

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,

Well, Memorial Weekend brought wonderful weather; it did feel like the "start of summer" this year! I wrote a song about Springtime not too long ago, with the lyrics "time to get outdoors and start something new." There is no doubt that warmer weather does beckon us outdoors... to beaches, to lakes, to mountains and trails! I'm wondering how church might also fit into this picture, especially when Pentecost, the "birth of the church," was on Memorial Weekend this year?

Well, our Children's Sunday, June 10, might give us a clue. I'm thinking of possibilities for COMMUNITY. Like other intergenerational Sundays we have had, there is more participation in worship, and this year we'll include a youth Confirmation ceremony. Like the May Day Sunday, there is special food afterwards, and like at our recent Yard Sale, there will be a picnic time for all. Good food, fun, and some wisdom from our new confirmands.... please come!

Now the irony. While, it is the "birth of the church" time, when we remember all the new "Acts" of the apostles, it is also our time for vacations and church attendance typically drops to one half or so. What about all those visitors to Newburyport in the summer? And is half of the church really away, out of town every Sunday? And we don't even need to "get dressed up" to go to church; even the preachers come in short sleeves, open collars or summer blouses these days!

What I suggest is that we take advantage of the relaxed mood of the summer to "deepen" our spiritual lives vs. take a vacation from them. As our schools have long advised, let summer be a time for "enrichment," not stagnation. For me, when I'm out of town I often worship at a local church (We can always get something, even ONE thing, from the music or the words, that can feed our spirit!) When we are in town, despite a lack of coffee hour, there is also the cessation of much committee "business," so we can be assured that conversations after worship can be simply about words of the Spirit, or about our personal lives, yes a time to deepen both our connection with God and with one another in fellowship. In the relaxed pace of summertime, let's consider some brunch possibilities, as worship from 9:30 to 10:30 in July and August lends itself rather nicely to such follow up (and I'll know you read to the end if you bring it up!).

Here's to a great start of summer this June, and an enrichment of our Spiritual journeys, individually, and as a Community in Christ.

Faithfully yours in Christ's Spirit,
Ross

Worship & Education News

Children's Sunday and Annual Picnic! June 10th 2012

This will be a special event this year that will include the Confirmation Service for the young adults who have been learning about Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. Come out and celebrate with the children!

Sunday June 10th 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 will have our annual picnic on the lawn (weather permitting) or indoors in the church. Sunday school will provide the luncheon foods. We will also provide the lemonade and of course the Ice Cream Sunday bar!! Great way to begin the summer! Please let one of the teachers know if you can bring a side dish.

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

The Teachers and Children of Belleville Sunday School.

Confirmation Service – Sunday, June 10, 2012

This year's confirmation class has concluded and the congregation will welcome them and support their choice to follow Jesus Christ on Sunday June 10th. Hunter Anderson, Skye Bradbury, Peter Conway and Nichole Samuelson would love to have the support of the wonderful people and teachers who have been a big part of their lives at Belleville.

ANNE K. ZARTARIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Belleville Congregational Church is pleased to announce that Keith Conway has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Anne K. Zartarian Memorial Scholarship. The award was given on May 23, 2012 at the Newburyport High Schools annual awards ceremony.

Congratulations to Keith on being chosen. May Keith always keep the lessons of Jesus Christ that he learned at Belleville close as he pursues his dreams.

Kelly Burke-Anderson
Memorial Fund Treasurer

KIDS AS PEACEMAKERS MURAL

The Sunday school children have been working on a new mural this year and it will be dedicated on Children's Sunday, June 10th.

2012 Calendar

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		May 29	May 30 9am Thrift Shop	May 31 1:30pm Yoga 6:15pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	1	2 Dumpster Day 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
3 Annual Meeting 10am Worship	4 3:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	5 4:30pm Brownie Troop	6 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	7 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	8	9 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
10 Children's Sunday & Confirmation Sunday 10am Worship 11am Annual Picnic	11 7pm CODA	12 7pm Stewardship & Finance Mtg 7pm Worship & Ed Mtg	13 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	14 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	15	16 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
17 10am Worship	18 7pm CODA	19 7pm Visions & Vitality Mtg. 8pm Exec. Board Mtg.	20 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	21 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	22 4pm – Wedding Rehearsal	23 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop 2pm – 10pm Wedding & Reception rental
24 10a Worship	25 7pm CODA	26	27 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	28 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	29 Yard Sale Set-up in Bannister & Stage Rooms	30 Yard Sale 9am-1pm 9am Thrift Shop

Thank you

Dear Belleville Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the cards and prayers in Jim's recent illness and in the loss of my nephew.

Jim is feeling much better and the encouragement from all of you certainly helped us both come through a difficult time.

Blessings,
Brenda Marshall



Happy Birthday

June

- 3 Bill Silsby
- 3 Judy Moore
- 7 Shirley Locke
- 10 Yvonne Cedras
- 13 Ben Tyler
- 17 Marcia Samuelson
- 20 Andrea Samuelson
- 25 Marcia Peirce
- 29 Hazen Brown

July

- 1 Vincent Chmielewski
- 1 Daniel Wilson
- 3 Ester Thompson
- 11 William Webber Sr.
- 16 Kelly Conway
- 20 Jo Bode
- 23 Michelle Anderson
- 28 Steve Wiswell

August

- 1 Audrey Clarkson
- 8 Shant Mantarian
- 8 Larry Kemp
- 8 Christopher Tyler
- 9 Margaret Gagnon
- 13 Maureen Sullivan
- 13 Christa Middler
- 15 Harold Kirkpatrick
- 17 Mary Lou Tyler
- 22 Better Webber
- 22 Mardee Beauparlant
- 29 Russell Peirce
- 29 Kathaleen Webber
- 30 Herb Williamson

48th Antique Show and Sale

Planning for Belleville's 48th Antique Show and Sale is underway! The date is Monday, July 30th from 9am – 3pm. Please consider sharing some of your time to help out with this fun event. Help will be needed from time to time, mostly right before, during and after the show. As you may know, furniture needs to be moved to make way for the dealers and then put back. Bakers are needed for breakfast and luncheon goodies. Help in the kitchen with the luncheon is always a good gig! Mark your calendars, please, with appreciation!

The Antique Show Committee

Nancy Canali

Dian Crofts

Gail Gandolfi

Bob & Shirley Locke

Mary Lou Tyler

Sue Wolfendale

Service Club

Our monthly meetings have ended until September, but we have one more event. On Saturday, June 30th from 9am-1pm we will be having part 2 of our Rummage Sale. It will be held in the Stage & Bannister rooms. We will be setting up and finishing the pricing at 9am on June 29th. Help is needed during set-up & pricing as well as during and after the sale on Saturday.

Huge thanks to everyone who has helped with all of our events during the year. We can't do it without your support.

Thrift Store - Is in need of a new clothing rack!

~Sue Wolfendale

Visions & Vitality

All are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 19th at 7pm for our "Visions & Vitality" discussion. This meeting will be a follow up from our April's meeting.

Desserts and discussion will be at 7pm with the Executive Board beginning at approximately 8pm.

SCRIPTURE READERS LIST 2012

June

- 3 Jim Marshall
10 Cathy Morrow
17 Bill Silsby
24 Emery Rice

July

- 1 Nancy Smith
8 Marion Spark
15 Peggy Utterback
22 Lynn Kinsella
29 Kelly Burke-Anderson

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



Coffee Hour

No Coffee Hour for June, July & August 2012. Coffee Hour will resume on September 2, 2012.

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.

The church will supply the napkins, cups, plates, coffee, cream, sugar and juice.

Ushers

- June** 3 Marion Spark & Jon Pearson
10 Ben & Sue Heersink
17 Gail Gandolfi & Audrey Clarkson
24 Carolyn Kyle & Ann Guyette

- July** 1 Jon Pearson & Norma Dean
8 Kathy Raywood & Gail Gandolfi
15 Michelle Anderson & Kelly Burke-Anderson
22 Bob Locke & Audrey Clarkson

CPA Funds for Belleville

The Belleville Congregational Church was among the 11 nonprofit organizations recommended to receive CPA funds. The Community Preservation Committee recommended \$30,000 be awarded to the Belleville Restoration Project. The committee's selections will now go to the City Council for final approval.

Herb & Dorothy Williamson want to thank the five project contractors for their estimates which they provided on short notice to meet the application deadline. They gave individual estimates for 13 items in need of repair to the exterior of the Meeting House and Fiske Chapel/Parish Hall to preserve the integrity and historicity of said buildings.

The project contractors who provided estimates were: Joseph Napolitano, NAPCO Inc., Builders; Steven MacDonald, The Riverview Company; Timothy Johnson & Charles Johnson, Johnson Building and Construction Inc.; Brett Murphy, Murphy Construction Company, Inc; and Henry C. Becker, Henry C. Becker Custom Building LTD. These contractors were all very professional and seemed capable to be considered.

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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!

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Brenda Marshall

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