

# Belleville Congregational Church



## 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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Dear Friends,

With such a long winter, everything seems late this Spring! Whatever happened to "April showers bring May flowers?" Seems like we had showers all through May and now at the end of May we are still hoping for some warm weather;

I suppose that June will leap forward into instant summer! Easter was about the latest it could have been (Sunday after the full moon after Spring equinox, and the full moon was April 18, late!), and so Pentecost (50 days after Easter) is also later than usual.

However, having Pentecost as late as June 12 this year allows us to combine this church celebration of wind and fire of the Holy Spirit with the final day of Sunday School and the Picnic! We hope that everyone will wear something red that day, and most of all carry the fire of the Holy Spirit with us. The worship will be "intergenerational," meaning that we will have people of all ages doing different parts... please say yes, if you are asked to play a part!

We said farewell in May to our administrator Kristy Taylor who has a larger church position waiting for her in Minnesota, as well as plans to reunite with family there and welcome a new baby into her family in November. Heather Ryan will ably take over the reins in the office; though summer is a bit slower, we welcome the opportunity to keep things well organized. We also say farewell to the Niswongers/Wollheims this June and are so grateful for the girls' lighthearted spirit in the Sunday School and Maria's wonderful leadership for our Concert Series.

Summer is both an opportunity to slow down and an opportunity to relax and receive, to be enriched in the Spirit. From mid-June through July, I will work half time, and will be in the area Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday morning. I always check my answering machine however, and will get back to you as soon as possible. At the end of July, I will spend another week with Ken Medema for continuing education in music. I hope that you all have some interesting times for rest and spiritual growth as well this summer. With less appointments in our datebooks, let us truly pause and reflect on where God is leading, both individually and collectively. Throughout all the history of faith, God's people speak of being led by the Holy Spirit.... and sometimes we must wait for that leading as a "still small voice" in the quiet times of our days and our calendars. Summertime can be just that. More reading, more pondering, more lounging lazily, as time to wait and listen for prompting from that still small voice. OK, it may come as a summer thunderstorm for some of us! Whichever method God usually comes to you, let's share with each other what God seems to be saying. May we all be blessed with new revelation this summer.

Yours in faith, Ross Varney

May 2011

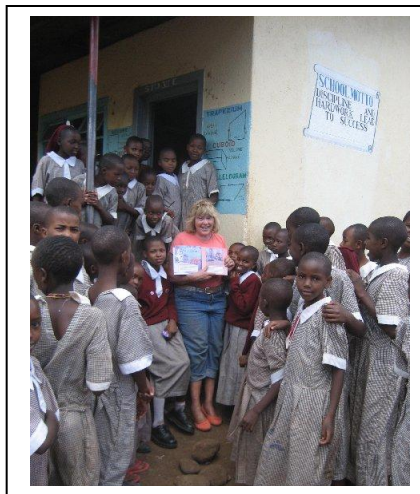
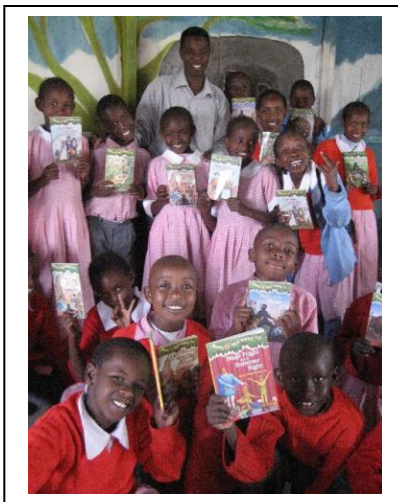
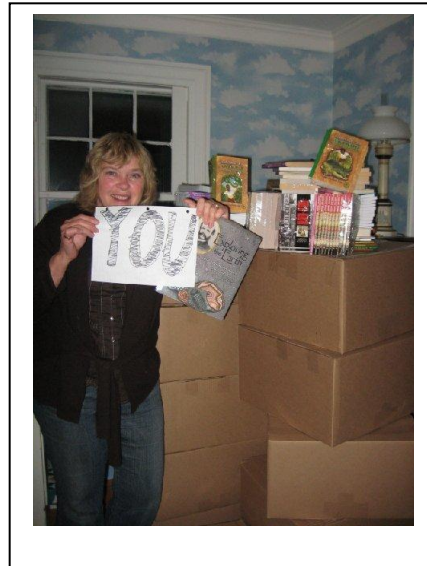
Jambo Belleville Church,

(Jambo means hello in our national language of Swahili in Kenya)

YOU are amazing in your support of BEADS for Education. Your most recent donation of \$326 will help with stocking our new library. Sue and Ben Heersink have spent countless hours buying books at library book sales from Boston to Newburyport, Then packing sorting and logging the books into our database. THEN getting all the books to Kenya and setting up the reading and book club programs for students and teachers.

