



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,

I've heard of the term "war-weary," but these days I'm also getting "news-weary." Surely, the biggest headlines are always some sort of bad news. Some form of violence happening. Even in the political races, when it gets close the "attack ads" begin. And when some big developers don't get their way, reportedly they have even yelled at the mayor and pounded on her desk!

So where is the good news? As people with a conscience, and following the Prince of Peace, we have no choice but to spread light, and be peacemakers as best we can! Any effort can add to the seeds of peace. Then we trust the Creator to cause growth and multiplication of peace seeds. Jesus was all about forgiveness and reconciliation.

I must admit, I often throw up my hands in despair about the extremists who thinks it's OK to do mass killings. They even invoke the name of God as they do so. Jews and Christians have been guilty of doing the same. Recently, someone reminded me that Jesus talked about trees with bad fruit being chopped down, and used it as a proof-text for killing. Jesus also talked about chopping off a hand or plucking out an eye that caused sin.... but few serious interpreters of Jesus would ever take that saying literally. Rather his meaning is metaphoric, to remove the actions or causes of sin in one's life..... and his principal response to sin is "You are forgiven.... Go and sin no more."

As Christians, we trust we can always find Good News in Christ's life and teachings. So as we approach Advent, let's take every opportunity to PROMOTE Christ, his way, and his community as Good News for this hurting world.

Faithfully and yours in Christ,

Ross

2014 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1			1 9-12 Thrift Shop 7:30pm Pennies for Poverty Fund raiser
2 10am Worship	3 4:15pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	4 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies in the parlor	5 9- 12 Thrift Shop	6 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	7	8 9:30am Thoughtful Life Studies Mediation 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
9 10am Worship	10 7pm CODA	11 8:15am Worship & Education 1:30pm Service Club 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies	12 9- 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance	13 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	14 8pm Roots Concert & Dance with the New Orleans Suspects	15 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
16 10am Worship	17 4:15pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	18 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies 7pm Executive Board	19 9-12 Thrift Shop 5:30 Girl Scouts 6pm Men's Fellowship Dinner	20 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	21	22 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
23 10am Worship Thanksgiving in- gathering of food	24 7pm CODA	25 7pm Thoughtful Life Studies	26 9-12 Thrift Shop	27 Thanksgiving 	28 4-9pm Art & Soul – Artisan Crafts	29 10-4 Art & Soul– Artisan Crafts
30 10am Worship						

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.



<i>November</i>		<i>December</i>	
6	<i>Jamie Beuparlant</i>	2	<i>Stephen Middler</i>
8	<i>Annika Ellis</i>	10	<i>Jennifer Allard</i>
10	<i>Jon Williamson</i>	10	<i>Tyler Jay</i>
10	<i>Helen Hatcher</i>	20	<i>Jean Kirkpatrick</i>
26	<i>Sue Wolfendale</i>	21	<i>Michael Allard</i>
28	<i>Jonathan Pearson</i>	22	<i>Scott Smith</i>
28	<i>Christina Gandolfi</i>	24	<i>Jenny DeLong</i>
		25	<i>Norm Hansen</i>



Service Club

The November meeting of the Service Club will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 1:30pm in the Bannister Room with guest speaker Carol Kelley. Carol will be discussing her book *Accidental Immigrants and the Search for Home: Women, Cultural Identity and Community*, (Temple University Press, 2013). The book is a study of four women's immigration experiences and addresses the emotional issues of home, belonging, adjustment, and the experience of being foreign. From a Maori woman who moves to Norway to the daughter of an Iranian diplomat who now lives in France, *Accidental Immigrants* weaves the personal stories of immigration with discussions of anthropology and psychology. Although the book is carefully researched, it reads like a novel; the women could be your neighbors or friends or the stranger you're a little apprehensive about. *Accidental Immigrants* will resonate with anyone who has experienced a life changing situation that leads to personal transformation, whether involving a move from a different country or just to a new neighborhood.

Carol Kelley is a cultural anthropologist and former lawyer, and has primarily worked as a social policy researcher for universities and non-profit organizations. Her interest in the emotional journeys of immigrants emerged from her work as an ethnographer, her own personal experiences, and from observing the life of her sister, an immigrant to Norway. She currently makes her home in Newburyport, MA.

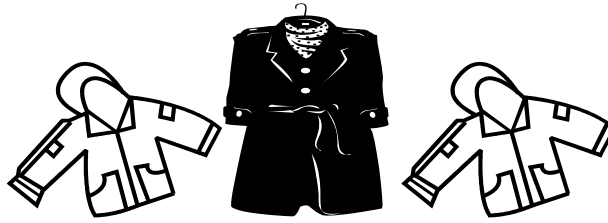


Minister's Discretionary Fund

The Extra Mile offering collected on Sunday, November 16th will be for the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Ross is often approached by people with requests for help with food, gas money, or utility bill needs. Assistance is often given along with conversation, spiritual encouragement, and prayer "at the discretion of the minister".

Often the money given to the Minister's Discretionary Fund is used to purchase gift cards from Market Basket, CVS and Kmart. Then, as the need arises, Ross gives to the recipient the gift card that addresses, in some small way, this particular person's needs. None of the assistance is long term.



THE PETTENGILL HOUSE, INC.
WINTER COAT DRIVE
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN NEED

in conjunction with Coastal Connections, Inc.

COLLECTION SITE:

Coastal Connections, Inc.

35 Water Street

Amesbury, MA

DROP OFF DATES AND TIME:

November 5, 12, and 19

1 to 5pm

ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED
COATS AND JACKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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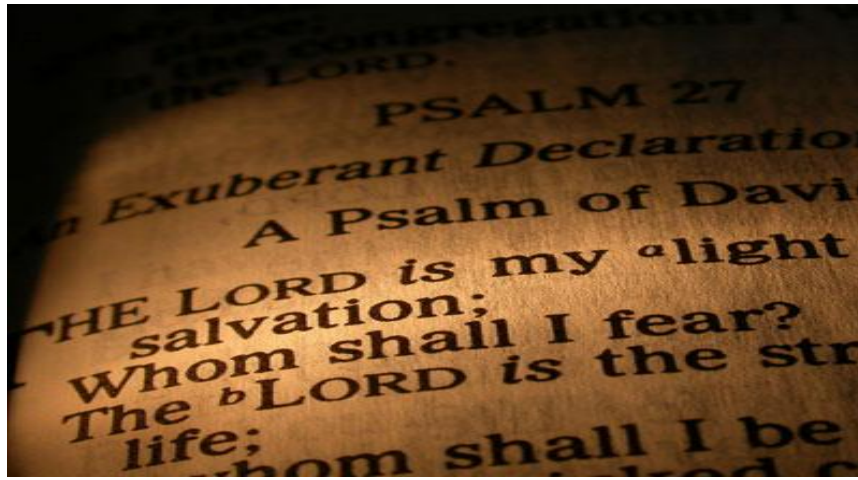
**Belleville Roots presents
New Orleans Suspects
Mardi Gras in November
Concert and Dance on Friday, November 14th**



Belleville Roots Music presents the New Orleans Suspects in a concert/dance at the Belleville Stage, 300 High Street, Newburyport on Friday, November 14th at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 day of show/\$10 children 18 and under. For more information, please email: bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com or visit: www.bellevillechurch.org/roots.php.

TICKETS

Tickets are available at Dyno Records, 1 Middle Street, Newburyport, MA,
Belleville Congregational Church office on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday mornings from 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Belleville Thrift Shop on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00AM to noon
<http://www.MKTix.com/bc>



Scripture readers

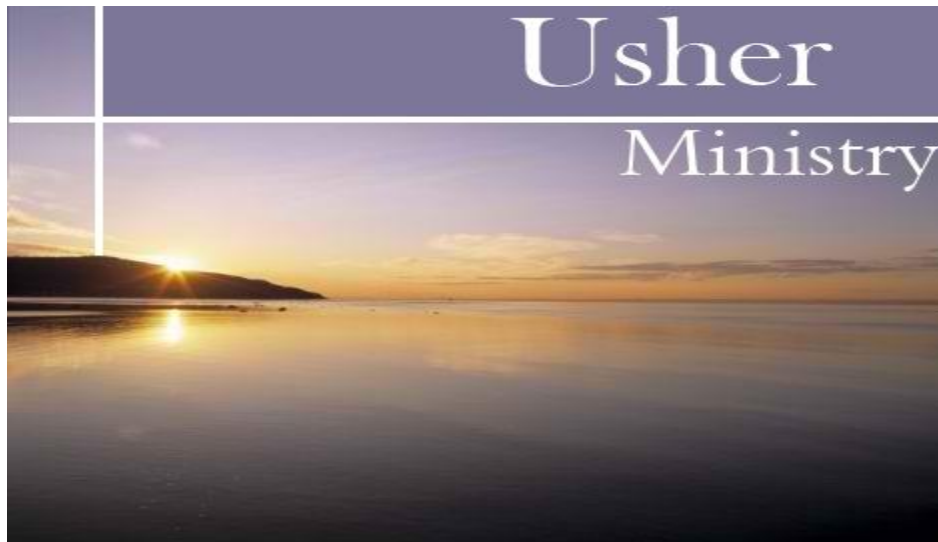
November

- 2 Gail Gandolfi
- 9 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
- 16 Sue Heersink
- 23 Carolyn Kyle
- 30 Barbara Colten

December

- 7 Peggy Utterback
- 14 Bill Silsby
- 21 Emery Rice
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 28 Lynn Varney

If you are unavailable to read on the date that you have been assigned, just call the next person on the list or send out an email and trade dates.



November

- 2 Norma & Tim Dean
- 9 Sue & Ben Heersink
- 16 Jean Kirkpatrick & Mardee Beauparlant
- 23 Jon Pearson & Hunter Anderson
- 30 Gail Gandolfi

December

- 7 Peggy Utterback & Carolyn Kyle
- 14 Judi Smith & Anna Guyette
- 21 Michelle Anderson & Audrey Clarkson
- 24 Gail Gandolfi, Chapel Allard, & Norma Dean
- 28 Kathy Raywood & Annika Ellis

Coffee Hour



November

- 2 Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson & Diana Bondar
- 9 Bob Locke, Marcia Samuelson & Dorothy Williamson
- 16 Audrey Clarkson, Jennifer Allard & Mary Lou Tyler
- 23 Marion Spark, Kathy Raywood & Ben Heersink
- 30 Peggy Utterback, Marge Killam & Mardee Beauparlant

December

- 7 Sue Wolfendale, Norma Kean & Lynn Varney
- 14 Diane Crofts, Jean Hansen & Janet Woodman
- 21 Audrey Clarkson, Lori Wiswell & Debra Moore
- 28 No Coffee Hour



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Church Staff & Contact Information

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evenings
Please call to assure the pastor is available.

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Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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