

# 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,

I mentioned to a neighbor recently that it felt like a day with a to-do list a mile long. He replied, "I don't know a day that is not like that!" Hmm, the never-ending to-do lists... I remember the little book by Richard Carlson, Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. Your inbox will never be empty was a memorable title of one chapter; the implication was clear, that sometimes we just have to put aside the checklists. In the Judeo-Christian tradition we call this "keeping the Sabbath."

UCC pastors love the writings of our own, and Rev. Donna Schaper is quoted often, such as words from a book called Keeping Sabbath. She recalls a Hebrew scripture in Numbers Chapter 15 that gives a punishment of stoning someone caught gathering wood on the Sabbath. She interprets this text for our day as follows: *"In our own day, we would never stone anyone for violating the Sabbath because we would not have to. Our own violations of the Sabbath - our Sunday soccer games, our wide open malls, our unwillingness to rest, to stop, to give it a break, we stone ourselves daily. It may not look like stoning, but ask almost anyone you know about their spiritual condition and they will tell you, "Exhausted bombarded, under the gun, burned out!"*

Well, that is our condition. We fail to keep a Sabbath day in most of our weeks. We have a hard time taking Sabbath rest for even half a day a week. Spiritual writers often speak of keeping empty places in our lives, unscheduled time, time with no agendas. Well, it seems that Summertime gives us the opportunity to take the commandment to "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy" more seriously. As we plan some vacation time this summer, perhaps we can "plan" for some days that have no plans, or certainly no stressful work. Christians do not follow the "no work" rules rigidly, nor spend much time defining what constitutes work, but we could do well to try this lifestyle of our Jewish neighbors. If we want to go on a picnic with friends and family, we could do the preparation the day or eve before, so that the actual picnic day is more carefree. I find this a challenge indeed, as most of the time I can be found working right up to deadlines, doing last minute things.

So for all of us, let us keep the Sabbath this summer. Let Summertime *be* a Sabbath, with extra time to lounge around with a good book, time to take walks and bike rides in beautiful places, time to have longer phone calls or linger over meals with loved ones. That inbox *will* never be empty and the to-do list never be done. But we can give it a break, rest for awhile, and surely come back to it with greater energy and creativity for having remembered Sabbath time.

Yours in faith,  
Ross Varney, Pastor



From Tuscany to Galway Bay and Sea to Shining Sea!

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

Belleville Concert Hall – 300 High Street, Newburyport MA 01913

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance. To purchase, please call: 978-476-6053.

Visit their website for more information at: [www.thenewenglandtenors.com](http://www.thenewenglandtenors.com)

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## Worship & Education News

### Summer Worship Hours

Beginning on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> we will worship together at 9:30am. Sunday school and Nursery care will not be available those weeks, however those will resume on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Worship & Ed Committee meetings

The committee will not meet in the month of July. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Bannister Room.

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## *The Summer Symphony* by AnnaMay Guyette

The melody is carried by the birds, wherever they may be.  
The bass is carried by the waves, in deep resounding harmony.  
The humming, of course, is done by the bees as they fly from place to place.  
The wind chimes are played by the breezes, wafting them around in space.  
The constant falling raindrops keep up a steady beat.  
The cicada sings both slow and fast, depending on the heat.  
The splashing of a river, as it tumbles over stones, makes a happy little tempo, uniquely all its own.  
The wind, murmuring through the pine trees, adds another soothing tone.  
The drummer is the thunder, as it rolls around the sky.  
The cymbals are the lightening, as it crashes by and by.  
These are gifts from The Creator, who gives them all for free.  
So sit back, relax and enjoy, your Summer Symphony.

# 2012 Calendar

## July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm CODA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day  9am Thrift Shop	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship	<b>9</b> 9am 3MB Fencing Camp 7pm CODA	<b>10</b> 9am 3MB Fencing Camp 7pm S & F Comm. Meeting	<b>11</b> 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing Camp 1pm Roots	<b>12</b> 9am 3 MB Fencing Camp	<b>13</b> 9am 3 MB Fencing Camp 5pm Wedding rehearsal	<b>14</b> 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop 3pm Opie Wedding
<b>15</b> 9:30am Worship	<b>16</b> 7pm CODA	<b>17</b> 7pm Exec Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg. 6pm N.E. Tenors	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>22</b> 9:30am Worship 7pm Ross Varney Concert	<b>23</b> 7pm CODA	<b>24</b> 6pm N.E. Tenors	<b>25</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Antique Show set-up	<b>28</b> Antique Show set-up 9am 3 MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>29</b> Yankee Homecoming 9:30a Worship Antique Show set-up	<b>30</b> 9am Antique Show 7pm CODA  Church Office Closed	<b>31</b>  Church Office Closed	August 1 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.  Church Office Closed	2  Church Office Closed	3  Church Office Closed	4 9am 3 MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop

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## Church Office Summertime Hours:

The church office will be closed Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For the month of August, the church office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am – 1pm.



