



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,

Well, can we say that spring will finally arrive in May?! I sure hope so; I'm getting tired of looking for extra sweaters inside the house and wearing socks to bed! I thought the spoof on "Do you wanna build a snowman" that Lynn and I sang (Do you wanna move to Florida?) was just a bit of comedy; turns out that people I meet at every turn have been talking about Florida all Spring!

This Spring, besides my regular thorough Spring Cleaning from basement to attic (ya, right!), I also have the joy, with the help of siblings, of weeding and cleaning my childhood home, yes, from basement to attic! What a nightmare, to go through a home of 55 years of collecting! I'm vacillating between thinking that we all are crazy clutter bugs, and thinking that Yankee thrift is a good thing (we're the original recyclers.)

Am I gleaning any life-lessons from the task? Well, one thing might be to weed and de-clutter as we go along, so it's not such a big job to do later. With current laws on hazardous waste and recycling, we can no longer just throw mounds of stuff into dumpsters sight unseen.

One tough lesson that is searing its way into my brain is that as much as I admire my Dad, I can't replicate who he was nor what he did! Trips to the hardware store were few, because I think his workshop doubled as a hardware store! He saved every scrap of wood and hardware that he could...nicely organized, into all kinds of drawers and cubbyholes, I must admit, and often put to good use in creative ways. But as I trash or recycle things, I find myself saying, "I'll never save and organize the way you did, but even you would never have re-used a lot of these old things!"

Well, happy Spring Cleaning to all! "To everything there is a season." And may we all find our balance and comfort level between saving things we "might use sometime," and the spiritual discipline of "letting go", in an eco-friendly manner, of course!

Yours in the spirit of Christ and the early Christian community, who lived simply and interdependently, sharing as any had need.

Ross

2015 CALENDAR

MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing NCS Concert 8pm
3 10am Worship NCS Concert 1pm	4 7pm CODA 4:15 Girl Scout Troop #76218	5 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team	6	7 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	8	9 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing 8pm Roots Concert NRBQ
10 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal	11 7pm CODA	12 1:30 Service Club 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team	13 9- 12 Thrift Shop 8:15am Worship & Education 9- 12 Thrift Shop 5:30 Girl Scout Troop #75336 7pm Stewardship & Finance	14 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	15	16 9am 3MB Fencing
17 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal 3pm Sacred Harp Singers	18 7pm CODA Scout Troop #76218	19 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 7pm Exec Board	20 9-12 Thrift Shop 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop #75336	21 3:15 Dragonfly Swim Team 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	22	23 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
24 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal	25 7pm CODA	26	27 9-12 Thrift Shop 6pm Men's Fellowship Dinner	28 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	29	30
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May

2 *David Morrow*
8 *Robert Gandolfi*
8 *Chapel Allard*
9 *Hans Erwich*
12 *Jean Hansen*
12 *Jean Mantarian*
12 *Talya Ipbuken*
12 *Alexa Cedolin*
14 *Martha Kelleher*
13 *Daryl Fay*
16 *Jen Lovejoy Gandolfi*
22 *Carol Beuparlant*
26 *Tess Schmidt*
30 *Norma Dean*
31 *Amy Schmidt*

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*

Belleville Church Thrift Shop



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



Choir rehearsal, Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Stage Room, all are welcome.
Youth choir rehearsal, 11:15 Sunday mornings after worship.



Service Club

The April 14th meeting of the Service Club will be held in the Bannister Room at 1:30. After a brief meeting we will be looking at some old Belleville photos to see if we can identify anyone. After refreshments, we will be starting to set up for the Rummage Sale. The more we accomplish Tuesday, the less we will need to do Friday. We would appreciate help.



NRBQ and the Whole Wheat Horns in Concert on Saturday, May 9th at 8 PM

NRBQ, New Rhythm and Blues Quartet, will be performing with the Whole Wheat Horns. The legendary NRBQ founder and driving force, Terry Adams, will be on keyboards and vocals, Scott Ligon on guitar and vocals, Casey McDonough on bass and vocals and Bobby Lee Hicks sitting in on drums. The Whole Wheat Horns is composed of Klem Klimek on saxophone and Carl Q on trombone. "ability to groove like no other band on the planet"-*popmatters*

"NRBQ is still liable to play anything. Roaring rockabilly, transcendent pop-rock, roadhouse blues, avant jazz-you name it" *Minneapolis Tribune*

Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 day of show/\$10 children 18 and under.

Belleville Roots Music Concert Series is presenting this concert.

Men's

Fellowship
Dinner



Wednesday, May 27th, 2015 at 6pm

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE



Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St, will be hosting a Flea Market/Yard sale on Saturday, May 23rd from 8 am – 1pm. (Rain date May 30th). This is a great location with plenty of visibility. The public is invited. Spaces with one (1) table are available for \$20. Don't miss the opportunity to recycle some of your unneeded items, make some money and support Belleville Church. Dealers and Crafters are also welcome.

For more information or to reserve a table please contact Kelly Burke-Anderson at kelburand@aol.com or 978-465-2300. (leave a message and we will get back to you)

**May Day Celebration
Sunday May 3rd**



Join the festivities as we Celebrate May Day by dancing around the May pole, eating strawberry shortcake and making May baskets to deliver to friends.

This fun event will take place during coffee hour on Sunday, May 3rd.

If you are scheduled for Coffee hour please come to give the Sunday school teachers a hand setting up.

The following lists what is needed and the people whose last name begins with

A-H bring prepared strawberries

I-K bring whipped cream

L-N ginger ale

O-R Angel food cake or shortcake

S-V Vanilla ice cream or raspberry sherbet

W-Z more strawberries or angel food cake

Thank you!



On May 17th, Belleville Congregational Church will hold a new member orientation for those interested in joining our Church community. Come learn about our mission, explore the various boards and the different opportunities for you to share your gifts with us. If Interested please see Ross or leave your contact information with Valerie, our church administrator, via email or by phone. E-mail: [bcchurch @worldpath.net](mailto:bcchurch@worldpath.net) – phone: 978-465-7734.

New member blessing will be held during our May 31st worship service.



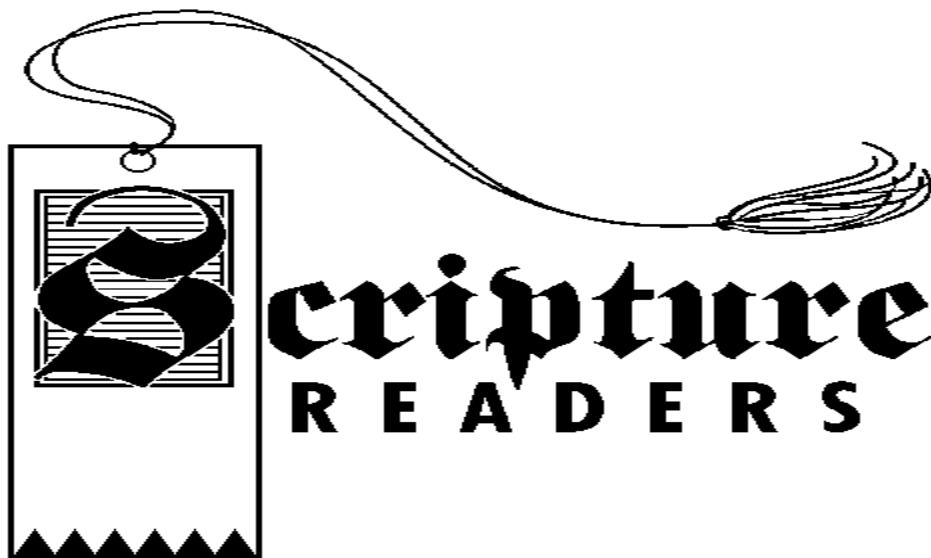
Communion is the first Sunday of each month

May

- 3 Judi Smith & Mardee Beauparlant
- 10 Anna Guyette & Shirley Locke
- 17 Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi
- 24 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
- 31 Audrey Clarkson & Judi Smith

June

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



May

- 3 Peggy Utterback
- 10 Gail Gandolfi
- 17 Lisa Krallis
- 24 Ben Heersink
- 31 Emery Rice


June

- 7 Sue Heersink
- 14 Hunter Anderson
- 21 Chapel Allard
- 28 Annika Ellis

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

MAY

3 Audrey Clarkson, Jean Kirkpatrick & Helen Hatcher

10  *Mother's Day* 
Bill Silsby, Bob Locke & Ben Heersink

17 Janet Woodman, Audrey Clarkson & Pam Ellis

24 Memorial Day Weekend – No coffee Hour



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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
20th 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