

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,

Easter worship was a wonderful celebration of new life..... from the fresh paint and facelift in our entryway and foyer, to the uplift of our spirits through soaring music, and words of hope and victory! It has been a very long winter for most of us; we are so ready for some Spring warmth. Add seeds of faith, of new life in Christ, and we could have a mood shift that many of us need!

Well, even with a late Spring, May seems to make good on the promises of May flowers that follow cold April showers. As we meditate on the beauty sprouting up all around us, I can't help but also ponder the ongoing education and dialogue around climate change and global warming. Earth Day coincided with Good Friday this year! Yes, it is a time to ponder the Earth, and God's mandate to care for the Earth, starting with Adam whose job was indeed to toil in Earth's garden. Yes, May is a time for planting, not only our own gardens and flowers, but the seeds of commitment to care for the entire earth.

Accordingly, we think of the carbon emissions that warm the atmosphere and cause melting of necessary ice in the Antarctic. I confess that while I take the warnings seriously, I have not spent much time studying the ongoing dialogue. Now five years after Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," perhaps the church may consider taking a stand to care for the Earth. The United Church of Christ often takes the lead for local church's, and is doing this at the state level. Perhaps at the very least, we could do a book study this summer or fall with a recommended book: Hot Flat and Crowded, by Tom Friedman. Let me know if you are interested in such an effort. Then we could decide on concrete measures to promote in our homes, church, and community.

As I said in my Easter Sermon, we are called to move from hope towards victory in all the issues of our lives. The month of May, with outdoor gardening on many of our lists, beckons us to be seeds of hope and change in the way we care for the Earth! See you in the great outdoors! And I would love to continue this conversation with any interested with a walk in that great outdoors!

Shalom for now, Ross

"For God So Loved The World"

May is a month that some people call merry.

The breezes are warm and perfume and airy.

We open our windows with great delight
And gaze at the stars so shining and bright

The scent of magnolia and lilac are there;

And apple blossom petals are strewn everywhere.

New babies are born in the animal world, and the leaves on the trees slowly uncurl.

The petals of tulips burst out of their prison; the whole world is singing that Christ has risen.

God gives us new life and new hope at this time every year; so let us rejoice and vanquish our fear!

Christina May Guyette

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* John Chapter 3 Verse 16

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

May 1 Cathy
8 Maria
15 Bill
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 Bill
Aug. 7 Bill
14 Nancy (call)
21 Marion
28 Peggy
Sept. 4 Kelly
11 Karen
18 Gail
25 Carolyn (call)
Oct. 2 Jim

NOTICE

The Annual reports for each board need to be sent to Kristy no later than the end of next week...April 29. In order for her to begin the work on the Annual Report (typing, and assembling), we have always asked that they be submitted 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

Jim Marshall

Women's Discussion Group

The Women's Discussion Group is looking for new members. Currently we are meeting the first and third Monday of each month. If you are interested, please call Cathie Gould

Service Club

The May meeting of the Service club will take place on **Tuesday May 10th**. We will be going out to eat at the Poet's Inn. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me as soon as possible so we have enough reservations. (Sue Wolfendale 978-462-7473)

I want to thank everyone again for helping us for the Rummage Sale. Belleville came through as usual. We made over \$600 for the church. The Thrift Shop also made over \$400. What a great day.

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.

2011-2012 Coffee Hour List



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, Mary Lou Tyler
	25	Nancy Tsakirgis, Gail Gandolfi, Irene Bradford

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

Diane Crofts

Carolyn Kyle

Nancy Canali

Sue Wolfendale

Happy Birthday

May

3 Elizabeth Valeriani
 8 Robert Gandolfi
 8 Matthew Chmielewski
 12 Mary Wood
 12 Talya Ipbuken
 13 Daryl Laing
 26 Joyce Burrier
 30 Michael Valeriani



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

Breathe & Smile Gentle Chair Yoga

Class held March 10th – May 19th

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. Facilitated by Carla Mattioli, M.A. Interfaith Minister

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

Spinney Brothers Concert

Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 pm.

Allan and Rick Spinney, who call Wolfville, Nova Scotia home, have been at the forefront of the Atlantic Canadian acoustic music scene for well over a decade. Along with band mates Gary Dalrymple and Darryl Hebb, the Spinneys are one of the busiest bluegrass bands in all of Canada. The Canadian duo keeps a very active touring schedule. In the last twelve months they have taken their music from coast to coast in both Canada and the United States. This past October the Spinneys performed in Nashville at the International Bluegrass Music Associations *World of Bluegrass* Convention. They were the only Canadian band to participate and represented their home country with great pride. They are quickly becoming recognized as Canada's "International Bluegrass Band".

The Spinney Brothers have garnered an industry reputation as being top notch professionals. Attention to detail has brought an impression list of performance opportunities. They have shared the stage with county music star *Ricky Skaggs*, the Grammy nominated *Cherryholms*, and Grand Ole Opry legend *Del McCoury*.

The Spinney Brothers were recently recognized for all their hard work, as they were nominated in five categories at the Eastern Canadian Bluegrass Awards show in Truro, Nova Scotia. If this wasn't enough, the Spinneys received the honor of their careers in September as they were inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame, with the likes of Hank Snow, Wilf Carter and Anne Murray. For more information on the Spinney Brothers Bluegrass Band, visit www.spinneybrothers.com

Tickets are \$15 for adults (\$20 day of show) and \$5 for kids 12 and under. In order for moms to enjoy the concert, babysitting will be available at no additional charge for kids who have a concert ticket. Babysitting is available from 1:45 pm – 4:15 pm. A parent or guardian must remain on the church property for the concert. Kids are encouraged to attend the concert if they like, and use the babysitter when they have heard enough music. Two lead babysitters have many of years of experience and are CORI'd. Assistant babysitters will be added as needed.

Please register kids by May 6 by calling 978-465-7734 or e-mailing bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com. We will need to know the following information for each kid so that we have plenty of qualified caregivers on hand.

- Kid's name
- Kid's age
- Parent's name
- Parent's address
- Cell or home phone number
- Any allergies or health concerns that we need to know



BBQ Dinner 4 pm

Dinner, catered by American Barbecue of Rowley, The menu includes a choice of pulled chicken or pulled pork plus red bliss mashed potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans, cornbread or sandwich roll, soft drinks and dessert.

Kids 12 and under will also be able to choose from macaroni and cheese, chicken fingers, carrot sticks and fruit cups. Dinner tickets, which **must be purchased by May 6, are \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.** For more information, call 978-465-7734 or e-mail bcchurch@worldpath.net.

Belleville Church Calendar

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10a	2 Women's Discussion 4p	3	4 Thrift shop 9-noon	5 Yoga 2p Bible Discussion 6:15 p Choir 7:30p	6	7 Thrift shop 9-noon
8 Worship 10a Concert 2p Dinner 4p	9	10 Service Club W/E 7p	11 Thrift shop 9-noon	12 Yoga 2p Bible Discussion 6:15 p Choir 7:30p	13	14 Thrift shop 9-noon
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29 Worship 10a	30 Memorial Day	31				

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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

Church Office **978-465-7734**

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Bob Locke, Sexton

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Memorial Fund Treasurer

Kelly Burke-Anderson

Auditor

Jim Samuelson

Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

Helen Hatcher

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