Bell Notes

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

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Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



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

Last month my newsletter article explored, "What does the pastor do all week?" I shared about what passes for an average week and how my time as pastor is allocated. It is clear that there is more to do than there is time in the day. As the church, there are ways that you can indeed help me by helping your congregation.

You can volunteer to serve on a team or committee. We have tried to make sure our teams are working well because your time is valuable. Some of your time offered to your church can make a big difference.

Please try to keep me as informed as possible. As pastor, people sometimes believe I "just find things out" or the hospital always calls me or someone just lets me know that a church member is in need of a visit. I would rather be contacted multiple times for the same person that not find out an important piece of information. Help me to stay informed.

When you are sharing information with me, please write it down, text me, email me or call me when it isn't Sunday morning. My old brain is less capable of clinging to a thousand details than it used to be. Help me by communicating with more than just a quick verbal comment.

Finally, help me by being willing to go out and visit with members of your church. We would appreciate some more people who would be willing to visit people in their homes so we can make sure all of our folks who can't get to church still feel like they are a loved part of the community.

We can work together to strengthen our congregation. With God's blessing and our effort, may it be so.

God is doing great things through Bellemans.

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

Church Board Highlights October 19, 2026

Minutes from the September 14 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer Larry Henne noted that his report reflects the Turkey and Waffle income. Also, church maintenance costs were higher for the month with the $2,764 for repointing and also a HVAC repair by All Temp and it was the quarterly Ehrlich visit. Pastor Kevin questioned if there were any concerns with costs for the upcoming heating season. Larry noted that we have prepaid for propane over the summer.

Administrator James Fitterling included a request for his remaining 2026 vacation, November 19-24 and November 30-December 5.

Fundraising submitted reports on Turkey/Waffle and Summer Sales. Both were successful fundraising events with Turkey and Waffle making a record profit over $6,300 and selling 411 meals. Summer sales grossed $2,493.

The Music and Worship Committee met recently to pick music for upcoming services and to review the 2027 Belleman's Calendar.

The Mission Team met and has two trips planned for 2027. One in March to West Virginia and one in August to St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. The August trip will be an opportunity for Youth to be involved. Additionally, their sandwich sale is coming up and will be making over 1100 sandwiches.

The Personnel Committee has begun their annual reviews with church employees as we head toward preparations for the 2027 Spending Plan.

A question was asked about the status of the display items that were removed from the Narthex. Pastor Kevin noted that discussions have been happening for a new display case.

There was a suggestion in the past to purchase an iPad for running the service live streams. This came up again when James was on vacation and Eileen Fruchtl ran the livestream, as folks need to use their personal phones for the video. Allen Loeb noted that he has an iPad at home that he doesn't use. We will try that iPad before looking to purchase one.

Sometime during the week of October 4 the Altar Candles went missing. It is unknown who took them or where thy might be or how someone got into the church. For the time being, James put some real candles on the altar and he looked up pricing for a new set. Cost for a pair of candles would be around $200. There was also a suggestion to add a Blink security camera to the sanctuary. These purchases were approved

Belleman's Joint Board Financial Report for August

Beginning Balance	$11,782.37
Income	$23,093.84
Expenses	$20,820.27
Ending Balance	$14,055.94

Belleman's Joint Board Financial Report for September

Beginning Balance	$14,055.94
Income	$28,987.19
Expenses	$32,797.97
Ending Balance	$10,245.16

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Attendance/Offering

	Worship Attendance	Offering
Sept. 6	66 (Sanctuary), 34 (Facebook)	$3,367.00
Sept. 13	68 (Sanctuary), 31 (Facebook)	$2,248.00
Sept. 20	81 (Sanctuary), 30 (Facebook)	$2,621.00
Sept. 27	95 (Sanctuary), n/a (Facebook)	$3,705.00
Oct. 4	80 (Sanctuary), 25(Facebook)	$4,192.00
Oct. 11	86 (Sanctuary), 22 (Facebook)	$2,680.00
Oct. 18	79 (Sanctuary), 22 (Facebook)	$1,977.00
Oct. 25	86 (Sanctuary), 31 (Facebook)	$3,147.00

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

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SV Food Pantry Donations



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 Chapel and will be delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.

Thank You for your participation!

November Jingle Offerings are designated for Operation Christmas Child Project (see insert)

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In the case of inclement weather, Announcement of the cancellation of Sunday activities at the church will be recorded on the church answering service. **Call the church number 610 -926-0461,** check Facebook or the WFMZ website for this information . The decision on cancellation will be made early enough that you will know well before services are slated to begin.

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Communion Assistants For December 6th

Altar Assistants
Dawne Clay
Linda Henne
Maura Wesner

Cup Stations
Frank Kornfeind, Diane Rothenberger

Ushers
Ken Borkey, Larry Henne



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The Annual December Congregational Meeting is coming up on December 13

The following items will be up for discussion and approval:

- 2027 Spending Plan
- New Board, Council and Consistory members



The Sandwich Queen!



You may remember that earlier this year we had a fun little contest to guess how many sandwiches the Mission Team has made over the years. The winner was Dorothy Bausher and she won a free sandwich per sandwich sale for life! Well, at our recent sale, she wore her sandwich hat and claimed her prize, a sandwich wrapped in gold!

Thank you to all who continue to support the sandwich sales. The recent sale yielded over $5,000 profit for mission work locally and afar!

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Relay for Life - Applebee's Fundraiser

Burgers for a Cause Coupons

Preorder by 11/19/2026

Delivery after 12/15/2026 (Great stocking stuffer!)

$10 per coupon to have a Burger Meal off Applebee's menu.

Signup sheet in vestibule or Contact Ann or Mark Stump @ 610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com

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The Narthex Facelift continues to take shape. Fresh paint, new ceiling, new lighting, new bulletin boards, new tables and a good floor cleaning have all been completed.

Thank you to everyone who has lent their time and talents to accomplish this project!

Mission Trip Opportunities 2027!

Mission News

Mission Trip to West Virginia

When: March 14-20, 2027
Where: Weston, West Virginia
Reason: To help with recovery from July Flooding. This trip is once again being coordinated through the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders.
Cost: $60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.
How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so you can be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.

The Fuller Center for Housing

Summer 2027 Mission Trip to Kentucky

When: August 1-7, 2027
Where: St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky
Reason: This summertime trip gives an opportunity for youth to participate in a mission trip. Youth 13 and older are allowed on job sites but youth of any age are welcome and can help around the mission.
Cost: $60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.
How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so you can be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.

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DAVID, KENTUCKY

Please contact James in the church office if you have any questions. Also, feel free to talk to any past mission team members to see what it's like to go on a Mission Trip!

Calendar of Events

Sun. All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion
11/1 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely, Chapter 7: The Sluggard
Proverbs 6:6-8; 13:4; 15:19; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:14-16)
10:00AM Worship Service
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Council and Consistory Meeting after worship

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**
(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely, Chapter 8: Wealth & Poverty
Proverbs 10:4,15,22; 13:8; 18:11,23; 19:4; 21:6; 30:8-9)
10:00AM Worship Service

Tue. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting
11/10

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
11/11 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
***11/15 9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship

Mon. (11/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
11/18 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (11/21) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday
11/22 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship

Calendar of Events

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
11/25 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (11/26) Thanksgiving Day

Sun. First Sunday of Advent
11/29 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship
2 p.m. Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus Christmas Concert

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/2 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Holy Communion
12/6 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/9 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
***12/13 9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship *with Kids Christmas Program*
Congregational Meeting following Worship
5:30PM Old Church Christmas Celebration

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/16 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (12/19) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

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Mobile Giving App

Vanco has been the administrator of online and scheduled giving for Belleman's for many years. The app is called Vanco Mobile. Once downloaded, you can designate offerings to Belleman's with a credit card or bank transfer. If you have any questions about this or to get started with Vanco Mobile, please contact the church office.

Turkey and Waffle Report

Gratefully, we again saw new faces and lots of help each day of the Turkey and Waffle week. We prepared for 411 pre-ordered dinners and welcomed walk-ins also. Added to this "to-do" list were 140 pounds of pepper cabbage, 400 pounds of potatoes for filling, 200 pounds sweet potatoes and 200 pies. Thank you to all who were part of this successful project. A profit of $6,300 was a record breaker for this take-out event!

By the way, special thanks to the traffic control folks and the runners for getting soaked and chilled with a sincere smile on their faces. As you view the Turkey Week pictures you will certainly see the fun had by all.



Belleman's Old Church Christmas Celebration



Sunday, December 13, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Belleman's Old Church

3734 Belleman's Church Road

Mohrsville, Pa 19541

Battery lights will be provided for the service.

Reminder: Belleman's Old Church does not have heat, electric or plumbing. Please dress accordingly for the weather.

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall Following the Service

AND

Christmas Cookie Exchange

If you wish to participate, please bring your favorite cookies packaged 6 per pack.

