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3540 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

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Bell Notes

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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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From the Pastor

Bellemans Church is blessed with the resources to have a full-time settled pastor.

Folks sometimes ask me how I spend my week. They wonder:

What does the pastor do all day?

My stock answer is that I sit on the couch all week and watch soap operas and eat Tastykakes until Sunday when I work for an hour. The actual answer is much more complicated. My schedule varies widely based on immediate needs, the time of year, and many other factors. Probably only James the office administrator sees the scope of most what I try to do and be.

So, very loosely, I spend about 15-20 hours a week on worship preparation and sermon preparation. An average week also includes hospital visits, nursing home and care facility and home recovery visits, home communions, funerals and grief follow-up, teaching confirmation, preparing for Christmas and Lent and Easter, committee and team meetings, boy scouts and cub scouts, correspondence and email, Covenant Association and Keystone Conference UCC commitments, office time, community outreach, and trying to keep track of the hundreds of wonderful people who are the lifeblood of Christ's church community at Bellemans.

I conduct funerals for the wider community, greet folks at the Leesport Auction, hold support meetings in grocery store aisles, go to events at the schools, and try to be available as best as I can to the congregation and the community.

Oh and I forgot that I am supposed to have 1 or 2 days off a week!

I may not be in the church office when you stop in. I am always available by phone or text at (610) 334-5130. My email is kevin24@ptd.net. James in the office usually knows where I am before I do. If you would like a visit or would like to share some time together, just tell me and I will do my best to be there for you.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your pastor.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin's contact info:

Cell Phone: 610-334-5130

Email: kevin24@ptd.net

Dear Congregation, As you have noticed, this newsletter is a combined September-October edition, due to my vacation at the end of September. Please note that the office will be closed from September 20 - October 4. Phone messages and emails will be monitored while I'm away or feel free to reach out to Pastor Kevin directly in case of emergency. Enjoy this edition of "Bell Notes!"

Blessings, James

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## Church Board Highlights

August 17, 2026

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted the increased income and expenses in July were due to the work on the sexton house being completed.

Pastor Kevin reported that the Fall program year is coming quick and reminded the board of his vacation August 29-September 5. He noted that he and James will be working ahead for James' vacation from September 20-October 4.

The Fundraising committee met to finalize Turkey and Waffle plans at the beginning of August. As James reported, mailers have gone out and he has received 3 orders already. Lastly, it was noted that the Fundraising Committee did cover the summer property tax bill of \$3,644.13 for 2026.

Pastor Kevin noted that the Narthex painting and Church cleanup has been going well with more work days to come.

The Endowment committee along with the Finance Team and Board members met virtually with Virgil Kehl, the financial advisor on July 1 to review the fund. It was a very informative meeting.

The question was asked if we have heard anything from Brunner and Associates about the Old Organ restoration timing. James noted that he has not heard anything yet.

James reported that the Hope Rescue Mission made contact about a fall clothing collection again. He also noted that this collection continues to be very well supported by the congregation. James and Pastor Kevin discussed making it a one Sunday collection on October 11 with some weekday delivery times as well. This idea is to alleviate the mountain of donations that tends to take over the narthex for a month.

Lastly, Linda Henne reported a need for assistance with decorating for Christmas in November. Plans would be to decorate the week of November 16 or 23.

### Belleman's Joint Board for June

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 21,739.79 |
| Income            | \$ 18,333.34 |
| Expenses          | \$ 19,688.90 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 20,910.20 |

### Belleman's Joint Board for July

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 20,910.20 |
| Income            | \$ 70,684.57 |
| Expenses          | \$ 79,812.40 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 11,782.37 |

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Attendance/Offering

9:00AM

		Offering
August 2	70(Hall), n/a (Facebook)	\$2,625.00
August 9	72 (Sanctuary), 23 (Facebook)	\$2,361.00
August 16	70 (Hall), 54 (Facebook)	\$1,541.00
August 23	68 (Sanctuary), 22 (Facebook)	\$3,138.00
August 30	68 (Grove), 22 (Facebook)	\$2,466.00

*Facebook views convey the number of viewers who watched for at least one minute.

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### Upcoming Jingle Offerings

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

**October:** Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

### Upcoming Holy Communion Assistants

#### October 4: (Altar Communion)

*Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, Dawne Clay, Carla Rozsitch

*Cup Stations:* Frank Kornfeind, Carlene Kissinger

*Ushers:* Larry Henne, Ken Borkey

#### November 1: (Pew Communion)

*Ushers:* Kim Smyre, Roxanne McMurtry, Eric Weyandt,  
Allen Loeb, Sam Stump

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



#ADVENTUREON



## Join us for Incredible Adventures!

Cub Scouting offers something for everyone. Come take an adventure while learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun!

## Meet the Pack Night

Thursday, 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!

Visit BeAScout.org or Scan the QR Code —>



Have questions? Contact us below.

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cubpack154.com



## Sunday School Returns September 20!

Sunday School returns to its 9:00 a.m. time slot on Sunday, September 20. (Worship moves back to 10:00 a.m.)

**Children's Classes** will meet in the basement area classrooms. These classes are for children aged preschool through 6th grade. All are welcome to attend!



**Confirmation Class** will meet in the upstairs Loft area. This class is for students in grades 7 and 8. The orientation meeting for the class is scheduled for September 20th at 9:00AM. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending classes, be sure to **come to the first meeting!**

**Adult Sunday School:** The traditional Adult Sunday School will once again be held in the church sanctuary and led by Crystal Cammauf-Young and the Belleman's Orchestra.

**Coffee Talk Discussion Group:** This group meets weekly in the Chapel for coffee, fellowship and discussion, led by Eileen Fruchtl.



### **\*\*NEW THIS FALL \*\***

The Post Confirmation Age Class returns this fall thanks to the leadership of Kim Smyre and others!

This class is for 9th grade and older and will explore Christian teachings and help to relate them to everyday life. Join us beginning September 20 at 9 a.m. upstairs in the loft!



## 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 Fellowship Hall.** Also, mark your calendars for our **next Sandwich Sale...**



### 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!**

## 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**





## Bazaar Flea Market is Back!!



Only about 20 days until the first collection of items for the market.

Three groups of people are responsible for the success of the market: those who organize and work the sale; those who donate items; those who purchase items. The combined efforts of all have resulted in very nice profits.

Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, September 28. Items should be brought to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:30. Collections will be made on every Monday through October 26.

Help is always needed for: unloading the cars, unpacking and sorting items, pricing items, arranging stock on shelves and tables. Anyone who can come for even one session will be joyfully welcomed.

Things that cannot be accepted: outdated electronics, items that are broken or not in working order, shoes, clothing, baby items that do not meet safety code, car seats, microwaves, computers & computer components, and old television sets. Almost anything else is welcome. Please do not drop off items if no one is at the Fellowship Hall.

Help is especially needed on Friday, November 6 and Saturday November 7. Questions? Call Linda Henne 610 926 4506. Our thanks to all who have helped to make this project so successful in the past and to those who will be working to make it a wonderful success again.

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Give the "Gift of Life"

Unfortunately, we are unable to schedule a blood drive for this fall. However, you can donate for Bellemans anytime at the blood center on Leisczs Bridge Road, Reading.

Reach out to the church office with any questions.

Your Blood. Their Hope.



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

BLUE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CHORUS

*Catherine Zimmerman - Director *Sara Jackson - Accompanist



Sunday, September 20 2:00 PM

Zion's Lutheran Church, Shoemakersville

Saturday, October 3 11:00 AM

Jim Dietrich Park, Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd., Muhlenberg Twp

Sunday, October 11 3:00 PM

Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Schuylkill Haven

For information call 484-671-2567

Calendar of Events

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

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

Sun. World Communion Sunday

10/4 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

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

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

10/11 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

10:00AM Worship Service

Pork BBQ Sale (See page 7)

Calendar of Events

Mon. (10/12) 6:00-7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/14 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu. (10/15) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle

Sat. (10/17) 8:00AM-Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

10/18 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

10/19 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/21 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall

10/22 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

Sun. Reformation Sunday

10/25 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon. (10/26) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

10/28 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion

11/1 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

10:00AM Worship Service

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/4 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Fri. (11/6) 8:30AM to 6:00PM - Bazaar

Sat. (11/7) 8:30AM to 12 noon - Bazaar

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

11/8 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

10:00AM Worship Service

SALEM BELLEMAN'S CHURCH
 is partnering with
Hope Rescue Mission & LightHouse!
Clothing Roundup
Sunday, October 11, 2026



We'll be collecting all seasons of clothing for men, women and children.

Coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses, new mens underwear & long Johns in sizes small to xxxl.



Note: This clothing donation collection is one Sunday only or donations can be dropped off at church Monday (October 12) - Thursday (October 15). Donations are scheduled for pickup on Friday, October 16. Let's fill their truck!

Relay for Life - Fundraiser

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass

Shopping Pass cost is \$5 for the 25% off

Pass is good for Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 8 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Contact: Mark or Ann Stump @ 610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com

James will also have some in the Church Office



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 - SHOP 8AM - 11PM

25% OFF*
 LOWEST SALE PRICES
SHOPPING PASS

Enjoy 25% off* your purchase in-store or online. Not valid with other discounts or promotions. Present this pass at checkout to receive your discount.

Valid Wednesday, October 21, 2026 only

\$5 DONATION PER PASS

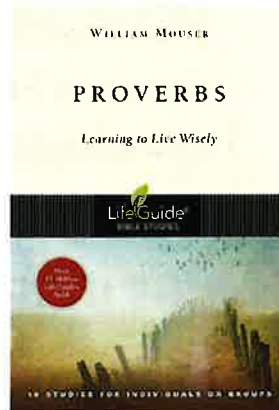
Coming to Coffee Talk this Fall...

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!



Narthex Facelift Update

The new and improved Narthex has been coming together nicely over the last few weeks! Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand with this project in anyway. Stay tuned for the finished product!



Belleman's Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

in the Fellowship Hall
3730 Belleman's Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541



FRIDAY
November 6, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
November 7, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Home Made Foods Served
Soups, BBQ, Chicken Pot Pie
Platter, Sandwiches & more
Pastries, Candy, Crafts, Raffle,
Quilt



FLEA MARKET





On All Saints, November 1st, we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of the saints from the congregation that are now in the Church Triumphant. A candle will be lit for each member listed below.

<u>Born</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Died</u>
03/31/1949	Rev. Bruce W. Potteiger	01/01/2026
11/25/1949	Douglas N. Bausher	01/08/2026
09/14/1948	Susan L. Sapna Kline	01/10/2026
10/25/1947	Marcella J. Runyeon	01/25/2026
03/22/1935	John W. Schlappich	04/16/2026
07/10/1945	Eugene P. Kemp	05/03/2026
12/06/1941	Diane M. Miller	05/16/2026
02/15/1932	Jane L. Kershner	05/16/2026
12/01/1930	George W. Kunkle	05/20/2026
05/14/1956	Dennis W. Linderman	08/05/2026



Belleman's Military Members

CWO2 Josh Linderman
Andrew Potts
1LT Bradley P. Hoppes
SGT Andrew Cichowicz
Nathan P. Stump
SGT John R. Wesner

MAJ James Fluck
MAJ Michael Kufro
MSgt Kevin Mohn
GYSGT Phillip Spatz
Alfred Cross
Cydney Lawrence
Dustin Spatz

September Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1st Rhonda Adam,
Aaron Cammauf, Emily Fair,
Luke Jozwiak, Alex Difatta | 18th Ryan Moser,
Shannon Perzel |
| 2nd Nikailyn Madden | 19th Brandon Corolla,
Colin Smith, Jay Grube,
Brian Gery |
| 3rd Colleen Bungarz, Mollie Kintzer | 20th Nichole Leibensperger |
| 4th Michael Joseph Fluck, | 22nd Marilyn Yoder,
Wolf Arnold |
| 5th Paulann Bradbury,
Samantha Jroski, Carol Weyandt | 23rd Barry Edwards,
Connor Zaleski, Emma Potts |
| 6th Oliver Blatt, Cody Zerbe,
Jared Fenstermacher, Esther Sutliff,
Kerry Wagner, Madison Hilbert | 24th Michele Dietrich,
Rev. Joshua Fitterling,
Carolyn Machmer,
Richard Evans, Sandy Borkey,
Sean Livinghouse, |
| 7th Chad Wolfe | 25th Rita Bausher |
| 8th Evalina Polak | 26th Tara Beerman, Natalie Redc
Randy Phillips, Ellie Weyandt |
| 9th Larry Werley | 27th Brian Boyer |
| 10th Calvin Bair, Carol Burkey,
Logan Kunkle, Cam Michaud,
John Michaud | 28th Kenneth Bungarz III,
Lindsey Bradbury,
Andrew Smyre |
| 11th Jodie Difatta, Sheila Reppert,
Michael Holcombe | 29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,
Michele Zimmerman
Theodore Cortes |
| 12th Michael Jroski, Nicholas Jroski
Kayla Rhein | 30th George Phillips, Jr.,
Chloe Zimmerman,
Courtney Zimmerman
Luke Jack Weyandt |
| 13th Karie Wagner, Livia Kiwak,
Derrick Lush | |
| 14th Alex Jesse Hoffman,
Randy Shurr, Easton Bausher | |
| 15th Craig Hartman, Sandy Gring | |
| 16th Ryan Gordon, Mary Jane Grube | |
| 17th Bridget Hoffert,
Jeffrey Mohn | |

