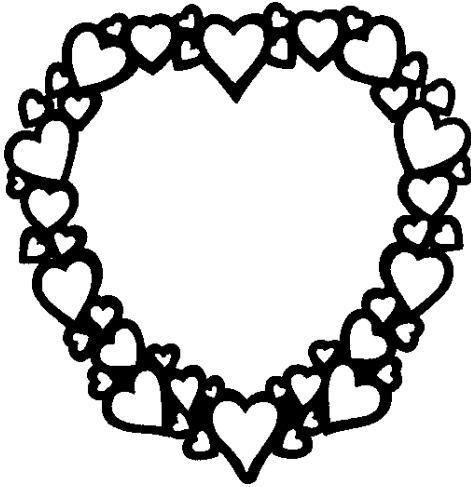


Belleville Congregational Church



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,

Easter comes early this year, and so Lent (the 40 days prior) also starts early, February 22 this year! Typically in the Christian world we think of ways we can have a more meaningful Easter by engaging in study, fasting, or new commitments to deeds of compassion.

Many congregations celebrate the Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) just prior to Ash Wednesday as a way of acknowledging both celebration as well as discipline in the spiritual life. And so, we have our second Mardi Gras Concert/Dance on Friday, Feb 17, with a group all the way from Louisiana again! Should be a great time, both a fundraiser and a fun-raiser! We are so thankful to the concerts committee (which has folks from the greater community as members) for all the hard work to bring such great music to Belleville!

On to the discipline of study! Rather than ask you to read a new book this Lent, we have been blessed with a series of short videos by Rob Bell, called NOOMA, after the Greek word "pneuma" meaning Spirit. You can read a more complete description of the series inside this newsletter, but I can tell you personally that I find most all of them quite thought provoking as well as inspiring. We have used them with the confirmation class, and they call out attention immediately to a topic that is relevant to our world. Some would call these videos mini-sermons, using a topical approach. Sometimes preachers start with a Bible story, sometimes with a topic. Rob Bell seems to be a master at the latter, and tries to tie each topic to stories in Jesus' life. The worship and Education committee will be preparing the final choice of topics.

I'm off on my first trip to FLA in a long time, at the end of January, to see my wife Lynn's parents. What a warm week to be heading south..... but will be back probably by the time you get this. May February and the start of Lent bring us all a renewed commitment to following in the way of our Lord. Hope to see you at the Mardi Gras Celebration and at the Thursday discussions of the NOOMA series.

Yours in Christ's service,

Ross Varney
Pastor



**Building Community
through Music**

2012 Belleville Roots Music Concert Series

Upcoming Concerts



Friday, February 17, 8 pm

Mardi Gras Concert and Dance with Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys

<http://mamouplayboys.com>

Cajun French music from the backwaters of Southwest Louisiana. Their third release garnered them a Grammy nomination in the worldwide field of traditional folk music, another in 2004, and then another in 2009.

We will also be hosting a Catered Cajun Dinner before the concert from 6:00-7:30pm. The dinner will be catered by Karen Kelly Dardinski. Tickets are \$15. There is limited seating so please be sure to get your tickets in advance.

Contact

For more information about the Roots Music Concert Series, please contact

bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com or call the church office at 978/465-7734. To join our concert email list for regular updates on upcoming concerts, please send an email to

bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com

Belleville Roots

Belleville Congregational Church has longstanding roots in the Newburyport community as a gathering place and supporter of local service organizations. The Roots Music Series, founded in December of 2010, has two important missions: First, the series brings a variety of high quality Roots Music concerts to the Newburyport area for all to enjoy. The series celebrates music ranging from a cappella to zydeco and includes a diverse range of blues, bluegrass, Cajun, Celtic, country, folk, gospel, Irish, jazz and world music. The second mission of the Roots Music Series is to raise funds to restore and maintain the historic 1867 Belleville Meeting House and adjacent Fiske Chapel complex at 300 High Street in Newburyport. Our objective is that the Meeting House and adjacent complex will continue to serve as a gathering place for many generations to come.



Keeping a Holy Lent

2012 Belleville's Lenten Series

Share your faith the way Jesus did! Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. *Nooma* is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. *Nooma* is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

Using short, simple stories, Pastor Rob Bell's modern "parables" on film follow Jesus lead. Concise, powerful 10- to 14-minute DVDs tackle topics like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love, making biblical truths vivid and relevant for today's generation.

Series Begins on Thursday February 23rd from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Series will run each Thursday in Lent.

Belleville Coffee Hour List 2012-2013

Date	Lead	1	2
02/05/12	Sue Wolfendale	Anna Guyette	Jean Hanson
02/12/12	Diane Crofts	Pam Ellis	Nancy Canali
02/19/12	No Coffee Hour	School Vacation	
02/26/12	Janet Woodman	Irene Bradford	Jean Kirkpatrick
03/04/12	Mardee Beauparlant	Diana Bondar	Helen Hatcher
03/11/12	Nancy Tsakirgis	Karen Conway	Marcia Samuelson
03/18/12	Peggy Utterback	Rita Vreeland	Kelly Burke-Anderson
03/25/12	Sue Wolfendale	Norma Dean	Jane Thomas
04/01/12	Sue Heersink	Marion Spark	
04/08/12 Easter	Gail Gandolfi	Shirley Locke	Irene Bradford
04/15/12	No Coffee Hour	School Vacation	
04/22/12	Audrey Clarkson	Lynn Varney	Carolyn Kyle
04/29/12	Diane Crofts	MaryLou Tyler	Bill Silsby
05/06/12	Kathy Raywood	Jean Kirkpatrick	Helen Hatcher
05/13/12 Mother's Day	Nancy Canali	Audrey Clarkson	Dorothy Williamson
05/20/12	Janet Woodman	Rita Vreeland	Pam Ellis
05/27/12 Memorial	No Coffee Hour	Holiday Weekend	
9/2/2012 Labor Day	No Coffee Hour	Holiday Weekend	
9/9/2012	Audrey Clarkson	Diana Bondar	Lori Wiswell
9/16/2012	Mary Lou Tyler	Dorothy Williamson	Carolyn Kyle
9/23/2012	Nancy Tsakirgis	Gail Gandolfi	Irene Bradford
9/30/2012	Mardee Beauparlant	Pam Ellis	Marge Killam
10/7/2012	Shirley Locke	Karen Conway	Brenda Marshall
10/14/2012	Sue Wolfendale	Kathy Raywood	Debra Moore

10/21/2012		Janet Woodman	Rita Vreeland	Jean Kirkpatrick
10/28/2012		Gail Gandolfi	Anna Guyette	Sue Heersink
11/4/2012		Nancy Canali	Kelly Burke-Anderson	Diana Bondar
11/11/2012		Bob Locke	Marcia Samuelson	Jim Marshall
11/18/2012	Thanksgiving	Audrey Clarkson	Nancy Tsakirgis	Irene Bradford
11/25/2012		Marion Spark	Kathy Raywood	Ben Heersink
12/2/2012		Peggy Utterback	Marge Killam	Mardee Beauparlant
12/9/2012		Sue Wolfendale	Norma Dean	Lynn Varney
12/16/2012		Diane Crofts	Jean Hanson	Janet Woodman
12/23/2012	Christmas	Audrey Clarkson	Lori Wiswell	Debra Moore
12/30/2012		No Coffee Hour	Holiday Weekend	
1/6/2013		Sue Heersink	Dorothy Willamson	Carolyn Kyle
1/13/2013	MLK	Nancy Canali	Gail Gandolfi	Jane Thomas
1/20/2013		Shirley Locke	Karen Conway	Marcia Samuelson
1/27/2013		Mary Lou Tyler	Diane Crofts	

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The church will supply the napkins, cups, plates, coffee, cream, sugar and juice.

Anyone can bring something for coffee hour even if it is not your week. You do not have to be listed to donate. All donations gratefully accepted.

Audrey Clarkson	978-462-2780
Diane Crofts	978-462-7226
Carolyn Kyle	978-462-8974
Nancy Canali	978-388-1117
Sue Wolfendale	978-462-7473

2012 Calendar

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	2 8:30am PreK rental 4pm Swim team meets 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	3	4 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
5 10am Worship 11am Annual Meeting	6 3:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	7 4:30 Brownie Troop 4:30 Swim Team	8 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg. 7pm LHD Group	9 8:30am PreK rental 4pm Swim team meets 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	10	11 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
12 10am Worship 5pm Confirmation Group	13 3:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	14 4:30pm Swim Team 7pm W/E Board	15 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	16 8:30am PreK rental 4pm Swim team meets 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	17 News & Views deadline 8pm Mardi Gras Concert	18 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
19 10am Worship	20 4pm Women's Discussion Group 7pm CODA	21 4:30pm Brownie Troop 4:30pm Swim team meets 7pm Exec Board	22 Ash Wed 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	23 8:30am PreK rental 5pm Swim team meets 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	24	25 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
26 10a Worship	27 7pm CODA	28 4:30pm Swim team meets	29 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg. 7pm LHD Group	March 1	2	3

Annual Meeting – Sun. Feb. 5th

You are urged to attend the first part of the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sun., Feb. 5th at 11:30am.