Celebrating Christmas like it's 1850!

Questions? ... Call 610-926-0461

Endowment Fund

Belleman's Church Endowment Fund was established for the preservation of our church. **Tax-deductible** gifts are available by completing the following information:

IN HONOR or IN MEMORY OF:

_____

Your name (Donor): _____

Your address: _____

Gift of $_____

Payable to: Belleman's Church—Endowment Fund
3540 Belleman's Church Road,
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8916

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Cemetery Logs and Wreaths

Troop 154 will have wreaths and logs available again this year for placement on cemetery graves. We can also place them on Belleman's (Fairview) Cemetery for you. Selections are listed below.

CHRISTMAS WREATHES – NEW ITEMS!!			
Large Decoration Planter	_____	@ $24.00	_____
6" X 10" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ $18.00	_____
6" X 18" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ $24.00	_____
18" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ $18.00	_____
24" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ $24.00	_____
Stands (At Cost): _____ 18" wreath	_____ 24" wreath	@ $4.00	_____

Call Larry Henne for additional information, 610-926-4506

Poinsettia sale 2026



Rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by placing poinsettias in church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletin for your use, or you can see Linda Henne at Church or call her at 610-926-4506. Plants are available this year @ $10.00 each and will be available in **Red, White, Jingle Bell** (red leaf with white speckles) and **Ice Crystal** (dark pink speckles on white leaf) this year. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.

Orders should be placed **by December 13.** ***Thank you.***

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91st Birthday Card Shower

On December 10th for



Mae Weber
Maidencreek Place
105 Dries Road, Room 40
Reading Pa 19605

Please consider sending a card to help Mae celebrate her 91st birthday!

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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

Thank you for your service!

November Birthdays

1st Ruth Borkey
2nd Richard Bausher, Daryl Klopp, Hawken Kiwak, Cheryl Kring
3rd Pierson Fluck
4th Karen Hahn
5th Tim Eschbach, Hazel Weyandt
6th Christopher Hartman, Christine Jroski
7th Crystal Cammauf-Young
8th Deanne Rahn, Carol Kissinger
9th Cassandra Bradbury Olive Weyandt
10th Lauryn Lush
11th Carol Kinney, Kyle Livinghouse
12th Peggy Hartman
13th Christopher Gery, Michael Wagner,
14th Lloyd Barnett, Tammy Louise Brown
14th Ricky Kerschner
15th Andrew Cichowicz, Ashtyn Cammauf
16th Kevin Labe, Jr.
17th Ryan Potts, Kylie Gregor
18th Faye Noecker, Lukas Smyre
19th Dante Fillipini, Philip Kistler Linda Conrad, Abigail Mitten Helen Loeb
20th Carol Hook, Cory Eisenhofer Emmalynn Kauffman
21st Cheyenne Strunk
22nd Noah Oswald
23rd Charles Miller, Nancy Zipp
25th Cole Savage, Samuel Schreffler
26th Jackie Mitten
27th Todd Gregor, Doug Eisenhofer
28th Robin Stiefel
29th Kyle Kunkle Linda Schlottman
30th Ann Stump Joshua Linderman

November Anniversaries

2nd Connor & Hannah Becker
7th Kristopher & Tara Beerman
8th George & Tina Phillips
11th Jonathan & Andrea Hoffman
14th Warren & Peggy Hartman, Thomas & Karla Lawrence
16th Garry & Nancy Wesner
18th Dennis & Susan Dougherty
19th Terry & Dawne Clay
21st Harold & Stephani Mohn
22nd Eric and Kelly Troutman
26th Lloyd & Ruth Barnett
28th Richard & Rita Bausher

Music News

It got cold outside!

And that means that we're heading into my favorite season of the year! (Except for the falling temperature)

Even though Thanksgiving hasn't quite happened yet, our music family is busily preparing for our Christmas Eve service. We are always looking to grow our music family here at church, so the Christmas season is the perfect time to "test the waters" so to speak. We'd love to have you!

So, if you're like me, and don't like being cold, come and join our music family. Even if the physical temperature is cold, music is a great way to warm both the mind and spirit. Give it a try!

Musically,

Oliver

Two ways to give this holiday season...



The Angel Tree is Here!!!
Please take an Angel, purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag and bring it back to church by November 29. Again this year the gifts will go to Safe Berks. Thank You.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CHORUS

*Catherine Zimmerman - Director *Sara Jackson - Accompanist

Presents

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 2:00 P.M.

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH MOHRSVILLE

FREEWILL OFFERING

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