



## 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,

Amazing to think that summer is upon us, a season when we plan all kinds of outdoor activities and vacations. In the Christian year it is also the season of the Holy Spirit. I like this coincidence, for nature is showing us all sorts of new growth and new life, possibilities for new birth.

We are so pleased to welcome new members into our midst, a sign of the spirit moving in new ways. We also know that change is difficult, so that new ideas can seem to be a challenge to the status quo rather than a welcome addition. We need to learn to value the old, while being open to the new and experimenting with new ways.

Jesus, as a Jew, did observe many of the festivals of his day. But he also re-interpreted things and showed us deeper meanings to many of the laws of his day. May we be as open to change as Jesus was, open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. The Bible often refers to new life as a "quickenning" in the spirit. It also challenges us to have eyes to see and ears to hear, to be very attentive to times when God is moving, stirring, or quickening our lives. We could go through life oblivious to such opportunities, seeing "dimly" as Paul says, or watch and listen for such times.

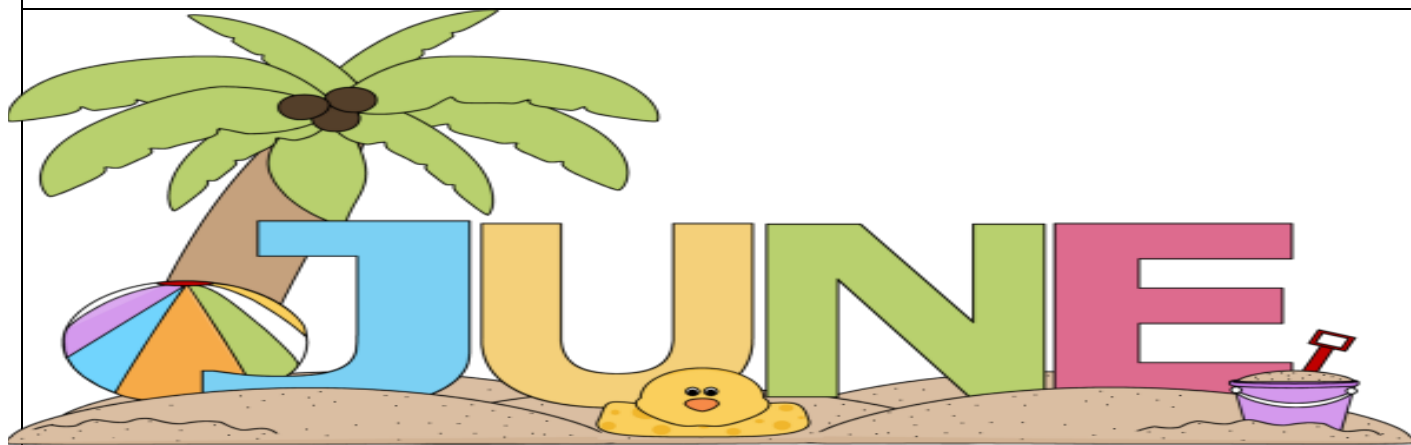
This world has so much pain and suffering everywhere. I shudder to think that we add to it with our attitudes and dispositions. Why would we add any angst to or lives with violent words or actions? Jesus intensified the command not to kill by saying we should not even get angry (our words can offend and kill spirit).

In this new season, let's be every alert to movements of the Spirit .... not just any newness and any spirit, but the Spirit of Christ, a spirit that forgives, and returns kindness and truth rather than retaliation. New growth, new life, is possible as we see in nature. With Christ it is new loving kindness that is possible, possible because knowing how fallible we all are, we believe in forgiveness, first for ourselves, then for others.

May that spirit pervade our community, especially as we welcome new members and new ideas into our midst!

Yours in Christ's spirit,  
Ross

# 2015 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 3:15 Dragon fly Swim Team 6pm Bible Discussion 7pm Choir	5 8pm Roots Concert with Della Mae	6 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
7 10am Worship Annual Meeting Part II immediately after the service.	8 7pm CODA	9 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team	10 8:15am Worship & Education 9 – 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance	11 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	12	13 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
14 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal Annual picnic 6pm Musical Fundraiser for Nepal	15 7pm CODA	16 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 7pm Executive Board	17 9- 12 Thrift Shop 6pm Men's Fellowship Dinner at Stripers	18 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team	19	20 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
21 10am Worship 3pm Sacred Harp Singers	22 7pm CODA	23 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 7	24 9-12 Thrift Shop	25	26	27 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am Service Club Rummage Sale 9am 3MB Fencing
28 10am Worship	29 7pm CODA	30				



### *June*

- Lynn Varney*
- 3 Bill Silsby*
- 3 July Moore*
- 4 Taunya Till*
- 6 Rita Vreeland*
- 7 Shirley Locke*
- 9 Karen Conway*
- 10 Yvonne Cedras*
- 11 Brad Cedolin*
- 13 Ben Tyler*
- 17 Marcia Samuelson*
- 20 Andrea Samuelson*
- 25 Marcia Peirce*

### *July*

- 1 Daniel Wilson*
- 11 William Webber Sr.*
- 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*
- 8 Ron Schmidt*
- 15 Harold Kirkpatrick*
- 17 Mary Lou Tyler*
- 22 Betty Webber*
- 22 Mardee Beauparlent*
- 29 Russell Peirce*
- 30 Herb Williamson*



# ANNUAL MEETING

## Part II

**Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> immediately after the service.**



## Rummage Sale

Service Club Rummage Sale is Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Set-up is Monday, June 22 beginning at 9am and pricing will be done on Friday, June 26 beginning at 9am. CAN YOU HELP OUT?? Call Sue Wolfendale at 978-462-7473 if you can lend a hand.

## Men's

## Fellowship Dinner



**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We're meeting at Stripers at 6:30pm.**

## Children's Sunday and Annual Picnic! June 14th, 2015



Sunday June 14th, 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.

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.



July Sunday worship services will be at Belleville at 9:30 and August Sunday worship services will be held at First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Route 1A in Newbury. Back to Belleville on September 2nd at 10am.

# Belleville Church Thrift Shop



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



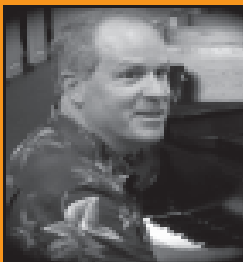
Adult choir rehearsal time is 7pm.  
Last adult choir rehearsal, Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Youth choir rehearsal time is Sunday morning after worship.  
Last Youth choir rehearsal, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

**Musical**

# **Fundraiser for Nepal**



**All Star Line-up Including:**

✓ **Roger Ebacher**

✓ **Melissa Ferrick**

✓ **Liz Frame**

✓ **Ross Varney**

**Speaker  
will share his  
Nepal  
experience.**

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**Sunday, June 14, 6:00-9:00 PM  
Belleville Church Parish Hall,  
300 High Street, Newburyport**

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**Refreshments – 50-50 Raffle**

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*Suggested Donation \$30. Advance Tickets \$25 available at Dyno Records, Ganesh Imports, Jabberwocky Bookstore. Or donations can be made out to "Global Giving" and sent to Sheila Grossman, 90 Maple St., W. Newbury, MA 01985.*

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**Della Mae in Concert on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM**

**Belleville Roots Music presents Della Mae at the Belleville Stage, 300 High Street, Newburyport, MA on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 day of show/\$10 children 18 and under.**

**Since its formation in 2009, Della Mae, the Boston-bred, Nashville based outfit, has established a reputation as a charismatic, hard-touring live act, building a large and enthusiastic fan base while racking up critical acclaim with its first two albums. The *This World Oft Can Be* album was Grammy nominated in 2013. Their new self-titled album, *Della Mae*, will be released on May 12<sup>th</sup> and honors the musicians' roots in bluegrass, folk and rock while staking out a distinctive, organic sound and style that are Della Mae's own. The album reflects the musicians' compelling new compositions and the raw immediacy of their vocal and instrumental performances.**

**Della Mae returns to Newburyport for their second appearance at the Belleville Roots Music Concert Series. Members of the band are Celia Woodsmith-vocals, guitar, Kimber Ludiker-fiddle, vocals, Jenni Lyn Gardner-mandolin, vocals, Courtney Hartman-guitar, banjo, vocals, and Zoe Guigueno-bass, vocals.**





*Communion is the first Sunday of each month*

*June*

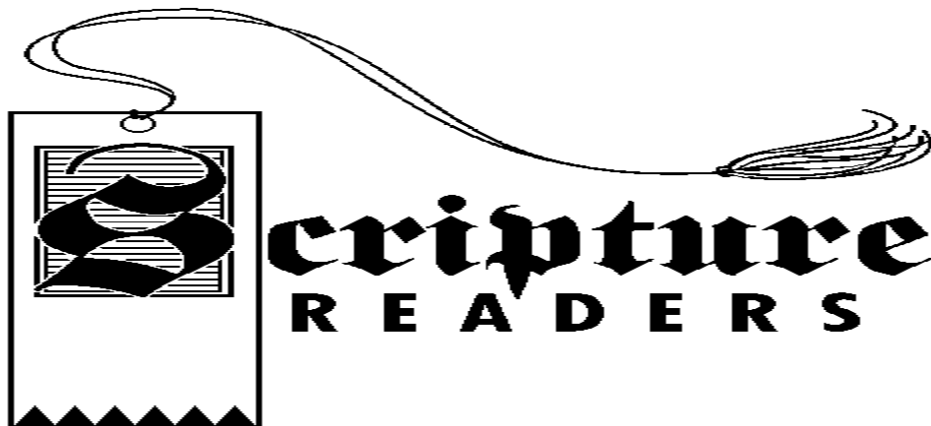
- 7 Kathy Raywood & Michelle Anderson
- 14 Peggy Utterback & Norma Dean
- 21 Gail Gandolfi & Jean Kirkpatrick
- 28 Carolyn Kyle & Hans Erwich

*July*

- 5 Gail Gandolfi & Anna Guyette
- 12 Carolyn Kyle & Audrey Clarkson
- 19 Norma & Tim Dean
- 26 Ben & Sue Heersink

*August*

- 2 Jon Pearson & Audrey Clarkson
- 9 Shirley Locke & Mardee Beauparlant
- 16 Anna Guyette & Jean Kirkpatrick
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- 30 Norma & Tim Dean



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Andrea DeGiovanni, Music 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: Jean Hansen  
Clerk: William Silsby  
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