Financial reports for 2011 will be presented and the proposed 2012 budget will be voted upon.

Additionally, votes will be taken to approve the removal of inactive members from the membership roles and to approve proposed amendments to the By-Laws.



February

- 1 Rebecca Whitney
- 3 Peggy Utterback
- 4 Robert Gould
- 5 Jane Thomas
- 10 Carlton Brown
- 13 Emery Rice
- 15 Dot Williamson
- 15 Marion Spark
- 16 Nancy Brown
- 22 George Beuparlant
- 27 Anna May Guyette
- 27 Peggy VanAmburg

March

- 3 Patrick Harrison
- 3 Douglas Heine
- 5 Linda Farmer
- 5 Lily Delong
- 9 Cathie Gould
- 15 Hunter Anderson
- 19 Barbara Colten
- 19 Phoebe Lanham
- 21 Diana Bondar
- 23 Heather Brown
- 23 Steven Locke
- 26 Emily May
- 28 Diane Crofts
- 30 Alexandra Gould

“Love” in Scriptures

God’s Love Scriptures

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

What Did Jesus Say About Love

Matthew 5:43-48 *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?”*

SCRIPTURE READERS LIST 2012

Feb.

- 5 Lynn Varney
12 Cathy Morrow
19 Emery Rice
26 Gail Gandolfi

March

- 4 Carolyn Kyle
11 Jim Marshall
18 Cathy Morrow
25 Bill Silsby

If you cannot read on the date that you have been assigned, no worries, just call the next person on the list or send out an email and trade.

Peace, Gail



Coffee Hour

- Feb** 5th Sue Wolfendale, Anna Guyette, Jean Hansen
12th Diane Crofts, Pam Ellis, Nancy Canali
19th No Coffee Hour – School Vacation Week
26th Janet Woodman, Irene Bradford, Jean Kirkpatrick
- March** 4th Mardee Beauparlant, Diana Bondar, Helen Hatcher
11th Nancy Tsakirgis, Karen Conway, Marcia Samuelson
18th Peggy Utterback, Rita Vreeland, Kelly Burke-Anderson
25th Sue Wolfendale, Norma Dean, Jane Thomas

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Ushers

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| <u>Feb.</u> | 5 Gail Gandolfi & Shirley Locke | <u>March</u> | 4 Ben & Sue Heersink |
| | 12 Jon Pearson & Bob Locke | | 11 Norma Dean & Peggy Utterback |
| | 19 Jean Kirkpatrick & Ann Guyette | | 18 Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi |
| | 26 Kathy Raywood & Carolyn Kyle | | 25 Michelle Anderson & Kelly Burke-Anderson |

Building and Grant Update

The year 2011 was a great year for Belleville. For those of you who have not noticed the restored porches on the Fiske Parish Hall, you are invited to do so.

The Capital Campaign funded the Connector between the Meeting House and the Fiske Chapel providing a pleasing and much needed handicap access to both buildings. The handicap toilet facilities, the new office, new kitchen location, and other improvements funded by the Capital Campaign have provided support to the many activities that have taken place during the past year. The Capital Campaign is still ongoing and some pledges are still forthcoming.

There were many initiatives originated and completed during 2011. The floors of the Stage Bannister and Parlor rooms were restored and finished using \$10,000 grants provided by the Institution for Savings and the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank. Three porches attached to the Fiske Chapel were restored using \$40,000 provided by the Newburyport CPA Funds. Thank you to Jim Marshall and Bob Locke who coordinated and supervised these projects.

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evenings

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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!

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Clerk

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Mary Lou Tyler

Collector

Assistant Treasurer

William Silsby

Memorial Fund Treasurer

Kelly Burke-Anderson

Auditor

Jim Samuelson

Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

Brenda Marshall

[Vacancy](#)

Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

Contact Persons:

Board of Fellowship & Outreach

Diane Crofts

Board of Worship & Education

Kelly Burke-Anderson

Board of Stewardship & Finance

Bob Locke

UCC Delegate

Emery Rice

Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson