

Belleville Congregational Church

*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



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.

Led By: Rev. Ross Varney
Ushers: Kathy Raywood
Scripture Reader: Mary Lou Tyler
Coffee Hour: POTLUCK
Musician: Phil Cosgrove

September

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2026

- (*) where indicated, if able, please stand -

Let's quiet our hearts and minds during the prelude to welcome God's spirit.

Prelude

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Ross Varney

"Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

(PH #440)

*** Lord's Prayer...** *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'*

* Gloria Patri

(PH #513)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

* Passing of Peace

As a sign of reconciliation with God, and with each other, please greet others, *nearby*, with a blessing such as *"Peace be with you."*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 2193

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, ____", "Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; ____", "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, ____ send us", and "love, send us power, send us grace. ____".

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children...of all ages

Moment for Poetry

"The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus

(see insert)

Scripture Readings

Mary Lou Tyler

1Corinthians 1:26-29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Matthew 25 - 34-36,40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Hymn

"Hallelujah" music by Leonard Cohen, Words by Phil Cosgrove

(see insert)

Sermon

"Christ Resists Empires"

Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time

Offertory

* Doxology, Dedication of Offerings

Pilgrim Hymnal #515

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

"How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"

(NCH #594)

Benediction

Postlude

"We Hold These Truths"

(see next page)

*We hold these truths to be self-evident
That all the peoples of the world are equal
In the eyes of the Lord
Anyone's Lord
My Lord, Your Lord and Their Lord Too
The people are endowed with rights
unalienable,
You can't take away a right unalienable
You get it when your born you take it to your
grave
It's Yours forever
Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness
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*Am you happy yet are we happy yet?
And Governments are instituted to ensure
those rights
Deriving their power from the consent of the
governed
And that's just us and that's just us
Just me and you and yes, them too.
This is America Should Be
This is what America Could Be
From Sea to Shining Sea The Land of the Free
This is America to me
God Bless America!*

Feel free to leave when ready; please do so quietly. Join us for refreshments in the stage room



PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you would like prayers for yourself or others, please place your request in the offering plate during worship service. You could also call/e-mail the office by Thursdays by 11:00 AM.

THANKSGIVING FOR

All the construction workers who are fixing Meetinghouse ceiling
Ben's brother led a rock band in Holland, good family visit
Granddaughter Sophia adjusting well to college and new friends
Thrift Shop: many volunteers and good community building
Continued warm summer weather

CONCERNS FOR:

Barbara Colten, transitioning to Advinia Rehabilitation
Our Latin American immigrant neighbors - for fairness and compassion

THIS WEEK

Bible Study - Thursdays at 1:00 PM, starting September 17th

Saturday September 26th at 7:30PM – Roots Concert featuring Bill Kirchen

UPCOMING

Sunday October 4th 7:00 PM – Rev. Dr. Jon Paul Sydnor

Monday, October 5th - 30 minute partially guided meditation session. It's free and open to anyone.

Please contact Lynn as regards your availability.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT TIME FRAME WORKS, BETWEEN 5 – 7:30PM

Sunday October 18th - Soup's On coffee hour. See Gail for details

SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you are unable to perform the assigned task, please trade with someone on the list.

SEPTEMBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Sept 6th	Audrey Clarkson	Mary Lou Tyler	Mary Lou Tyler
Sept 13th	Mardee Beauparlant		Lynn Varney
Sep 20th	Kathy Raywood	Mary Lou Tyler	POTLUCK
Sept 27th	Sue Wolfendale	Rachel Shunamon	Dorothy Williamson

OCTOBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Oct 4 th	Audrey Clarkson	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
Oct 11 th	Liz Neale	Keith Barbera	Mardee Beauparlant
Oct 18 th	Mary Lou Tyler	Jim Samuelson	SOUPS ON! See Gail
Oct 25 th	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback

MUSIC SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

6th – Joyce Rice
 13th – Joyce Rice
 20th – Phil Cosgrove
 27th – Kirsten Helgeland

OCTOBER

4th – Joyce Rice
 11th – Joyce Rice
 18th – Phil Cosgrove
 25th – Joyce Rice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

17th - Tim Dean
 19th - Ryan Overbeek
 20th - Lori Wiswell
 20th - Ben Heersink
 26th - Ross Varney

OCTOBER

7th - Lance Eskelund
 8th - Virginia Lowell
 13th - Denis Ipbuken
 22nd - Keith Conway
 24th - Janet Woodman
 26th - Emily Fay

*If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail
 office@belleville-church.com*