September Anniversaries

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|---|---|
| 1st Jason Kiwak & Jessica Harle | 20th Jason & Sara Levan |
| 2nd Barry & Michelle Edwards | 21st Ryan and Cheyenne Potts |
| 3rd Dan and Carly Weyandt | 22nd Oliver and Amber Blatt
Kenneth and Nicole Jacoby |
| 5th Chris and Jennifer Jozwiak | 23rd Brian and Kara Gery |
| 6th Mark & Ann Stump
Eric and Carol Weyandt | 26th James & Linette Baer,
Therman & Bonnie Madeira |
| 7th Harold & Carol Spatz | 28th Pastor Kevin and Eileen
Fruchtl |
| 8th Benjamin & Jessica Weist | |
| 16th Mark & Elizabeth Veres | |

October Birthdays

- 2nd Terry Frederick, Lee Henne,
Owen Machmer, Leah Potts,
Holly Jean Wesner,
Daylin Dalton
- 3rd Michael Fluck, Larry Mohn
- 4th Harold L. Spatz,
Ryan Livinghouse,
Tyler McMurtry
- 5th Skip Corolla, Jillian Phillips,
Daniel Kiefer, Benjamin King,
Lynn Hart
- 6th Terry Clay, Naomi Arnold
- 8th Aaron Nabozny,
Allison Younker,
- 9th Myra Snyder
- 10th Dorothy Bausher,
Priscilla Kiefer
- 11th Linda Hartman
- 12th Ruth Ohlinger
- 13th Kristy Hard
- 14th Robert Elliott
- 15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle
Andrea Quillman,
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein
- 16th Bradley Lynn,
Roxanne McMurtry,
Danielle Naugle
- 17th Eileen Fruchtl
- 18th Keith Haas, Avery Phillips,
Daniel Linderman, Ian Heller,
Chad Ernst
- 19th Therman Madeira
Matthew Machmer
- 20th Lindel Hahn, Alanah Stump
Trevor Cammauf
- 21st Kelsie Drumheller, Andrea Cox
Samantha Weyandt
- 22nd Paul Levey, Kaitlyn Quillman,
Kristen Quillman, Michael Krajewski
- 23rd Jevin Dougherty, Brenda Yoder

October Birthdays

- 24th Robert Billman,
Stephanie Gilmer
- 25th Leah James, Bob Billman
Nathaniel Dalton, Susan Gehris,
Cindi Strunk
- 26th Michael Kufro
- 27th Pamela Richards, Jim Sellers,
Elizabeth Daigle
- 28th Michael Gehris,
Kelly Troutman
- 29th Scott Berg, Barry Geisinger,
Harold Sunday, John Lewis, Jr.
Kailey McMurtry
- 30th Ronnie Adam, Kelly Schwank,
- 31st Porter McRae, Eric Troutman
Alyse Hein, Micah Blatt

October Anniversaries

- 1st Michael & Karen Harle,
- 3rd Darin & Brenda Hein
- 4th Scott & Michele Dietrich
Wayne & Arlene Hoffert
Shawn and Meaghan Bausher
- 5th Santi & Linda Imbesi
Cody and Lynda Marks
- 6th Roy & Danielle Moser,
Charles & Elisha Zimmerman
Andrew and Kelly Kauffman
- 8th Larry & Linda Henne
- 9th Richard & June Dautrich
- 12th Frank & Mica Kornfeind
John and Melissa Lewis
- 14th Kenn and Natalie Redd
- 17th Bradley & Kimberly
Dougherty
- 21st Donald & Brenda Hoffa
- 22nd Michael & Jennifer
Krajewski
- 24th Lester & Gloria Gambler
Doug and Karen Eisenhofer
- 25th Joshua & Sara Linderman

Music News

It's time!

**As summer turns to autumn, our
choirs return for practices and
performances!**

All our choirs will be singing and ringing
old favorites, along with traditional and
contemporary music, creating a fun and
eclectic
blend of music for all tastes.

If you'd like to be a part of our music
family, we would love to have you. The
more, the merrier!

The only requirement to be a part of the
music program is a love of music as we
ring and sing our praises!

Musically,

Oliver