



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:

This is the "season" of the Holy Spirit: yes I like to break with tradition and keep up our Pentecost decorations not for a day, but for a month or so! The red and orange streamers are very simple reminders to us of the Holy Spirit, that aspect of God that is promised to dwell within each of us. I think that the Holy Spirit in our Christian path is promising as a unifier, among ourselves, and also with over religions. For the Holy Spirit exemplifies a universal and a mystical aspect of God.

I've been researching Thomas Moore a bit recently, since we may choose to read his latest book in our adult study group. It is called "A Religion of One's Own." The book speaks to the changing culture, to the problems with many of the great religions, and to the value of developing our own views and convictions. In an interview, Moore says that we all have some "childhood view of God" that is quite inadequate, especially if it never evolved. We all know some childhood notions: God is everything from a stern judge to a pacifier of all ills, to a Santa Claus who gives us anything we want. As a supreme mystery, Moore says he almost wants to use the name "G" like many Jews write "G-d" to show the utter mystery of The Divine.

So the changing landscape of religion in America is the evolution of so many that say they are "spiritual" (but not religious). Well, the "Holy Spirit" has long been Christianity's expression of a broad range of "spiritual" experience. Certainly we each have our unique experience, understanding and expression of the divine in our lives, which many, starting with Jesus, call the Holy Spirit dwelling within.

In mid June, I will attend the Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting and once again have the honor and privilege of translating for the Bishop of the Pentecostal Church of Chile. Together, we learn so much about the universality of the Holy Spirit! As at Pentecost, the Spirit does cross many boundaries of culture and language, even of theology! We can set aside differences, or enjoy differences with humor, as we connect via Christ's spirit of grace and peace. Bishop Ulysses and I have been jousting a bit since I led a workshop for his pastors about yoga, close to a decade ago. I was serious about the bodily component to spiritual awakening, and I think he was simply "amused!" I look forward to see what has evolved within this Latin Pentecostal Church.

Summertime is that wonderful time of relaxing more in the sun, or by ocean breezes. May we all be open to movements of the Holy Spirit that may come to us just like a gentle breeze, or as the rush of a wind that sparks our imagination or warms our heart! Summertime is indeed part of Pentecost "season" here in the northern hemisphere, a great chance to be attentive to the leading of the Spirit! May it be so for us all. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Ross

2013 CALENDAR

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
2 10:00am Worship Annual Meeting & Church Picnic 4pm Visionary Book Group	3 7pm CODA	4	5 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg	6	7	8 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
9 10am Worship	10 7pm CODA	11	12 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg 4:30pm Worship & Education 7:30pm Stewardship & Finance	13 Recycling	14	15 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
16 10am Worship	17 7pm CODA	18 7:30pm Executive Board	19 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg	20	21 News & Views deadline	22 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3 MB Fencing Service Club Rummage Sale
23 10a m Worship	24 7pm CODA	25	26	27	28	29
30 10am Worship						

Children's Sunday and Annual Picnic! June 2nd, 2013

Sunday June 2nd, which is also Environmental Sunday, will be the last day of Sunday school before the summer break. The Children of Belleville Sunday School will be celebrating the Spirit as it comes upon us with a special Worship service.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, we will have our picnic on the lawn (weather permitting) or indoors in the church. Sunday school will provide the luncheon foods. We will also provide the lemonade and of course the Ice Cream Sunday bar! Great way to kick off the summer! Side dishes such as potato salad, cole slaw etc... will be welcome.

Thank you to the congregation for all of your support throughout the year and have a great summer!

The teachers and children of Belleville Sunday school.



June

3	Bill Silsby
3	Judy Moore
4	Taunya Till
6	Rita Vreeland
7	Shirley Locke
9	Karen Conway
10	Yvonne Cedras
13	Ben Tyler
17	Marcia Samuelson
20	Andrea Samuelson
25	Marcia Peirce
29	Hazen Brown

July

1	Vincent Chmielewski
3	Ester Thompson
16	Kelly Conway
17	Piper Allard
20	Jo Bode
23	Michelle Anderson
28	Steve Wiswell

SERVICE CLUB

The monthly Service Club meetings have stopped for the summer. In September, Steve Wiswell will be doing another video presentation for us. We do have one more activity before summer. On Saturday June 22 from 9 to 1, we will have another **RUMMAGE SALE**. On Sunday the 16th of June, I hope everyone can help us set up tables and bring our goodies up from the dining room after church. On Friday the 21st at 9 AM we will be setting up everything for Saturday. We really need all the help we can get. Any items for the sale that you missed for our last sale, can be left at the Thrift Shop drop off table. Thanks in advance from your grateful Service Club members.

THIFT SHOP



The thrift shop is open every Wednesday and Saturday 9am – noon.
Come by and see what's new.



June readers

- 2 Nancy Smith
- 9 Hunter Anderson
- 16 Marion Spark
- 23 Emery Rice
- 30 Lynn Varney

July readers

- 7 Cathy Morrow
- 14 Cathy Morrow
- 21 Michelle Anderson
- 28 Sue Heersink

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



May	5	COMMUNION – Shirley Locke & Gail Gandolfi
	12	Jon Pearson & Bob Locke
	19	Jean Kirkpatrick & Anna Guyette
	26	Ben & Sue Heersink
June	2	COMMUNION - Audrey Clarkson & Kathy Raywood
	9	Hunter & Michelle Anderson
	16	Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi
	23	Norma & Timothy Dean
	30	Rita Vreeland & Anna Guyette

No Coffee Hour for June, July and August

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Pastor's summer hours: From June 25th through August 5th Rev. Varney will be working half time. He will be available Wednesdays and Thursdays and a half day Sunday, with office hours Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Appointments can be made at other times according to the need. From August 6th through September 3rd he will be on vacation. The best number to reach Rev. Varney is: 978-462-4899, as those messages are checked regularly. When Ross is away, emergency pastoral care may be available with Rev. Robert Hagopian of Rowley (978-954-9147).



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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
20th of each month.
Thank you!

Church Officers

Moderator: William Silsby
Clerk: Jean Hansen
Treasurer: Mary Lou Tyler
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Kelly
Burke-Anderson
Auditor: Kathy Raywood
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Contact Persons

Board of Fellowship & Outreach:
Diane Crofts
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Board of Stewardship & Finance:
Jim Samuelson - Hans Erwich
UCC Delegate: Emery Rice

Sunday School

Coordinator
Pam Ellis

Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson