

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
Church Office: 610-926-0461
Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: bellemanschurch.org



From the Pastor

The Christmas decorations are up everywhere, which means that Thanksgiving must be coming soon.

It feels difficult to give thanks. Our country is struggling with social, racial, and political divisions. Our press and media and social media seem to believe that the more sensational and hate-filled the content becomes, the better it is.

We want to give thanks for what we have, but deep down I pray that we recognize that this world can be better. As individuals, it feels overwhelming. But when we unite under the gospel good news of our Savior Jesus Christ, we can show our communities and the world that there is a better way. A most excellent way.

“I am the way” Jesus says to us. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

The “truth” is not coming to you from the news, or the internet, or at the breakfast table with your friends.

Jesus challenges us to respond to hate not with hate but with love. Jesus challenges us to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. Jesus challenges us to see all of God’s children as beloved and worthy of God’s love and of ours.

Our country right now is feeding on anger, and violence, and misinformation that is disguised as the truth. Be awake. Be thankful. Be careful about what you read, and what you believe. Respond in love. Make this world kinder. And remember that “Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

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About the cover... The northern lights as viewed over the Old Belleman’s Cemetery on October 10, 2024.
Photo by Lee Henne

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**Church Board Highlights      October 21, 2024**

Treasurer Larry Henne noted the Turkey and Waffle Dinner gross deposits (\$8,736.94) which were an “in-and-out” on the report and turned over to the Fundraising Committee.

Pastor Kevin reported that he attended the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry distribution and noted some visitations that he has made. In advance of this meeting the Board members were asked to have three things in mind that he should be looking to focus on as he is starting at Belleman’s. Board members took turns introducing themselves and presenting their items of importance and some general discussion was had.

The Fundraising Committee reported that the Turkey and Waffle event made a profit of \$5,037.04.

The Property Committee reported that we have not yet received a final bill for the Church roof project. Next, Larry Henne reported that there are some issues coming up with various remaining fluorescent lighting fixtures in the Church and Hall. Discussion has been had about undertaking a project to replace the remaining fluorescent fixtures with LED lights in both the Church and Fellowship Hall. The board approved to move forward and look into this project. Lastly, James noted about the parking lot lines needing to be repainted sometime soon as they are faded pretty bad.

The Mission Team met on October 15 to discuss plans for a local mission project in November and a trip to North Carolina from March 8-15, 2025 with the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. There are 11 signed up for the trip and 4 for the local project so far. The group also had their Sandwich Sale in October with a profit just a bit over \$5,000.

The Community Outreach Committee reported on their plan to have a Christmas in the Old Church event for December 15 at 5:30 p.m. Based on the time of year we will need to make sure that people know that there is no heat and to dress accordingly. Lighting will also be handled similarly to the anniversary service from 2021, and using battery lights and lanterns. As per the Old Church Policy, the Board needs to approve the use of the Old Church during the months of October through March. The board

approved the request. Also, James noted that Katrina Lukawski volunteered to help out with the church Facebook page. He got her setup on the page to start doing that. Also regarding Facebook, the committee requested to be able to spend up to \$50 per month to run some Facebook ads for upcoming events and such. This was also approved.

The 2025 benevolence commitment of \$6,000 divided evenly among the UCC and Lutheran wider churches was approved. It was noted that what is given toward Benevolence through the offering envelopes is what is sent to the synod and conference whether it be above or below this amount.

There was a suggestion to make a donation from the Heffner tithe for Hurricane Milton Relief since the Jingle Offerings from October are collected for the Hurricane Helene response. This way we are covering both storms. A \$500 donation was approved.

Lastly, James reported on a non-member request to use the church for a funeral on Friday, November 8 at 11 a.m. since the burial is on the Fairview cemetery here. The funeral is for Lois and Robert C. Hoy who were members at St. Peter's church in West Lawn. The family is looking to have either Pastor Jen from St. Peter's or retired Pastor Chris Hayden officiating. Since this is kind of a new request, fees were discussed as such: \$200 for church use, \$300 for Oliver, \$150 for James and \$100 for the Sextons and these fees are the responsibility of the family. This request and fees were approved.

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Belleman's Joint Board Financial Report for September

Beginning Balance	\$21,538.87
Income	\$23,767.24
Expenses	\$16,627.02
Ending Balance	\$28,679.09

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### Attendance/Offering

|         | Worship Attendance             | Offering   |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Oct. 6  | 79 (Sanctuary), n/a(Facebook)  | \$2,860.00 |
| Oct. 13 | 86 (Sanctuary), 244 (Facebook) | \$2,297.00 |
| Oct. 20 | 76 (Sanctuary), 233 (Facebook) | \$3,796.00 |
| Oct. 27 | 93 (Sanctuary), 215 (Facebook) | \$3,410.00 |

### November Jingle Offerings are designated for Salvation Army

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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 1st

#### Altar Assistants

Dawne Clay  
Linda Henne  
Maura Wesner

#### Cup Stations

Sam Stump, Eric Weyandt

#### Ushers

Lee Henne, Larry Henne



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The Annual December Congregational Meeting is coming up on December 8

The following items will be up for discussion and approval:

- 2025 Budget
- New Board, Council and Consistory members
- Old Church Organ rebuild discussion





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.



SV Food Pantry Distribution

Belleman's members and Confirmation Class students recently assisted with the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry Distribution on October 19, 2024. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this day of service to the community!



Mission Team Opportunities Upcoming!

Local Mission Project

When: November 20-23, 2024, 8 a.m. start each day

Where: 224 Reading Ave., Shillington Pa 19607

Jobs: Flooring Installation, painting, other general interior and exterior construction

Reason: The family has dealt with a cancer diagnosis, a alzheimers diagnosis and various other trials and tribulations over the years. Our goal is to help give this family's home a little facelift.

How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex and specify which days you can help. This project is being coordinated by Eric Weyandt, he can be reached at 484-336-4679.

Mission Trip to North Carolina

When: March 8-15, 2025

Where: Asheville, NC/Black Mountain,NC area

Reason: To help with recovery from Hurricane Helene. This trip is once again being coordinated through the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders.

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.



Calendar of Events

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

11/10 10:00AM Worship

*Council and Consistory Meeting after worship
Community Outreach meeting after worship*

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/13 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (11/16) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

11/17 10:00AM Worship

Mon. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

11/18 7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. (11/19) 10:00AM Parish Visitor Committee Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/20 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday

11/24 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

11/27 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (11/28) Thanksgiving Day

Sun. Holy Communion/ First Sunday of Advent

12/1 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

2 p.m. Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus Christmas Concert

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

12/4 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

12/8 10:00AM Worship

Congregational Meeting following Worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

12/11 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

12/15 10:00AM Worship with Kids Christmas Program

5:30PM Old Church Christmas Celebration

Mon. (12/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting

New event coming soon by the
Community Outreach Committee!

Belleman's Old Church Christmas Celebration



Sunday, December 15, 2024 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



Celebrating Christmas

like it's 1850!

Questions? ... Call 610-926-0461



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 December 1. This year the gifts will go to Safe Berks. Thank You.



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**Clothing Drive for Hope Rescue Mission**

Over the next few weeks, **through December 8**, we will be collecting clothing items for Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.

*They are requesting the following items:*

- **Clean used clothing**
  - **Shoes**
  - **Belts**
  - **Hats**
  - **Scarves**
  - **Purses**
  - **Sheets**
  - **Blankets**
  - **Coats**

“Hope Rescue Mission has been helping restore lives of men in the community for 128 years and soon to be helping women and children at our Lighthouse. We are a non-for-profit that is funded by the community. “



**HOPE**  
**RESCUE MISSION**  
*Restoring Lives Since 1894*



# Free Traditional Christmas Concert

Presented by

## Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus



**Salem Bellemans Church**  
3540 Bellemans Church Rd.

**Doors open at 1:30 PM**  
**Concert starts at 2:00 PM**

### Sunday, December 1, 2024

*Refreshments Following Program*  
*A free will offering will be taken.*

Director: Catherine S. Zimmerman  
Accompanist: Sara Jackson

For additional information contact:  
Carol Kissinger 484-671-2567



## 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,  
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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 WREATHS - NEW ITEMS!!

