

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: Gail Gandolfi
Scripture Reader: Gail Gandolfi
Coffee Hour: Gail Gandolfi
Music: Joyce Rice

March

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2026

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

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March 1st 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

Prelude Music *Two Spirituals: "Lord, I want to be a Christian" and "My Lord, what a morning" arr. J. Krug*

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** *"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"* (PH #288)

* **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

My Times Are in your Hand

Text: William F. Lloyd (1824)

Music: Joyce Rice

My times are in your hand, My God, I wish them there!

My life, my friends, my soul I leave en-tire-ly to your care.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Times Are in your Hand'. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves contain the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves contain the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a call to prayer.

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children...of all ages

Music Moment

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

(NCH 489)

Scripture Readings

Gail Gandolfi

Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one



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:

Prayers for Peace here, guest leader Rev. Donnadia Lowry
Interfaith prayers for Peace at Senior Center

Petition for:

Travel safety during snowstorms
Ability to ask for help with snow shoveling
More diplomatic efforts to avoid war
Our president, that his efforts for peace will bear fruit
Greg Clarkson, with esophageal cancer
Shenae's friend in hospital, several surgeries
Christa and Steve's grandchildren all with winter sickness
Jim Marshall, melanoma surgery soon

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

MARCH			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Mar 1	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi
Mar 8 <i>(Communion)</i>	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 18 Nancy Canali
 April 9 Wyatt Allard April 23 Nancy Tsakirgis
 April 12 Lynne Hangen April 26 Tim Conway
 April 15 Sue Heersink
 April 15 Petey Conway

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