

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: Reverend Ross Varney

Usher: Bill Silsby

Scripture Reader: Martha Kelleher

Coffee Hour: Bill Silsby and Martha Kelleher

Music: Phil Cosgrove

February

22

2026

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

Belleville Congregational Church

February 22nd 2026 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Prelude Music

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**

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

(NCH #205)

** 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

Be still and know that I am God (3x)
Be Still

Come to me and I will give you rest (3x)
Come to me

Follow me beside the water still (3x)
Follow Me

Live in me and I will live in you (3x)
Live in me

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children...of all ages

Music Meditation

Scripture Readings

Martha Kelleher

Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Matthew 6:1-6

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Hymn

“Not My Brother, nor My Sister”

(NCH #519)

Sermon

“Prayer – The Inner Journey”

Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time

*** 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**

“Lord I Want To Be a Christian”

(NCH #454)

Benediction

Postlude Music

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.

Prayers for:

Chance, a friend of Sofia, at Univ. of Maine
Lucas, a friend of Sofia, in car accident, and in a coma
Sandra's friend Spencer who is in the end stages of COPD
Latin Americans (and other people arrested based on color)
The Iranian people who are suffering under brutal government

THIS WEEK

CODA Meetings Mondays at 7:00 PM

Bible Exploration 12:30PM

UPCOMING

Roots Concerts - Special Discount! Church members now receive \$5.00 off of ticket prices. Upcoming Concerts: Sat March 7th, Sat April 18th, Sat May 16th

Admin Hours: On Thursday March 19th, there will be no office hours.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Feb 1	Dorothy Williamson	Peggy Utterback	Peggy & Rachel Shunamon
Feb 8 (Communion)	Kathy Raywood	Jim Samuelson	Kathy Raywood
Feb 15	Sue Heersink	Barbara Colten	Audrey Clarkson
Feb 22	Bill Silsby	Martha Kelleher	Bill & Martha

MARCH			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Mar 1	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi
Mar 8 (Communion)	Peggy Utterback	Rachel Shunamon	Sue Heersink
Mar 15	Dorothy Williamson	Sue Wolfendale	Dorothy & Sue
Mar 22	Bill Silsby	Martha Kelleher	Bill Silsby & Martha Kelleher
Mar 29	Mardee Beauparlant	Keith Karbera	Mardee Beauparlant

MUSIC SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	MARCH
Feb 1 st – Phil Cosgrove	March 1 st – Joyce Rice
Feb 8th – Joyce Rice	March 8 th - Phil Cosgrove
Feb 15 th – Joyce Rice	March 15 th - Joyce Rice
Feb 22 nd – Phil Cosgrove	March 22 nd - Phil Cosgrove
	March 29 th - Nancy Day

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 Rory Schmidt
 Feb 1 Deb Moore
 Feb 3 Peggy Utterback
 Feb 4 Robert Gould
 Feb 15 Dot Williamson
 Feb 15 Marion Spark
 Feb 22 George Beauparlant
 Feb 24 Luke Gandolfi
 Feb 28 Jamie Gandolfi

MARCH

Mar 13 Gail Gandolfi
 Mar 17 Carter Jay
 Mar 19 Barbara Colten
 Mar 21 Diana Bondar
 Mar 23 Steven Locke
 Mar 28 Diane Crofts

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