We have the only two libraries stocked with great childrens' literature that I have ever seen in Kenya.

. Sue packing the books to take on the plane to Kenya.



THANK YOU AGAIN  
Debby, Sue,  
Ben and all  
of the  
sponsored  
girls.

Name: Yiapoyo Masikonte  
Number:261  
Position: Intern sponsored by BEADS  
2011

#### IF IT WERE NOT FOR BEADS

I am so glad of beads because of the far they have brought to me. When I got into the Beads organization, I was in class seven. I was in Olgulului Primary School. In that school pupils were not performing well and my dad was not able to take me to a good school because he had not enough money to take me to a performing school. So I stayed in that school until God sent Beads to rescue me from that world of not performing.

So beautiful Beads brought me to Top Ride Academy, which is the best performing school. After completing my primary education, I went to high school where I am sure that my dad couldn't have been able to pay for me (secondary fee).

My dad could have given me out to a husband because my older sisters have been married and they already had four children. My dad did this because he had not enough money to pay for our school fees. Now after my sister completed her primary education (8<sup>th</sup> grade), she was married, after someone paid her dowry. The dowry was cows which is a sign of wealth in our community. So my dad was happy because of that.

Primary education in our country, it is free so pupils will just read or learn until class eight then those who their parents couldn't pay for their secondary education fee, they will be married (mostly girls and some boys marry). So I am sure if it were not for Beads my dad could have given me out to a husband for him to get more cows for selling.

**Surely if it was not for Beads, I could have been a mother of 3 children or more than three because I have a friend who completed primary education with me and now she is a mother of five kids and she is married to an old man of about 72 years and she is around 19 years old.**

I do appreciate a lot Beads and grant my thanks Beads organization and my sponsor who is paying for my school fees. May god expand your boundaries as Beads organization and add more years for the Bead organization.

Thanks Beads.

*TOGETHER WE ARE CHANGING LIVES - ONE GIRL AT A TIME*

Debby Rooney - Cofounder

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It's a new year in service to Belleville. If you cannot read on the date that you have been assigned, no worries, just call the next person on the list or send out an email and trade. Peace, Gail

### SCRIPTURE READERS LIST

#### 2011

June 5 Marion

12 Peggy

19 Kelly

26 Karen

July 3 Gail

10 Carolyn (call)

17 Jim

24 Cathy

31 Bill

Aug. 7 Bill

14 Nancy (call)

21 Marion

28 Peggy

Sept. 4 Kelly

11 Karen

18 Gail

25 Carolyn (call)

Oct. 2 Jim

9 Cathy

16 Bill

23 Bill

30 Nancy (call)

Nov. 6 Marion

## Children's Sunday

and

## Annual Picnic! June 12<sup>th</sup>

Come out and celebrate with the children on **PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday school before the summer break. The Children of Belleville Sunday School will be celebrating the Spirit as it comes upon us with a special Worship service. We would love to have every one wear **red** on this Sunday. Please join in the service by saying "The Spirit is here" in a different language if you know one or want to learn one!

We will have our annual picnic on the lawn (weather permitting) or indoors in the church. Sunday school will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. We will also provide the lemonade and of course the Ice Cream Sunday bar!! Great way to end a dreary winter! Please let one of the teachers know if you can bring a side dish.

On a sad note we will be saying good-bye to Caroline and Elise Wollheim (as well as their parents!) We will miss their energy, humor and eagerness to learn in our classes as well as their enthusiasm in Worship! We hope they will take the lessons of Jesus' Love and Kindness with them as they move on to new and exciting things!

Thank you to the congregation for your support throughout the year.

The Teachers and Children of Belleville Sunday School.

**Women's  
Discussion Group**  
will not be  
meeting  
until the fall.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Heather Ryan will begin officially on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

She brings a wealth of experience to the position. She has worked in both church administration and Sunday School leadership in recent years.

Her office hours will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

## NOTICE

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.  
PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS BY  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> TO BE INCLUDED IN  
SEPTEMBER ISSUE**

## Service Club

Sorry, but we aren't done yet!! On Saturday **June 25th** we will be having our follow up Yard Sale - rain or shine. Anything you still would like to add can be put in the second Sunday School room down stairs.



### June

3 Bill Silsby  
3 Judy Moore  
4 John Chmielewski  
4 Taunya Beauparlant  
5 Peg Swiss  
7 Shirley Locke  
9 Cynthia Lusher  
10 Yvonne Cedras  
13 Benjamin Tyler  
14 Sherrill Pierce  
15 Lindsay Howard  
17 Marcia Samuelson  
20 Andrea Samuelson  
21 Karla Middler  
25 Marcia Peirce  
26 Michael Burgess  
29 Hazen Brown

### July 1

1 Vincent Chmielewski  
1 Daniel Wilson  
3 Esther Thompson  
9 Glenn Richards  
11 William Webber Sr.  
12 Alice Brown  
16 Kelly Conway  
18 Katelynn Gardiner  
19 Jack Hurst  
20 Jo Bode  
23 Michelle Anderson  
23 Brynn Andrews  
24 Susan La Bay  
28 Steve Wiswell  
29 Marie Wilson  
29 Hank Farmer

### August

1 Audrey Clarkson  
8 Shant Mantarian  
8 Larry Kamp  
8 Christopher Tyler  
9 Margaret Gagnon  
13 Maureen Sullivan  
13 Christa Middler  
15 Harold Lester Kirkpatrick  
16 Alec Hurst  
16 Lindsay Hurst  
  
17 Mary Lou Tyler  
22 Betty Webber  
22 Mardee Beauparlant  
25 Herman Earle  
29 Russell Peirce  
29 Kathaleen Webber  
30 Herb Williamson  
30 Louise McRae

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# Belleville Church

## June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Thrift shop 9-noon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Thrift shop 9-noon
<b>5</b> Worship 10a	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Thrift shop 9-noon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Thrift shop 9-noon
<b>12</b> Worship 10a  Pentecost	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> W/E 7p	<b>15</b> Thrift shop 9-noon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Thrift shop 9-noon
<b>19</b> Worship 10a	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ex.Board 7p	<b>22</b> Thrift shop 9-noon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thrift shop 9-noon  Yard Sale
<b>26</b> Worship 10a	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Thrift shop 9-noon	<b>30</b>		

Sunday School Picnic	June 12
Antique Show and Luncheon	August 1

## ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND LUNCHEON

### Summer reminders:

Antique Show and Sale will be Monday, August 1st this year. Lots of help will be needed. Please save some time to help with this big fund raiser in whatever way you can.

See/call Nancy Canali, Diane Crofts, Janet woodman, Mary Lou Tyler, Bill Silsby, Audrey Clarkson, Gail Gandolfi, Shirley & Bob Locke, or Sue Wolfendale.

Thank you from your Antique Show Committee

The luncheon for the Antique Show will need helpers for the kitchen, if you can spare 2 hours please call Janet Woodman. There is also a need to set up tables and preparations for the luncheon July 31, Sunday afternoon for about 2 hours. All bakers are asked to please make pies, bars or cakes and bring on Monday a.m. Thanks to all.

May	29 <sup>th</sup>	No Coffee Hour Holiday Weekend
Sept	4 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Weekend No Coffee Hour
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Clarkson, Diana Bondar, Carolyn Kyle
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Wiswell, Dorothy Williamson, Marylou Tyler
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Tsakirgis, Gail Gandolfi, Irene Bradford
Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mardee Beuparlant, Pam Ellis, Marge Killam
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Locke, Karen Conway, Brenda Marshall
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood, Marion Spark
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Diane Crofts, Ben Heersink, Debra Moore
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Woodman, Rita Vreeland, Jean Kirkpatrick
Nov	6 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Gandolfi, Anna Guyette, Sue Heersink
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson, Diana Bondar
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Clarkson, Marcia Samuelson, Jim Marshall
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Locke, Nancy Tsakirgis, Irene Bradford
Dec	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood, Marion Spark
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Utterback, Marge Killam, Mardee Beuparlant
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Clarkson, Debra Moore, Lori Wiswell
	25 <sup>th</sup>	No Coffee Hour
Jan 2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	No Coffee Hour
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Heersink, Dorothy Williamson, Carolyn Kyle
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Canali, Gail Gandolfi, Jane Thomas
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Shirley Locke, Karen Conway, Marcia Samuelson
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Marylou Tyler, Diane Crofts, Cynthia Peirce

The first person listed is asked to please take charge of the coffee hour for that week and can notify the rest of the committee if needed. This schedule is included in the News and Views and is posted on the bulletin board. Please feel free to swap around with anyone if the assigned week is a conflict for you.

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## Church Staff & Contact Information

**Pastor Ross Varney**                      **978-462-4899**

**office hours:** Tuesday 11 AM - Noon;  
Wednesday-Thursday 10:30 AM - Noon;  
or by appointment, suggested Wed/Thur.  
evenings

Please call to assure the pastor is available

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Heather Ryan, Office Administrator  
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David Morrow, Organist/Choir Director  
Bob Locke, Sexton

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## Church Officers:

### Moderator

William Silsby

### Clerk

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### Treasurer

Mary Lou Tyler

### Collector

### Assistant Treasurer

William Silsby

### Memorial Fund Treasurer

Kelly Burke-Anderson

### Auditor

Jim Samuelson

### Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

Brenda Marshall

Vacancy

## Contact Persons:

### Board of Fellowship & Outreach

Diane Crofts

### Board of Worship & Education

Kelly Burke-Anderson

### Board of Stewardship & Finance

Bob Locke

### UCC Delegate

Emery Rice

### Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

### Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

### Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson