



## 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,

What a privilege it was to hold Confirmation Classes this year with three amazing students. Andrea Samuelson, Annika Ellis and Chapel Allard showed up Sunday afternoons from Fall to Spring, once a month, and more gatherings in the Lent/Easter Season that included an overnight retreat at the Berkshire outdoor Center in Becket, MA. They were eager to learn and were very participatory in all discussions. All three even volunteered to speak in front of a large group of peers at the statewide retreat!

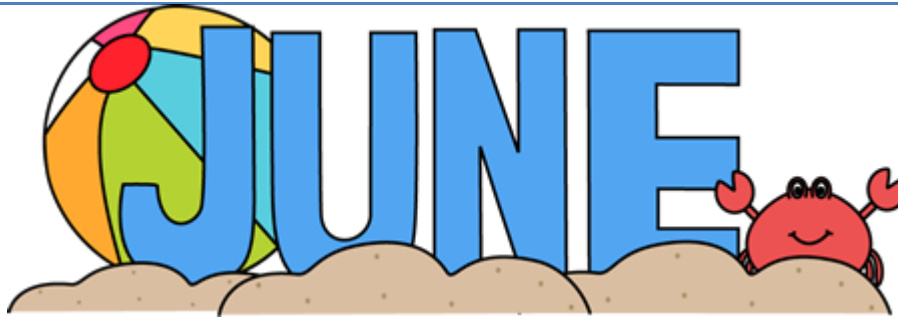
So June 1st, we will celebrate the confirmation of their baptism, their inclusion into full membership with Belleville Church. With religious interest and commitment faltering in the culture at large, we see that the Holy Spirit, the Divine Spirit is still able to take root in those who are our future. It is not the most popular thing to do in teenage years, but as followers of Christ, we know it is always fruitful to study and discuss Jesus' Way, as our three girls (and their mentors Keri, Lynn, & Mary Lou) have verified.

On June 1 we will also celebrate Children's Sunday, those younger children who we are nurturing in the faith. We have done well to give steadfast support and teaching to our young ones, and are always hopeful that these efforts will bear the fruit expanding classes. It is also our Picnic day.....and the weather will cooperate according to the forecast! See you here to celebrate youth, children with worship and the outdoor picnic!

And rather than see June 1 as the "end" of learning, we celebrate PENTECOST on June 8! Just as our schools remind us that "graduation" is really "Commencement," so with the end of the Sunday School year. The coming of the HOLY SPIRIT as "wind and fire," is the "birth of the church" in the Biblical story, and we remind ourselves to live that out today. Actually, summertime, though many of us may be away here and there, is the ideal time to ask the Holy Spirit to dwell within in us fully, til our "cup overflows."

Summertime is the season of full flower and growth, longer days of activity. May it also be a time of full flowering of Christ's Spirit in each of us, receiving spiritual gifts fully, and being bold to use them. May it be a bold time of reaching out, even as we enter a second year with bridge building with First Parish, Newbury. May the Holy Spirit comfort and enliven each and every one. In Christ's service,  
Ross

# 2014 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship Church picnic	2 7pm CODA	3	4	5	6	7 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
8 10am Worship Annual Meeting Part II 11:30	9 7pm CODA	10	11 9 am Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance	12 6:15pm Lenten Book Discussion	13	14 9am Thrift Shop Sale 9am 3MB Fencing 9 – 2 Service Club Rummage
15 10am Worship	16 7pm CODA	17 7:30pm Executive Board	18	19	20	21 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
22 10am Worship	23 7pm CODA	24	25 6:30pm Men's Fellowship Dinner	26	27	28 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
29 10am Worship	30					



## **Children's Sunday and Annual Picnic! June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

Sunday June 1st, will be the last day of Sunday school before the summer break. The Children of Belleville Sunday School will be celebrating with a special Worship service.

It will also be the day the confirmation class will decide to be confirmed and become members of our congregation. We will be moving with the Spirit in our Meeting House on that day!

We will have our picnic on the lawn (weather permitting) or indoors in the stage room. 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.



The thrift shop is open every Wednesday and Saturday 9am – noon.

Come by and see what's new.



**Service Club Rummage Sale Part II**  
**Saturday June 21, 9am to 1pm**

While doing your spring cleaning please think about donating items you may no longer use or need to the Rummage Sale. Donations can be left in the downstairs dining room. All clothing donations still go to the Thrift Shop drop off.

Help is really needed to set up on Friday, June 20 at 9am. Many hands make light work!

Service Club will not meet in June, July or August.

Congratulations to Kelly Conway, Newburyport High School graduating class of 2014! The Scholarship Review Committee of NHS selected Kelly Conway to be the recipient of the Anne K. Zartarian Memorial Scholarship from Belleville Church. Kelly plans to study at Columbia University and major in environmental engineering. Kelly is also the Valedictorian of her class. Way to go Kelly, we are all very proud of you.



Kelly Burke-Anderson, Memorial Fund Treasurer

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



**PART II**

**Sunday, June 8, 2014, 11:30am in the Stage Room**



*June*

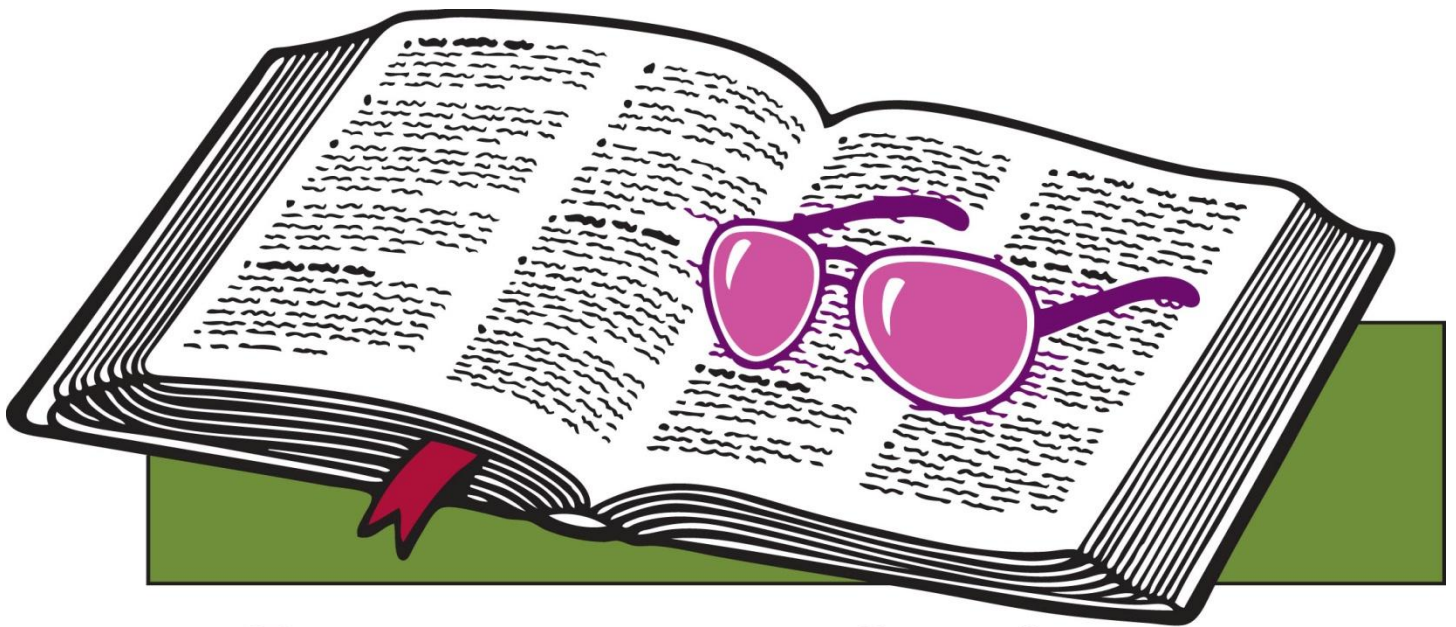
- 3 *Bill Sílsby*
- 3 *Judy Moore*
- 4 *Taunya Till*
- 7 *Shirley Locke*
- 9 *Karen Conway*
- 10 *Yvonne Cedras*
- 13 *Ben Tyler*
- 17 *Marcia Samuelson*
- 20 *Andrea Samuelson*
- 25 *Marcia Peirce*
- 29 *Rita Vreeland*  
*Hazen Brown*

*July*

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

*August*

- 1 *Audrey Clarkson*
- 8 *Shant Mantarian*
- 8 *Christopher Tyler*
- 13 *Christa Middler*
- 15 *Harold Kirkpatrick*
- 17 *Mary Lou Tyler*
- 22 *Betty Webber*  
*Mardee Beauparlant*
- 29 *Russell Peirce*
- 30 *Herb Williamson*



# Summer Worship Schedule

*Sunday's at 9:30AM*

**July Sunday worship services will be at Belleville and  
August Sunday worship services will be held at First Parish Church,  
20 High Road, Route 1A in Newbury.**

**Back to Belleville on September 7 at 10am.**

## **Board of Worship & Education**

**There will be no meeting in June or July for of the Worship & Education  
Board. The next meeting will be a breakfast meeting on August 27 at 8:30am.**



*Scripture readers*

*June*

- 1 Lynn Varney
- 8 Bill Silsby
- 15 Sue Heersink
- 22 Hunter Anderson
- 29 Gail Gandolfi

*July*

- 6 Ben Heersink
- 13 Cathy Morrow
- 20 Peggy Utterback
- 27 Ben Heersink

*August*

- 3 Emery Rice
- 10 Kelly Burke-Anderson
- 17 Barbara Colten
- 24 Gail Gandolfi
- 31 Carolyn Kyle

If you are not available to read on the date that you have been assigned, just call the next person on the list or send out an email and trade.



*June*

- 1 Rita Vreeland & Hans Erwich
- 8 Hunter Anderson & Peggy Utterback
- 15 Jean Kirkpatrick & Carolyn Kyle
- 22 Judi Smith & Kathy Raywood
- 29 Gail Gandolfi & Anna Guyette

*July*

- 6 Kelly Burke-Anderson & Michelle Anderson
- 13 Ataan Kurgun & Keri Pennell
- 20 Jean Kirkpatrick & Audrey Clarkson
- 27 Gail Gandolfi & Mardee Beauparlent

*August*

- 3 Ben & Sue Heersink
- 10 Judi Smith & Gail Gandolfi
- 17 Jean Kirkpatrick
- 24 Carolyn Kyle & Gail Gandolfi
- 31 Norma Dean & Peggy Utterback



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### Church Staff & Contact Information

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or by appointment, suggested Wed/Thur.  
evenings

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

Thank you!

### Church Officers

Moderator: William Silsby

Clerk: Rita Vreeland

Treasurer: Mary Lou Tyler

Memorial Fund Treasurer: Kelly  
Burke-Anderson

Auditor: Kathy Raywood

Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

### Contact Persons

Board of Fellowship & Outreach:

Diane Crofts

Board of Worship & Education:

Kelly Burke-Anderson

Board of Stewardship & Finance:

Hans Erwich, Jim Samuelson

UCC Delegate: Emery Rice

### Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

### Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

### Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson