

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.

Dear Friends,

I have been known to say that Belleville could use more FUN. And this past fall I also said we could use the buildings more for CONCERTS! Well Maria Niswonger stepped forward, and with the help of Bob and Diane Crofts, neighbors Ken and Donna Irwin, Bill Silsby and John Stahl, we will have both, in a big way! Yes, Mardi Gras is the start of Lent in many cultures and Christian communities, and this is undoubtedly a first for Belleville, inviting a “Red Hot Louisiana band!”

If any are worried about excesses in partying environments, we may recall that Jesus addressed such issues. In Matthew 11 and Luke 7, Jesus reminds people that while he was being called a glutton and drunkard for dining at parties with all sorts of folks, John the Baptist was said to have a demon for his ascetic manner of abstinence from food and drink. Jesus is pointing out the futility of judging people regarding eating or partying, and says that “wisdom is known by her children (deeds).” In another saying, Jesus says that trees are known “by their fruit.” The bottom line is that it is how we treat our neighbor which is the most important thing, not how much we eat, drink, or dance.....things which have been taboo in some Christian circles.

I think as Lent approaches we have a great opportunity here to experience both the indulgence and pleasures of Mardi Gras (wait til you taste those sweet pralines!), and also the sacrificial giving and spiritual disciplines associated with Lent..... I hope you will consider attending Dr. Marcus Borg's presentation and discussion about “Embracing a Mature Faith” that will be offered Thursday eves at 7PM in the parlor.

Hope to see you soon as we move into Lent and prepare for a wonderful Easter, which should be a warm spring day to celebrate Resurrection.

Yours in faith,

Ross Varney

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NOTICE: Please notice the newly updated website with pictures and events!
Special thanks to our talented web designer, Tania Harrison of
Line by Line Web Design.

Service Club

Our first meeting of the "Almost Spring" Service Club will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 1:30 in the Bannister Room. Marcia Peirce and her champion Golden Retriever "Reese" will be our guests. We all enjoyed Reese as a puppy - come and see what he can do now.

A big THANK-YOU goes out to everyone who either gave us, bought, or both recipes for our "Bakeless Bakesale. It was a huge success.

Rummage Sale - This year's annual **rummage sale** will be on April 16th. Think of us when doing your spring cleaning. You can bring things to outside the Thrift Shop any time **after** our March 4th concert. If you can put aside that weekend - We will be needing lots of help the day before, day of, and after the sale. I'm afraid our Service Club is growing smaller due to sickness and age. We always welcome new members and guests.

Happy Birthday



March

3 Patrick Harrison
3 Douglas Heine
5 Linda Farmer
5 Lily Delong
9 Cathie Gould
15 Hunter Anderson
19 Barbara Colten
19 Phoebe Lanham
21 Diana Bondar
23 Heather Brown
23 Steven Locke
26 Emily May
28 Diane Crofts
30 Alexandra Gould

April

5 Kelly Burke-Anderson
7 Faye Richards
7 Linda Himeon
12 Lynne Hangen
15 Sue Heersink
15 Petey Conway
18 Nancy Canali
21 Sue Cavaliere
23 Nancy Tsakirgis
27 Nancy Lewis
30 Mel Woodman

Women's Discussion Group

The Women's Discussion Group is looking for new members. We meet twice a month for fellowship and meaningful discussion on a variety of topics from science to religion to ethical issues to current events to everything in between. Currently we are meeting the first and third Monday of each month but would be willing to do another day or time if there is enough interest. If you are interested, please email or call Cathie Gould at 978-463-0507 or catherine_gould@hotmail.com and include what day and time works for you.

Please let me know of any birthdays that are not included in the list. Thank you.

Brenda Marshall

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

Mar. 6 Nancy Smith
13 Marion Spark
20 Peggy Utterback
27 Kelly
Apr. 3 Karen
10 Gail
17 Carolyn (call)
24 Jim
May 1 Cathy
8 Maria
15 Geoff
22 Bill
29 Nancy (call)
June 5 Marion
12 Peggy
19 Kelly
26 Karen
July 3 Gail
10 Carolyn (call)
17 Jim
24 Cathy
31 Geoff
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 Geoff
23 Bill
30 Nancy (call)
Nov. 6 Marion
Nov. 13 Peggy

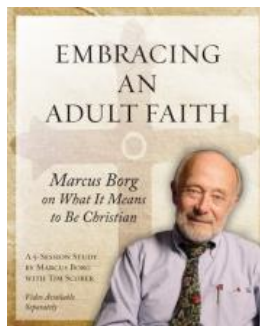
Upcoming Adult Education Series Thursdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Through the DVD series, "Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What it Means to Be Christian", author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions:

- Who is God?
- What does salvation mean?
- What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith?

In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants witness Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly -- and sometimes painfully -- confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers.

Meetings will be March 10, 17 & 24 and April 7 & 14. There will not be a meeting on March 31.



Breathe & Smile

Gentle Chair Yoga

Class Begins March 10th – May 19th for 10 weeks

Enjoy a yoga class to help you breathe deeply and reduce stress! Simple breath exercises combined with healing movements help improve immunity, digestion, sleep patterns and help relax our whole nervous system. Yoga is preventative medicine to help keep us healthy and well! This practice of yoga is gentle on the joints, all done sitting in a chair, with options to stand if you are able. Guided gentle yoga postures, breathing exercises and deep relaxations offer refreshment for body, mind, soul and spirit. Beginners welcome and encouraged.

Facilitated by Carla Mattioli, M.A. Interfaith Minister

Artist and yoga practitioner 28 years, has benefited from the study of many styles of yoga, dance, eurhythm, Alexander technique and mindfulness meditation with Zen Master Thich Nhat Hahn. Teaching yoga now for over eight years, Carla is certified in Yoga Instruction in the Vini Yoga style which values adapting yoga to the individual needs of each student. She has taught gentle chair yoga in numerous retirement communities across the North Shore.

Time: Thursday afternoons 2-3 p.m.

Cost: sliding scale \$5-\$10 per class.

Location: Belleville Congregational Church Hall

Please call Carla to register or for more information 978-546-8018 or www.awakcart.com

2011-2012 Coffee Hour List



Mar	6	Mardee Beuparlant, Diana Bondar, Helen Mantarian
	13	Nancy Tsakirgis, Karen Conway, Marcia Samuelson
	20	Peggy Utterback, Rita Vreeland, Kelly Burke-Anderson
	27	Sue Wolfendale, Shirley Locke, Jane Thomas
Apr	3	Sue Heersink, Marion Spark, Bill Silsby
	10	Gail Gandolfi, Maria Niswonger, Norma Dean
	17	No Coffee Hour School Vacation
Apr	24	
Easter		Audrey Clarkson, Diane Crofts, Marylou Tyler
May	1	Kathy Raywood, Jean Kirkpatrick, Helen Hatcher
	8	Nancy Canali, Brenda Marshall, Cynthia Peirce
	15	Janet Woodman, Helen Mantarian, Pam Ellis
	22	Audrey Clarkson, Debra Moore, Bob Gould
	29	No Coffee Hour Holiday Weekend
Sept	4	Holiday Weekend No Coffee Hour
	11	Audrey Clarkson, Diana Bondar, Carolyn Kyle
	18	Lori Wiswell, Dorothy Williamson, Marylou Tyler
	25	Nancy Tsakirgis, Gail Gandolfi, Irene Bradford
Oct	2	Mardee Beuparlant, Pam Ellis, Marge Killam
	9	Shirley Locke, Karen Conway, Brenda Marshall
	16	Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood, Marion Spark
	23	Diane Crofts, Ben Heersink, Debra Moore
	30	Janet Woodman, Rita Vreeland, Jean Kirkpatrick
Nov	6	Gail Gandolfi, Anna Guyette, Sue Heersink
	13	Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson, Diana Bondar
	20	Audrey Clarkson, Marcia Samuelson, Jim Marshall
	27	Bob Locke, Nancy Tsakirgis, Irene Bradford
Dec	4	Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood, Marion Spark
	11	Peggy Utterback, Marge Killam, Mardee Beuparlant
	18	Audrey Clarkson, Debra Moore, Lori Wiswell
	25	No Coffee Hour
Jan 2012	1	No Coffee Hour
	8	Sue Heersink, Dorothy Williamson, Carolyn Kyle
	15	Nancy Canali, Gail Gandolfi, Jane Thomas
	22	Shirley Locke, Karen Conway, Marcia Samuelson
	29	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.

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

Anyone can bring something for coffee hour even if it is not your week. You do not have to be listed to donate. All donations gratefully accepted.

Audrey Clarkson	978-462-2780
Diane Crofts	978-462-7226
Carolyn Kyle	978-462-8974
Nancy Canali	978-388-1117
Sue Wolfendale	978-462-7473

Belleville Church Calendar

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Thrift shop 9-noon	3 Bible 6:15 Choir 7:30	4 Mardi Gras Celebration	5 Thrift shop 9-noon
6 Worship 10a	7 Women's Discussion?	8 Service Club 1:30 W/E Board	9 Thrift shop 9-noon Ash Wednesday	10 Yoga 2 pm Lenten series 7 pm Choir 8 pm	11	12 Thrift shop 9-noon
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27 Worship 10a	28	29	30	31 Yoga 2p		

Dear Members and Friends of Belleville Congregational Church

We hope that by starting this concert series, we will bring a variety of fine music to the Newburyport community, and we will raise money to repair and maintain our historic buildings. We want the buildings to be a beautiful gathering place for many generations to come. Check out our portion of the church's website to learn more: www.bellevillechurch.org

Thanks to the committee members who are organizing this event: Ross Varney, Diane Crofts, Bob Crofts, John Stahl, Ken Irwin, Donna Wilson Irwin, and Bill Silsby. In addition, Mary Lou Tyler, Bill Silsby, Matt Raywood, Kathy Raywood, Kristy Taylor, Bob Locke, Jim Marshall, Janet Woodman, Peggy Utterback and Sue Wolfendale are making contributions to the success of the series. I am sure others of you will be available to help on the night of the event with ushering, ticket taking, baking, etc. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and prayers for this adventure.

We are putting up posters, sending out e-mails and trying to get coverage on radio and in newspapers. Let me know if you see or hear anything about the concert. If you know of other good places to advertise, let me know. I'll get you some color posters or black and white flyers.

Thanks so much, Maria Niswonger

Belleville Roots Music Concert Series
presents

C.J. CHENIER
&
THE RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011



Concert and dancing 8:00 PM
\$15 in advance/ \$20 day of show

Tickets available at www.bellevillechurch.org
or - Dyno Records
1 Middle Street, Newburyport

Belleville Congregational Church
300 High Street, Newburyport
978.465.7734

Celebrate Mardi Gras!

Cajun dinner catered by Mizuna, 6:00-7:30 PM
\$15 in advance includes choice of entree plus beverage and dessert

The Mardi Gras Celebration at Belleville Church on Friday, March 4 is going to be amazing! Here are some new details:

6:00-7:30 pm The Cajun dinner includes a choice of Mizuna's Chicken and Sausage Gumbo or Vegetarian Jambalaya, plus sides of red bean and rice, cornbread, pralines from Willey's Candy Shop and a beverage.

7:00-8:00 pm Zydeco Dance Lessons, for those who have purchased a concert ticket, will be taught by Dave Drago of the Boston Zydeco group. Bring a partner and your dancing shoes!

8:00 -10:00 pm CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band play music for dancing. Desserts, coffee, and other beverages will be sold.

Concert tickets (\$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the show) and Dinner tickets (\$15 in advance) are available at Dyno Records in Newburyport, online at www.bellevillechurch.org/concerts.php or at Belleville Congregational Church. Call 978-465-7734 for more information.

About C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band

C.J. Chenier, son of the 'King of Zydeco' Clifton Chenier, joined his father's Red-Hot Louisiana Band playing saxophone at the age of 21. After Clifton's death in 1987, C.J. picked up the accordion and took charge of his father's ministry - to spread the word of Zydeco music to the world. Since then, Chenier has pushed the genre to new heights with his virtuosity. The Boston Globe has called him "the crown prince of zydeco," and Living Blues magazine hails him as "the best living zydeco singer and accordionist." His musical style ranges from the traditional zydeco of Clifton Chenier right on up to modern funk with healthy doses of blues, R&B, swamp pop and even country. C.J.'s total mastery of the accordion combined with his rich, satisfying voice are the driving forces behind this power-house zydeco band.

Chhenten Meditation

Human love begins to pale, when you think of a love that could never fail.

Jesus love was for all seasons and He gave it freely for many reasons.

Just consider how His life was spent, accomplishing miracles wherever He went.

He was a patient man, caring and kind; He gave unconditional love all of the time.

Fully human, fully divine, His Kind of love was truly sublime.

He was God's Son, in the shape of a man and according to the Master's plan if all of us followed His creed, life would be Heaven on Earth indeed!

Anna May Guyette
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