



MISSION OF BELLEVILLE CHURCH

Centered in the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a welcoming, affirming, and healing congregation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to grow and be renewed through our worship, fellowship, Scripture study and the sharing of our gifts. Strengthened by God's love and guidance, we strive to serve with compassion those in need, both near and far.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year....

Good to see many of you at the 5:30 Christmas Eve Service. Attendance increased significantly this year, and it was indeed a wonderful celebration of the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christ! Greetings of old friends, family reunions, soaring voices and melodious instruments all added to the spirit!

So what now? One song played on flute and piano was the Charlie Brown song "Christmas Time is Here." The unsung lyrics end with the words "Oh that we could always see such spirit THROUGH THE YEAR." This theme has echoes everywhere, perhaps the most famous being the poem by Howard Thurman called "Then the Work of Christmas Begins." A recent editorial by in the Newburyport Daily News also lamented that there is so much rush to get things done by the 25th, people may need reminding that there are "12 days of Christmas" and we would say in the church that on December 25 Christmastime has just begun!

In January, we celebrate the 12th day after Christmas, January 6 as Epiphany or the "manifestation" of the Light in the world. As such, we remember Teresa of Avila's words that "Christ had no body but ours," no hands or feet but ours, no voice but ours, etc. I think most would agree with Teresa that it really is up to us to continue the spirit of Christ in the world as we call on him to assist us and dwell within us.

I look forward to seeing you this Christmas season as we become the body of Christ to our world. Truly no one can follow Christ alone. We become his "body" only in community. I leave you with Thurman's poem, Teresa's spirit, and the Charlie Brown plea, that we might see Christmas spirit "throughout the year:"

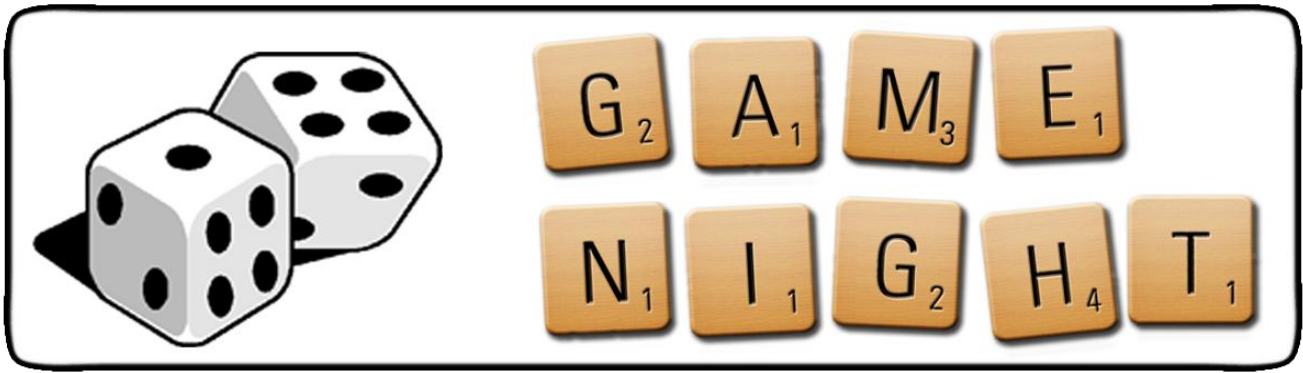
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS, by Howard Thurman
"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nation, to bring peace among all peoples, to make music with the heart...."

Ross

2015 CALENDAR



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 9-12 Thrift Shop |
| 4 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal | 5 4:15pm Girl Scout Troop #76218 7pm CODA | 6 7pm Executive Board | 7 9- 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies | 8 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice | 9 | 10 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing |
| 11 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal | 12 7pm CODA | 13 | 14 8:15am Worship & Education Board 9- 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance Board | 15 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice | 16 | 17 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing 7pm Game Night |
| 18 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal | 19 4:15pm Girl Scout Troop #76218 7pm CODA | 20 | 21 9-12 Thrift Shop 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop #75336 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies | 22 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice | 23 | 24 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing |
| 25 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal | 26 7pm CODA | 27 | 29 | 29 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice | 30 | 31 |



Saturday, January 17th at 7PM

Come join the fun in the Bannister Room. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Hosted by Fellowship and Outreach.



The Hugh Doyle Resource Center

The Hugh Doyle Resource Center will be the recipient of the Extra Mile on Sunday, January 18th.

The mission of the Hugh Doyle Resource Center is to help those who seek access to social services and financial assistance who live in Newburyport, Newbury or West Newbury. Through individualized advocacy and referrals, and in collaboration with local aid agencies, religious groups and non-profits, the Center works to coordinate services and improve the lives of individuals and families in need.

As the community's primary referral agency, the Center works one-on-one with individuals, often coordinating services between multiple organizations.

Community education is a critical component of the Hugh Doyle Resource Center's mission. The Center raises awareness of emerging social and economic challenges facing people in the local area.

Submitted by Diane Crofts for the Fellowship and Outreach Committee.



January

- 1 *Robert Locke*
- 5 *Kip Tyler*
- 10 *Caden Allard*
- 12 *James Guyette*
- 15 *Jennifer Locke*
- 23 *Robert Crofts*

February

- 3 *Peggy Utterback*
- 4 *Robert Gould*
- 5 *Jane Thomas*
- 12 *E.J. Dean*
- 13 *Emery Rice*
- 15 *Dorothy Williamson*
- 15 *Marion Spark*
- 16 *Nancy Brown*
- 24 *Luke Gandolfi*
- 27 *Anna May Guyette*
- 28 *Jamie Gandolfi*
- Marge Killam*
- Pam Ellis*

Belleville Church Thrift Shop



The thrift shop is open every Wednesday and Saturday 9am – noon.
Come by and see what's new!

Come, lend your voice!!



Andrea DeGiovanni, organist & choir director

Choir rehearsal, Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Stage Room, all are welcome.

Youth choir rehearsal, 11:15 Sunday mornings after worship.

Men's

Fellowship
Dinner



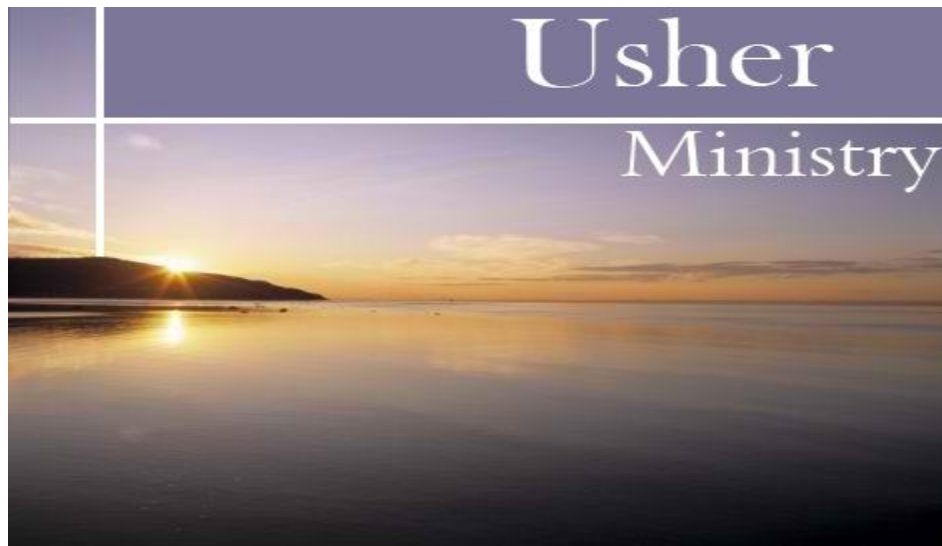
Men's Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, January 28th, 2015 at 6pm

Guest Speaker: Bob Hughes

Topic: A near death experience sparked new life.

Ross met Bob at the gym and was intrigued by his story. Bob had a heart attack a few years back, and during his ER time he experienced contact with the "other side". More convinced now in the reality of the spiritual world, Bob has lost about 100 excess pounds and is committed to both physical rehabilitation and spiritual growth.



January

- 4 Ben Heersink & Jon Pearson
- 11 Hans Erwich &
- 18 Jean Kirkpatrick & Peggy Utterback
- 25 Hunter Anderson & Michelle Anderson

February

- 1 Shirley Locke & Mardee Beuparlant
- 8 Sue Heersink & Gail Gandolfi
- 15 Jean Kirkpatrick & Carolyn Kyle
- 22 Anna Guyette & Kathy Raywood

Usher List
January - September 2015

JANUARY

- 4 COMMUNION Ben Heersink & Jon Pearson**
- 11 Gail Gandolfi & Hans Erwich**
- 18 Jean Kirkpatrick & Peggy Utterback**
- 25 Hunter & Michelle Anderson**

FEBRUARY

- 1 COMMUNION Shirley Locke & Mardee Beuparlant**
- 8 Sue Heersink & Gail Gandolfi**
- 15 Jean Kirkpatrick & Carolyn Kyle**
- 22 Anna Guyette & Kathy Raywood**

MARCH

- 1 COMMUNION Chapel Allard & Andrea Samuelson**
- 8 Nicole Samuelson & Michelle Anderson**
- 15 Gail Gandolfi & Jean Kirkpatrick**
- 22 Shirley Locke & Norma Dean**
- 29 Gail Gandolfi & Hans Erwich**

USHER LIST, CONTINUED

APRIL

**5 COMMUNION Easter Sunday Gail Gandolfi,
Peggy Utterback, Michelle & Hunter Anderson
12 Ben & Sue Heersink
19 Annika Ellis & Hunter Anderson
26 Jon Pearson & Carolyn Kyle**

MAY

**COMMUNION 3 Judi Smith & Mardee Beuparlant
10 Anna Guyette & Shirley Locke
17 Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi
24 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
31 Audrey Clarkson & Judi Smith**

JUNE

**COMMUNION 7 Kathy Raywood & Michelle Anderson
14 Peggy Utterback & Norma Dean
21 Gail Gandolfi & Jean Kirkpatrick
28 Gail Gandolfi & Hans Erwich**

JULY

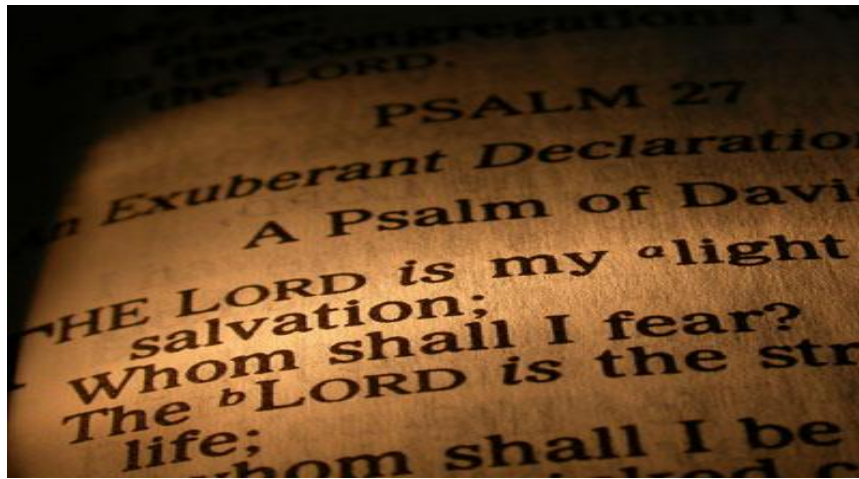
**5 Gail Gandolfi & Anna Guyette
12 Carolyn Kyle & Audrey Clarkson
19 Norma & Timmy Dean
26 Ben & Sue Heersink**

AUGUST

**2 Jon Pearson & Audrey Clarkson
9 Shirley Locke & Mardee Beuparlant
16 Anna Guyette & Jean Kirkpatrick
23 Nicole & Andrea Samuelson
30 Norma & Timmy Dean**

SEPTEMBER

**COMMUNION 6 Chapel Allard, Annika Ellis
& Kathy Raywood to teach!
13 Gail Gandolfi & Shirley Locke
20 Jean Kirkpatrick & Audrey Clarkson
27 Judi Smith & Peggy Utterback**



Scripture readers

January

4 Gail Gandolfi
 11 Carolyn Kyle
 18 Bill Silsby
 25 Lynn Varney

February

1 Peggy Utterback
 8 Lisa Krallis
 15 Ben Heersink
 22 Emery Rice

2015 SCRIPTURE READERS

JANUARY

4 Gail Gandolfi
11 Carolyn Kyle
18 Bill Silsby
25 Lynn Varney

FEBRUARY

1 Peggy Utterback
8 Lisa Krallis
15 Ben Heersink
22 Emery Rice

MARCH

1 Sue Heersink
8 Hunter Anderson
15 Chapel Allard
22 Annika Ellis
29 Barbara Colten

APRIL

2 MAUNDY THURSDAY TBA
We will need 8 readers...volunteers???
5 EASTER Michelle Anderson
12 Carolyn Kyle
19 Bill Silsby
26 Lynn Varney

SCRIPTURE READERS, CONTINUED

MAY

**3 Peggy Utterback
10 Gail Gandolfi
17 Lisa Krallis
24 Ben Heersink
31 Emery Rice**

JUNE

**7 Sue Heersink
14 Hunter Anderson
21 Chapel Allard
28 Annika Ellis**

JULY

**5 Barbara Colten
12 Michelle Anderson
19 Gail Gandolfi
26 Carolyn Kyle**

AUGUST

Note: We have been worshipping with the Newbury Congregational Church and usually are not called on to read...BUT just in case:

**2 Bill Silsby
9 Peggy Utterback
16 Lisa Krallis
23 Ben Heersink
30 Carolyn Kyle**

SEPTEMBER

**6 Sue Heersink
13 Chapel Allard
20 Annika Ellis
27 Lynn Varney**

OCTOBER

**4 Barbara Colten
11 Emery Rice
18 Hunter Anderson
25 Bill Silsby**

NOVEMBER

**1 Gail Gandolfi
8 Carolyn Kyle
15 Ben Heersink
22 Lisa Krallis
29 Peggy Utterback**

DECEMBER

**6 Sue Heersink
13 Chapel Allard
20 Annika Ellis
27 Barbara Colten**

Coffee Hour



JANUARY

- 4 Sue Heersink, Dorothy Williamson & Carolyn Kyle
 11 Nancy Canali, Gail Gandolfi & Jane Thomas
 18 Shirley Locke, Karen Conway & Marcia Samuelson
 25 Mary Lou Tyler, Diane Crofts & Jennifer Allard

| Date | | Lead | 1 | 2 | | |
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| 2/1/2015 | | Sue Wolfendale | Anna Guyette | Jean Hanson | | |
| 2/8/2015 | | Diane Crofts | Pam Ellis | Lisa Krallis | | |
| 2/15/2015 | Presidents Day | No Coffee Hour | School Vacation | | | |
| 2/22/2015 | | Janet Woodman | Irene Bradford | Jean Kirkpatrick | | |
| 3/1/2015 | | Mardee Beuparlant | Diana Bondar | Helen Hatcher | | |
| 3/8/2015 | | Marcia Samuelson | Karen Conway | Nancy Tsakirgis | | |
| 3/15/2015 | | Peggy Utterback | Lori Wiswell | Kelly Burke-Anderson | | |
| 3/22/2015 | | Sue Wolfendale | Norma Dean | Jane Thomas | | |
| 3/29/2015 | Palm Sunday | Sue Heersink | Marion Spark | Pam Ellis | | |
| 4/5/2015 | EASTER | Gail Gandolfi | Dorothy Williamson | Sue Wolfendale | Deb Moore | Irene Bradford |
| 4/12/2015 | | Kathy Raywood | Lynn Varney | Carolyn Kyle | | |
| 4/19/2015 | | No Coffee Hour | School Vacation | | | |
| 4/26/2015 | | Diane Crofts | MaryLou Tyler | Jennifer Allard | | |
| 5/3/2015 | | Audrey Clarkson | Jean Kirkpatrick | Helen Hatcher | | |
| 5/10/2015 | Mother's Day | Bill Silsby | Bob Locke | Ben Heersink | | |
| 5/17/2015 | | Janet Woodman | Audrey Clarkson | Pam Ellis | | |
| 5/24/2015 | Memorial | No Coffee Hour | Holiday Weekend | | | |
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| 9/6/2015 | Labor Day | No Coffee Hour | Holiday Weekend | | | |
| 9/13/2015 | | Audrey Clarkson | Diana Bondar | Jean Kirkpatrick | | |
| 9/20/2015 | | Mary Lou Tyler | Dorothy Williamson | Carolyn Kyle | | |
| 9/27/2015 | | Gail Gandolfi | Nancy Tsakirgis | Bill Silsby | | |
| 10/4/2015 | | Mardee Beuparlant | Pam Ellis | Marge Killam | | |
| 10/11/2015 | Columbus Day | No Coffee Hour | Holiday Weekend | | | |
| 10/18/2015 | | Shirley Locke | Karen Conway | Helen Hatcher | | |

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| 10/25/2015 | | Janet Woodman | Norma Dean | Lori Wiswell | | |
| 11/1/2015 | | Gail Gandolfi | Anna Guyette | Sue Heersink | | |
| 11/8/2015 | | Nancy Canali | Kelly Burke-Anderson | Diana Bondar | | |
| 11/15/2015 | | Dorothy Williamson | Marcia Samuelson | Bob Locke | | |
| 11/22/2015 | Thanksgiving | Audrey Clarkson | Jennifer Allard | Irene Bradford | | |
| 11/29/2015 | | Marion Spark | Kathy Raywood | Ben Heersink | | |
| 12/6/2015 | | Peggy Utterback | Marge Killam | Mardee Beuparlant | | |
| 12/13/2015 | | Sue Wolfendale | Norma Dean | Lynn Varney | | |
| 12/20/2015 | Christmas | Audrey Clarkson | Diane Crofts | Janet Woodman | | |
| 12/27/2015 | | No Coffee Hour | Holiday Weekend | | | |
| 1/3/2016 | | Jean Hanson | Lori Wiswell | Debra Moore | | |
| 1/10/2016 | | Sue Heersink | Dorothy Williamson | Carolyn Kyle | | |
| 1/17/2016 | MLK | No Coffee Hour | Holiday Weekend | | | |
| 1/24/2016 | | Shirley Locke | Karen Conway | Marcia Samuelson | | |
| 1/31/2016 | | Mary Lou Tyler | Diane Crofts | Jennifer Allard | | |



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Andrea DeGiovanni, Music Director

Bob Locke, Sexton

Newsletter Submissions

Do you have an article that you would like to include in
the monthly newsletter?

If so, please submit your article to the church office by the
20th of each month.

Thank you!

Church Officers

Moderator: Jean Hansen
Clerk: William Silsby
Treasurer: Mary Lou Tyler
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Kelly
Burke-Anderson
Auditor: Kathy Raywood
Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

Contact Persons

Board of Fellowship & Outreach:
Diane Crofts
Board of Worship & Education:
Kelly Burke-Anderson
Board of Stewardship & Finance:
Hans Erwich, Jim Samuelson
UCC Delegate: Emery Rice

Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson