories old and new of God's amazing presence and love.**

We share because we know there is already more than enough for the people of God, overflowing in baskets of bread and fish!

**We will all eat together nourished by that which Jesus himself has blessed and shared.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One of Sacred Providence, we arrive as those walking through a wilderness, too often at a loss in the face of the chaos of all around us. We are ourselves hungry and can feel overwhelmed by the task that you set before your disciples, "give them something to eat." When we have turned aside from your call, believing that only scarcity is possible, forgive us. When we cannot see that what is needed for the Realm is already at hand, forgive us. When we have failed to participate or share in your super abundance, forgive us. Restore again in us faith, imagination, and generosity that we might again participate in a small way in the feast we anticipate. 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...

**Abundant God, we meet you in our wilderness places.  
Places of chaos, places ripe for transformation. In this sacred space which is where we receive Your provision. We bring so little, a few songs, a bit of prayer, a simple meal, but they are made into an overflowing feast of worship. May we have faith that when we give, even a little, when blessed by you, becomes more than enough. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Louise Elliott*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

*RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 119:33-40*

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup> Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

<sup>36</sup> **Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.**

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

<sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.**

<sup>39</sup> Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

<sup>40</sup> **How I long for your precepts!**

**In your righteousness preserve my life.**

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

## \*The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-44

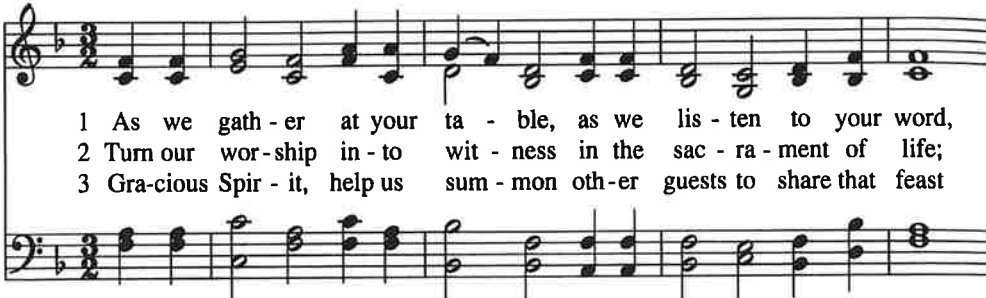
<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." <sup>32</sup>So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup>But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. <sup>35</sup>By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late." <sup>36</sup>Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five-and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup>and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup>The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

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

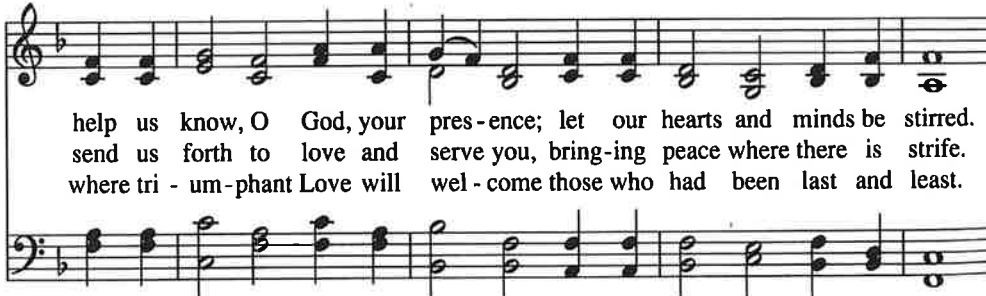
*Children's Message*

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

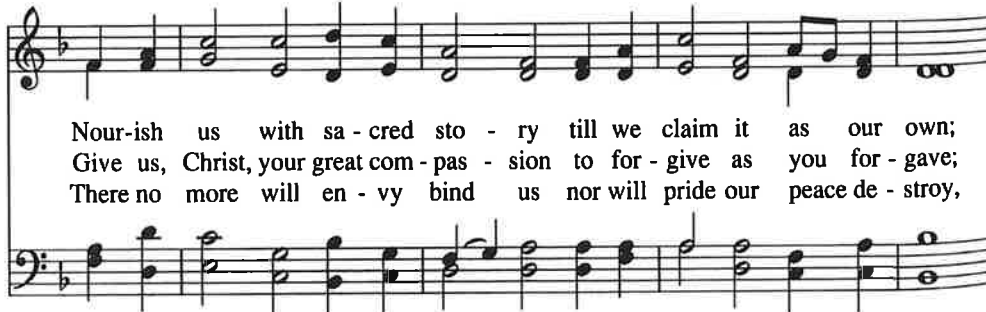
## Hymn



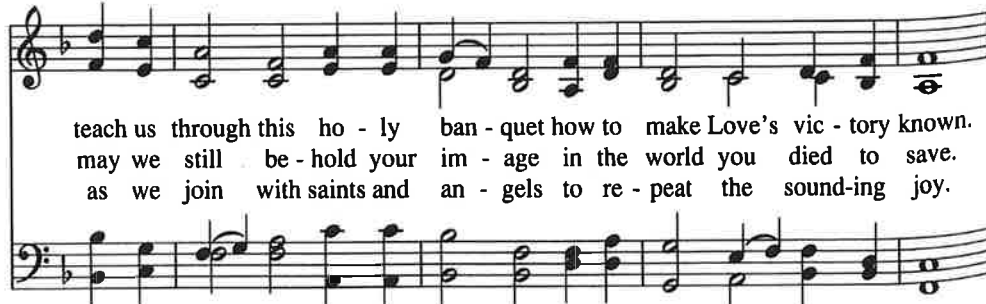
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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.

## 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

## *Holy 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.**

## *\*BLESSING*

### *\*SUNG RESPONSE*

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God!**

## *\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others. On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

**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.**

Consecrate by your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and cup, and bless us that as we receive them at this table we may offer to You our faith and our praise, we may be united with Jesus Christ and with each other, and we may remain faithful to you o God for the rest of our lives.

## \*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 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.**

### Receiving the Elements

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

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

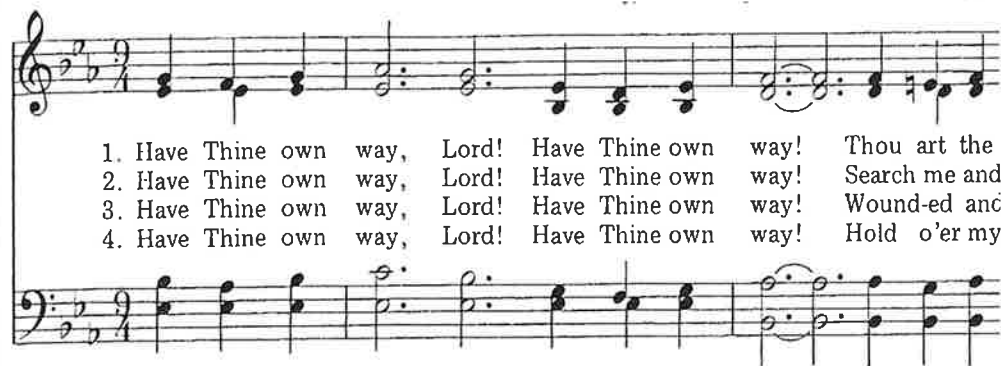
*(Gluten-free bread is available from the cup-station.)*

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

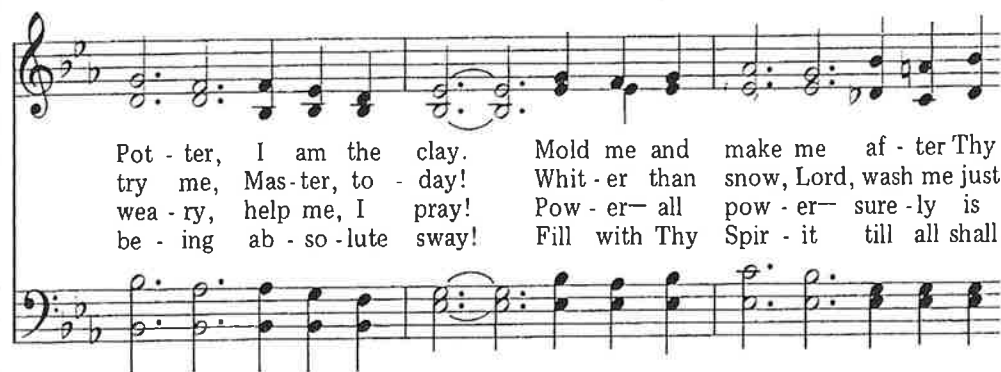
**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of your son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.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

*\*The Benediction*

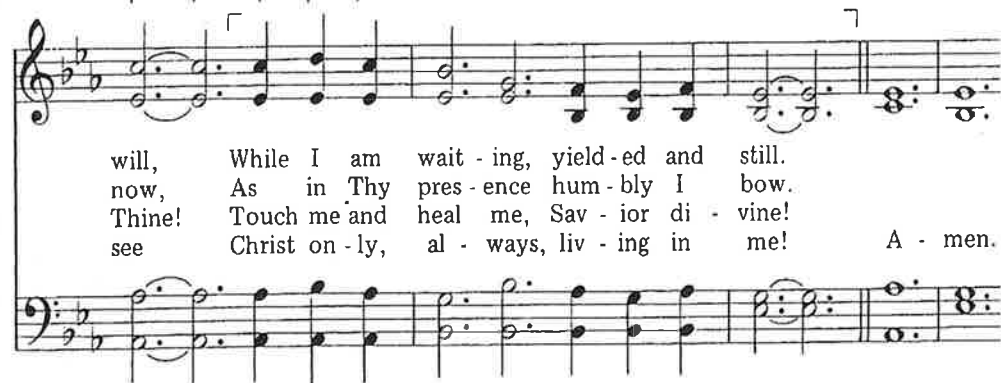
### \*Sending Hymn



1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the  
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and  
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and  
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my



Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter Thy  
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just  
wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er - all pow - er - sure - ly is  
be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall



will, While I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
now, As in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me! A - men.

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

*Postlude*

Altar Flowers are in honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mark and Ann Stump presented by their family.

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Assisting in Worship

Offering: Mark and Ann Stump

**Holy Communion Assistants - Today**

**(Altar Communion)**

Altar Assistants: Linda Henne, Maura Wesner  
Dawne Clay

Cup Stations: Kim Smyre, Diane Rothenberger  
Ushers: Eric Weyandt, Ken Borkey

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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 2027**

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:

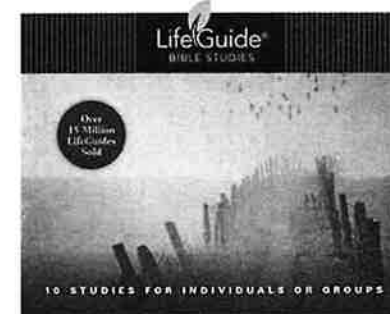
- Finding Wisdom
- Bad Words, Good Words
- Wealth & Poverty
- Planning the Future

...and more!

WILLIAM MOUSER

**PROVERBS**

*Learning to Live Wisely*



**#ADVENTUREON**



**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





**The Covenant Association**  
of the Keystone Conference UCC  
News from around the Association  
September 6, 2026  
**Greetings!**

**Living in Covenant: We Are Better Together**

One of the greatest gifts of being part of the United Church of Christ is that we are not alone. Our congregation is connected through a sacred covenant with our local Association, Conference, and the wider United Church of Christ. This covenant is not a contract with rules and obligations, but a relationship built on mutual love, trust, accountability, and shared ministry.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Just as every part of the body has a unique purpose, each local church has its own gifts to offer. At the same time, we depend upon one another. When one congregation celebrates, we rejoice together. When one struggles, we offer support, prayer, wisdom, and encouragement.

Our covenant means that we walk alongside one another as companions in faith. Associations help congregations through pastoral transitions, authorize and ordain ministers, provide guidance during times of discernment, and foster healthy relationships among churches. Our Conference equips congregations with educational opportunities, justice initiatives, disaster response, and leadership development. National church brings us closer to the work of the world, always pointing towards a more just world, for all God's creation. Together, we participate in God's work far beyond what any one congregation could accomplish alone.

Jesus prayed "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Our covenantal relationships are one way we live out that prayer. While each congregation retains its own identity and discernment, we choose to remain connected because we believe the Holy Spirit speaks through the wisdom and experiences of the wider church.

As members of our congregations, we are part of something much larger than ourselves. Together with our Association

(Covenant), Conference (Keystone), and the wider United Church of Christ, we proclaim God's extravagant welcome, seek justice, extend compassion, and share the Good News. In covenant, we discover that our individual ministries become stronger, our witness becomes bolder, and God's love reaches farther than any of us could imagine alone.

Our clergy and now our laity (through the monthly laity gathering of the Association) have opportunities to connect with not only one another within the Association and Conference but also the wider church, at least every time General Synod meets. We support one another, we share ideas with one another, and we pray for one another. When there is a disaster or an emergency need, we figure out how to help, together, because "many hands, make light work," right? That, my friends, is what our wider church is about. So next time someone says, "what does the wider church do for us?" you can tell them!

With love and support for all that we can be (together),  
Rev. Tammie Wisniewski

**REMINDER:**

1. **The Fall Association gathering** will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Huff's Church, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Spread the word!!
2. **COMBINED CHOIR AGAIN!!!** Our combine choir in 2025 was such a success that we want to have another! We are asking for musicians and members of your church choirs to come together on Sunday, October 25 at our Fall Association gathering for a combined choir. We will be singing two songs this time! PLEASE email Sharon Morris with the number of folks you plan on sending. We will get the music to you! Choir members will be asked to register as choir when we open registration. More info to come!
3. **Deadline** for any church announcements for the October bulletin insert is September 21. Send to [covenantassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:covenantassociation@yahoo.com)



## 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](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~  
~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.**