

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: Peggy Utterback

Scripture Reader: Rachel Shunamon

Coffee Hour: Sue Heersink

Music: Phil Cosgrove

March

8

2026

Flowers given are in memory of Evelena R. Roney

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

Matthew 17:1-7

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

2Peter 1:16-18

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Hymn*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

(NCH #282)

Sermon*"Seeing Divine Light"*

Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time and Music

*** 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 Song***"You've got a friend" by Carly Simon*

(see below)

*When you're down and troubled and you
need a helping hand,
and nothing, oh, nothing is going right,
close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there
to brighten up even your darkest night.*

[Chorus]

*You just call out my name, and you know
wherever I am,
I'll come running to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you got to do is call
and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah.
You've got a friend.*

[Verse 2]

*If the sky above you should turn dark and
full of clouds,
and that old north wind should begin to
blow,
keep your head together and call my
name out loud.
Soon I'll be knocking upon your door.*

[Bridge]

*Hey ain't it good to know that you've got a
friend when
people can be so cold. They'll hurt you
and desert you.
Well, they'll take your soul if you let them.
Oh yeah, but don't you let them.*

[Chorus]

*You just call out my name, and you know
wherever I am,
I'll come running to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you got to do is call
and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah.
You've got a friend.*

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.

Thanksgivings for:

Times of vacation, bon voyage to Gail
Community spirit with many shovelers helping those in need
Return of interesting migrating birds

Petition for:

All families of those now dying in war, especially children in Iran.
Those with skills at making peace
Latin American friends hiding in fear
A Friend diagnosed with Alzheimer's (Kathy R.)
Shenae, currently in a rehab

THIS WEEK

CODA Meetings Mondays at 7:00 PM

Bible Exploration 12:30PM

UPCOMING

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

MARCH			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Mar 1	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi
Mar 8	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

APRIL			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
April 5 <i>(Easter)</i>	Jim Samuelson Lix Neale, Gail Gandolfi Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Jim Samuelson	Lynn Varney Peggy Utterback Dorothy Williamson
April 12	Gail Gandolfi	Sandra Biondo	Gail Gandolfi
April 19	Ben Heersink	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
April 26	Mary Lou Tyler	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Mary Lou Tyler

MUSIC SCHEDULE

MARCH	APRIL
March 1 st – Joyce Rice	April 5 th – Joyce Rice with the violinists of the Grassi Family
March 8 th - Phil Cosgrove	April 12 th – Joyce Rice
March 15 th - Joyce Rice	April 19 th - Phil Cosgrove
March 22 nd - Phil Cosgrove	April 26 th - Phil Cosgrove
March 29 th - Nancy Day	

BIRTHDAYS

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

APRIL

April 2 Lynn Varney
 April 9 Wyatt Allard
 April 12 Lynne Hangen
 April 15 Sue Heersink
 April 15 Petey Conway
 April 18 Nancy Canali
 April 23 Nancy Tsakirgis
 April 26 Tim Conway

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