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3540 Belleman's Church Road
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Bell Notes

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**Sunday School returns September 15 at 9 a.m.
and Sunday Worship will be at 10 a.m.**



**Blessing of the Animals Sunday
was August 25!**

September 2024

Rev. Kevin E. Fruchtl, Pastor (Beginning in October)
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Web Site: bellemanschurch.org

Our Summer Worship Schedule is coming to an end and services every week will be in the sanctuary. Remember that Sunday School returns on September 15 at 9:00 a.m. and worship moves to 10:00 a.m. The remaining September Worship services will be led by the leaders listed below.



- September 15 - Dawne Clay**
- September 22 - Rev. Barry Spatz**
- September 29 - Linda Henne and Faithful Men**
- October 6 - Pastor Kevin's First Sunday**



Holy Communion Assistants for October 6

Altar Assistants: Maura Wesner, Dawne Clay, Linda Henne
Cup Stations: Ken Borkey, Eric Weyandt
Ushers: Larry Henne, Lee Henne



Church Board Highlights

August 19, 2024

Linda Henne was present to discuss the gift card sales and give a little history about the fundraiser that originated during the Bell Tower rebuild. Over the years the gift card sales have been very profitable at times but really tailed off following Covid to the point that there are really only one or two members that currently purchase cards. In terms of profit, the church makes \$50 for every \$1,000 of gift cards sold. Only a few hundred dollars worth of Redner's cards remain. Linda is seeking guidance on whether to try to keep the sales going or to end the project. After some discussion, it was suggested to place a notice in the newsletter explaining the Gift Card Sales and the possibility of ending the program at the end of the year if there is not an increased interest.

James noted that he has been working to get things setup to transfer Pastor Kevin's insurance over to us starting in October.

The Fundraising Committee met recently to get things organized for the Turkey and Waffle Supper and reiterated that helpers will be needed and a signup sheet will be posted in the narthex.

Larry Henne reported on some Property projects that have been completed this summer: fellowship hall steps were varnished, rugs were cleaned at the hall, back of the hall was pressure washed and stumps were ground along the road and elsewhere on the property. He also noted that a few dusk till dawn lights have been giving problems and will be looking to replace a few of them. It was noted that the church roof replacement has not begun just yet but will be soon. Next, the quote to replace the east side doors at church was reviewed at a cost of \$8,074.56 by Dutch Valley. This was approved. Lastly, it was noted that the Fundraising Committee has agreed to pay for the door repairs at the Fellowship Hall.

Oliver Blatt was present to discuss some issues with the old church organ. This was last discussed in 2021, that the leathers in the organ were deteriorating rapidly. While the organ was able to be tuned at that time and we have continued to use it the last few years, Oliver reported that there were more pipes not playing this year. Also, James noted that pumping the organ seems to continually get harder as the bellows seem to be leaking as well. The bellows were last patched in the 80's. That patch has held up well for many years but there seems to be more leaks. With this, James and Oliver asked the board if we should be looking to refresh the quotes to have the work done to the leathers and the bellows in the organ. The Board agreed to seek some bids and see where the prices come in and then see what money could be allocated to this.

The Board approved a motion approving for John Rausch to move the Trustee Fund account from Truist Bank to the Bank of Bird-in-Hand which now has a presence in Bernville since Truist closed the location there.



Belleman's Joint Board for July

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,104.09
Income	\$ 14,345.75
Expenses	\$ 12,952.76
Ending Balance	\$ 24,497.08

Attendance/Offering

9:00AM

	Attendance	Offering
August 4	122 (Sanctuary), 510(Facebook)	\$3,104.00
August 11	64 (Old Church), 202 (Facebook)	\$933.00
August 18	70 (Sanctuary), 171 (Facebook)	\$4,100.00
August 25	75 (Grove), 173(Facebook)	\$2,437.00

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The September **Jingle Offerings** go to:

- September 1,8: Amazing Magi – Rally Day
- September 15,22,29: Faithful Men Gospel Quartet

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Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser

History: The Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser program originated under the direction of the Bell Tower Capital Campaign Committee in 2008. From 2008-2013 this program generated \$13,150 of profit for the Bell Tower Fund. After that time the Capital Campaign for the HVAC project and pipe organ rebuild began and that newly formed committee took over the Gift Card Sales. From 2014-2021 the project brought a profit of \$11,561 for this campaign. Since 2021, the program has continued as the Belleman's Gift Card Fund and operated by Linda Henne.

Present Status: Over the last few years gift card sales have declined steadily and as a result the project has gone from offering a variety of store options to now only one. The current inventory is just a few hundred dollars of Redner's cards remaining. If you are interested in purchasing any Redner's cards, please see Linda Henne. The face value that you pay for the cards is what you are able to use to buy your groceries, so there is no additional cost to you to patronize this fundraiser. The church then receives \$50 for every \$1000 worth of cards that we sell.

Future: As stated, Linda Henne will continue to sell the remaining card inventory and we will be gauging interest in whether the project can continue. So, if you are interested in purchasing cards and would like to see this continue, please reach out to Linda.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has participated in this project, whether it be buying cards or helping to sell them, this project has been successful over the years because of you. Since, 2008 well over \$500,000 worth of gift cards have been sold!

Calendar of Events

- Wed. (9/11) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 6:00PM Rally Day - Family Fun Night
9/13 Featuring the Amazing Magi
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
9/15 10:00AM Worship - Dawne Clay
- Wed. (9/18) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (9/21) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
9/22 9:00AM Confirmation First Meeting w/ parents (Info page 6)
10:00AM Worship - Rev. Barry Spatz - Harvest Home
- Wed. (9/25) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 2:00PM PA Dutch Service in the Old Church
9/28 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle Dinner pickup at Fellowship Hall
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
9/29 10:00AM Worship - Linda Henne - Faithful Men
- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
9/30 6:30PM Board, Council and Consistory Meeting
7:00PM Board Meeting
- Wed. (10/2) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. World Communion Sunday - Pastor Kevin's first Sunday**
10/6 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
10/7 6:30PM Mission Trip Meeting
- Tue. (10/8) 9:30AM Music and Worship Committee Meeting
- Wed. (10/9) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. (10/10) Sandwich Sale Orders due to Karen Harle
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
10/13 10:00AM Worship Service
- Mon.(10/14) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall
- Wed. (10/16) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall
10/17 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

Sunday School is coming soon!

Sunday School returns to its 9:00 a.m. time slot on Sunday, September 15. (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 22nd at 9:00AM. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending classes, be sure to **come to the first meeting!** Again this year, Dawne Clay and Phil Kistler will be teaching the class along with Pastor Kevin.

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.



Rally Day 2024

To kickoff our new year of Sunday School, there will be a special **Rally Day Family Fun night** on Friday, **September 13** at 6 p.m. at the **Fellowship Hall**. The presentation will be by Michael Reist, The Amazing Magi with his Christian Magic Show.

Bring the whole family for this special celebration!



Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who need extra support with reading at Schuylkill Valley Elementary School on Thursdays from 8:00 – 9:00 AM during the 2024-2025 school year. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour. Current background clearances are required and training provided. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.



United Way of Berks County



Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual Blood Drive which will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at the **Fellowship Hall**.

To schedule an appointment call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 or visit GIVEaPINT.org and use **Sponsor Code 3227**.



#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

September 19th, 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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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 28, 2024
Pickup at the Fellowship Hall from 3 – 6 pm**

Additional items for separate purchase:

~Pies~

~Belleman's Famous Pepper Cabbage~

~Extra Potato Filling~

Return the order form insert for your pre-ordered meal!

ALL DINNERS must be PRE-ORDERED BY
September 16, 2024



Again this year!
After pickup of your pre-ordered meal, the dining room will be open for indoor dining from 3-6 p.m.
No table service.



cubpack154.com



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 30. Items should be brought to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:30.

Collections will be made on every Monday through October 21.

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. Especially welcome - volunteers to help unload, unpack, organize, price and enjoy the fellowship. Please do not drop off items if no one is at the Fellowship Hall. Questions - call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.

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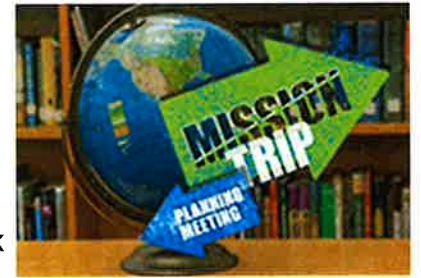
### Devotion Books are available in the Narthex

Just a reminder that "The Upper Room" and "Word in Season" devotionals are free for the taking in the narthex.



## Mission Team 2024-2025

The Belleman's Mission team is looking to plan some mission projects this fall and in early 2025. Over the next month or so there will be sign-up sheets posted in the narthex for those interested in assisting with some mission projects. First is a local mission project slated to take place in November and second, we are looking to plan a trip in February/March 2025 to once again work with the Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. As of now, the destination for that trip is unknown. If you are interested in one or both of these projects, please sign up in the narthex and plan to attend **our next meeting on October 7 at 6:30PM at the Fellowship Hall**. Also, mark your calendars for our **next Sandwich Sale on October 17!**



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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 17.

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

Call 484-256-5705 to order.

Please call in orders by October 10!

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!

Are you required to take a Taxable RMD from your IRA?

This question applies if you have an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) and you are required to take an annual RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), plus you are over the age of 70 1/2 years. If you meet these requirements, you may make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) to a qualified charity.

Using the qualified charitable distribution, the owner may make a distribution from their IRA directly to the charity and the distribution qualifies as an RMD and it is not an IRS taxable distribution. To take advantage of this tax-free RMD the distribution must be made institution to institution with no involvement in the transfer by the taxpayer.

There are limits to the amount you may contribute this way and rules apply if you made deductible IRA contributions after age 70 1/2.

Note that this QCD is not an IRS tax deduction, it is merely not included in income. You may feel you can give a bit more if you do it this way.

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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: \$11.00

When: **October 13, 2024 from 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Where: **Belleman's Fellowship Hall  
3730 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville Pa 19541**

Also featuring a Basket Auction and Bake Sale

**Call for tickets 610-926-4506 or see Larry Henne**



**Dear Belleman's, Thank you** so much for your donation and cards. Your generosity and words of encouragement mean so much to us. We surely appreciate your support during this challenging time.

**Gratefully, Brenda, Darin and Maya Hein**

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Dear Belleman's Church Family, Thank you very much for the very generous gift. The support and love that we have felt through all of this has been truly humbling. Thank you for the continued prayers. With God all things are possible and we have definitely asked for the impossible. **Thank you!**

Kim & Bill Byassee and Abby

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We really appreciate the flowers we received for our 50th wedding anniversary. **Thank you!** **John and Faye Noecker**

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Big thank you to our members and church neighbors, Chris and Jenny Dietrich, for donating peaches for our recent pie making. Your family's generosity and overall goodwill shine through to everyone around you.

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**Thank you** to all those who shop at Boyers Markets and use your Key Tags. Every time you present the tag at checkout the Belleman's Old Church receives a small percentage of your total.

There is no cost to you or the church to participate in this program. If you're interested please contact John or Barbara Rausch or contact the Church Office. **Thank you!**

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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
MSgt Kevin Mohn
GYSGT Phillip Spatz
Alfred Cross
Cydney Lawrence
Dustin Spatz

September Birthdays

- 17th** Bridget Hoffert,
Jeffrey Mohn
18th Ryan Moser,
Shannon Perzel
19th Brandon Corolla, Colin Smith,
Jay Grube, Brian Gery
20th Nichole Leibensperger
22nd Marilyn Yoder,
Wolf Arnold
23rd Barry Edwards,
Connor Zaleski, Emma Potts
24th Michele Dietrich,
Rev. Joshua Fitterling,
Carolyn Machmer,
Richard Evans, Sandy Borkey,
Sean Livinghouse,
25th Rita Bausher
26th Tara Beerman, Natalie Redd
Randy Phillips, Ellie Weyandt
27th Brian Boyer
28th Lindsey Bradbury,
Kenneth Bungarz III,
Andrew Smyre
29th Larry Miller, Guy Gresh,
Michele Zimmerman
Theodore Cortes
30th George Phillips, Jr.,
Chloe Zimmerman,
Courtney Zimmerman
Luke Jack Weyandt

September Anniversaries

- 15th** Cory & Mary Ann Kunkle
16th Mark & Elizabeth Veres
17th Dennis & Robin Linderman
20th Jason & Sara Levan
21st Ryan and Cheyenne Potts
22nd Oliver and Amber Blatt
Kenneth and Nicole Jacoby
23rd Brian and Kara Gery
26th James & Linette Baer,
Therman & Bonnie Madeira

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 Dietrich,
14th Robert Elliott
15th Tracy Corolla, Abigail Kunkle
Andrea Quillman,
Frank Kornfeind, Audra Starkey,
Morgan Gery, Maya Hein

October Anniversaries

- 1st** Michael & Karen Harle,
Carl and Alyse Hein
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

Music News

We're back!



Our Sanctuary Choir returns to lead the music for our church services beginning September 15!

Our Bell Choir begins rehearsal in October!

We always have room for more singers, and we are in need of a few more ringers to complete our bell choir! Interested? Let me know!

Musically,

Oliver