6" X 10" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ \$17.00	_____
6" X 18" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ \$23.00	_____
18" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ \$17.00	_____
24" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ \$23.00	_____
Stands (At Cost): _____ 18" wreath _____ 24" wreath		@ \$4.00	_____

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

Poinsettia sale to benefit Belleman's Christian Education

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 @ \$8.00 each and will be available in Red, White and Jingle Bell this year. They can be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones as we have always done in the past.



Poinsettias

Orders should be placed by **December 15**. *Thank you.*

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**Dear cooks and helpers,** Thank you for the delicious Turkey and Waffle Dinner. Not only was it tasty but it was not salty. We were all grateful as we all eat low sodium. By the Grace of the Lord we will see you next year!

**Blessings to all, Peggy Ernst**

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2024 Bazaar

Weeks of preparation, cooking, baking, sewing, crafting, planning, gathering, sorting, collecting and organizing culminated in a tremendous bazaar. Thank you to all who participated in any way whether it was cooking, donating, working a stand, or doing any of the hundred necessary chores. Also a thank you to all who participated by purchasing items.

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## Belleman's Military Members

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| CWO2 Josh Linderman   | MAJ James Fluck     |
| Andrew Potts          | MSgt Kevin Mohn     |
| 1LT Bradley P. Hoppes | GYSgt Phillip Spatz |
| SGT Andrew Cichowicz  | Alfred Cross        |
| Nathan P. Stump       | Cydny Lawrence      |
| SGT John R. Wesner    | Dustin Spatz        |

Thank you for your service!



## Birthdays

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Kevin Labe, Jr.  
17<sup>th</sup> Ryan Potts, Kylie Gregor  
18<sup>th</sup> Faye Noecker, Lukas Smyre  
19<sup>th</sup> Dante Phillipini, Philip Kistler  
Linda Conrad, Abigail Mitten  
20<sup>th</sup> Carol Hook, Cory Eisenhofer  
Emmalynn Kauffman  
21<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne Strunk  
22<sup>nd</sup> Noah Oswald  
23<sup>rd</sup> Charles Miller, Nancy Zipp  
25<sup>th</sup> Cole Savage, Doug Bausher  
Samuel Schreffler  
26<sup>th</sup> Jackie Mitten  
27<sup>th</sup> Todd Gregor, Doug Eisenhofer  
28<sup>th</sup> Robin Stiefel, Bill Fisher  
29<sup>th</sup> Kyle Kunkle  
Linda Schlottman  
30<sup>th</sup> Ann Stump  
Joshua Linderman

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Dautrich,  
George Kunkle, Paul Leshar,  
Lacey Baxter, Greg Machmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald Kintzer, Kristie Hilbert  
4<sup>th</sup> Susan Dougherty,  
Dennis Gehman  
5<sup>th</sup> Juliet Hoffman, Jeremy Kriner,  
6<sup>th</sup> Brooke Brenner  
8<sup>th</sup> Troy Weber,  
Ethan Mitten  
9<sup>th</sup> Duane Cowan, Joseph Perzel  
10<sup>th</sup> Mae Weber,  
11<sup>th</sup> David Billitz, Donald Hoffa,  
Cory Ulrich  
12<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Imbesi,  
Madison Wesner  
13<sup>th</sup> Nik Botscheller, John Schlotter  
14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Dalton,  
Meaghan Bausher  
15<sup>th</sup> Donna Weber,  
Maura Wesner, Natalee Svenson

## Anniversaries

### November

- 16<sup>th</sup> Garry & Nancy Wesner  
18<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Susan Dougherty  
19<sup>th</sup> Terry & Dawne Clay  
21<sup>st</sup> Harold & Stephani Mohn  
22<sup>nd</sup> Eric and Kelly Troutman  
26<sup>th</sup> Lloyd & Ruth Barnett  
28<sup>th</sup> Richard & Rita Bausher

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Guy & Carolyn Gresh  
5<sup>th</sup> Rick and Diane Rothenberger  
9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Nancy Schreffler  
12<sup>th</sup> Robert and Sheila Reppert



"Prayer does work. It's Monday after Thanksgiving and we're still here."

## 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*