# Happy Birthday

## July

- 1 Vincent Chmielewski
- 1 Daniel Wilson
- 3 Ester Thompson
- 11 William Webber Sr.
- 16 Kelly Conway
- 20 Jo Bode
- 23 Michelle Anderson
- 28 Steve Wiswell

## August

- 1 Audrey Clarkson
- 8 Shant Mantarian
- 8 Larry Kemp
- 8 Christopher Tyler
- 9 Margaret Gagnon
- 13 Maureen Sullivan
- 13 Christa Middler
- 15 Harold Kirkpatrick
- 17 Mary Lou Tyler
- 22 Better Webber
- 22 Mardee Beauparlant
- 29 Russell Peirce
- 29 Kathaleen Webber
- 30 Herb Williamson

## 48<sup>th</sup> Antique Show and Sale

Planning for Belleville's 48<sup>th</sup> Antique Show and Sale is underway! The date is Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm. Please consider sharing some of your time to help out with this fun event. Help will be needed from time to time, mostly right before, during and after the show. As you may know, furniture needs to be moved to make way for the dealers and then put back. Bakers are needed for breakfast and luncheon goodies. Help in the kitchen with the luncheon is always a good gig! Mark your calendars, please, with appreciation!

The Antique Show Committee

Nancy Canali

Dian Crofts

Gail Gandolfi

Bob & Shirley Locke

Mary Lou Tyler

Sue Wolfendale

## SCRIPTURE READERS LIST 2012

### July

- 1 Nancy Smith  
8 Marion Spark  
15 Peggy Utterback  
22 Lynn Kinsella  
29 Kelly Burke-Anderson

### August

- 5 Karen Conway  
12 Gail Gandolfi  
19 Carolyn Kyle  
26 Jim Marshall

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

**No Coffee Hour for June, July & August 2012. Coffee Hour will resume on September 2, 2012.**

The first person listed is asked to please take charge of the coffee hour for that week and can notify the rest of the committee if needed. This schedule is included in the News and Views and is posted on the bulletin board. Please feel free to swap around with anyone if the assigned week is a conflict for you.

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

## Ushers

- |                    |                                             |                      |                                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b><u>July</u></b> | 1 Jon Pearson & Norma Dean                  | <b><u>August</u></b> | 5 Ben & Sue Heersink                |
|                    | 8 Kathy Raywood & Gail Gandolfi             |                      | 12 Shirley Locke & Carolyn Kyle     |
|                    | 15 Michelle Anderson & Kelly Burke-Anderson |                      | 19 Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi |
|                    | 22 Bob Locke & Audrey Clarkson              |                      | 26 Audrey Clarkson & Kathy Raywood  |

## Pastor Ross Varney's summer schedule

From July 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>, Ross will reduce his summer hours. He will be at half time and available most of the day Tuesdays & Thursdays and half day Sundays and by appointment.

Ross will be away on vacation from August 14<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>. For Pastoral coverage please contact Dick Parker during Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at his home #: 978-463-2843 and contact Bob Hagopian during Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at his cell #: 508-954-9147.

# *Songs of Faith, Hope & Love*

**An evening with Pianist, Singer & Songwriter, Ross Varney**

**Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 7pm**

**Belleville Meeting House, 300 High Street, Newburyport MA**

**A Free-Will offering and Silent Auction will be held to benefit**

**Belleville Congregational Church**

## **Silent Auction Items include:**

*Items and services to be exchanged at a mutually agreed upon time by donors & buyers*

Gift Certificate from Flukes & Finds and/or use of the shop for a private party – Gail Gandolfi

A personalized, professional voice on your answering machine and/or a CD of the reading of an original children's story – Cathy Morrow

Concert series tickets for 2 for the Roots Season of concerts – Roots Concerts Committee

Homemade vegetable lasagna with the recipe – Audrey Clarkson

Spanish conversation lesson – Kathy Raywood

Fabulous homemade cinnamon rolls – Bill Silsby

2 Hours of piano music for an event – Ross Varney

Prime seating for the Yankee Homecoming Parade with refreshments – Ben & Sue Heersink

Bridge lessons for 3-4 people – Scott Smith

Use of Belleville Church's stage room for a 3 hour event – Belleville Congregational Church

An hour run through Maudsley with running tips – Keith Conway

Famous homemade angel food cake – Jane Thomas

4 Hours of babysitting – Michelle Burke-Anderson

Make a bird house with a master carpenter – Norm Hansen

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## Church Staff & Contact Information

**Pastor Ross Varney** 978-462-4899

**office hours:** Tuesday 11 AM - Noon;  
Wednesday-Thursday 10:30 AM - Noon;  
or by appointment, suggested Wed/Thur.  
evenings

Please call to assure the pastor is available

**Church Office** 978-465-7734

Heather Ryan, Office Administrator  
**office hours:** Tuesday Thursday, and  
Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Church Email: [bcchurch@worldpath.net](mailto:bcchurch@worldpath.net)  
Website: [www.bellevillechurch.org](http://www.bellevillechurch.org)

David Morrow, Organist/Choir Director  
Bob Locke, Sexton

## Newsletter Submissions:

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Thank you!

## Church Officers:

### Moderator

William Silsby

### Clerk

Jean Hansen

### Treasurer

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](#)

## Contact Persons:

### Board of Fellowship & Outreach

Diane Crofts

### Board of Worship & Education

Kelly Burke-Anderson

### Board of Stewardship & Finance

Jim Marshall

### UCC Delegate

Emery Rice

### Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

### Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

### Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson