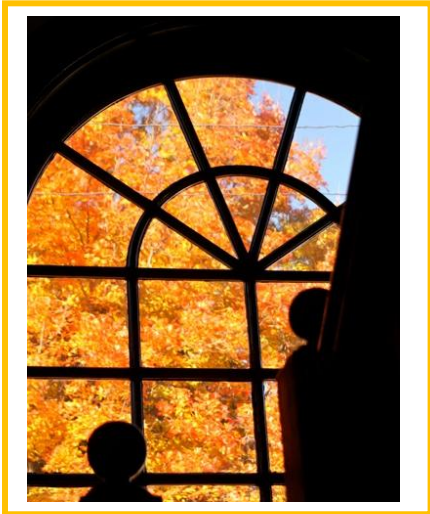


Belleville Congregational Church



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,

On the tenth anniversary of the September 11 tragedy, I had just come back from my honeymoon the eve before, so needless to say, I was not exactly current in my knowledge of recent events in the Middle East, the state of terrorism and revolutionary movements. I did grab a Sunday Globe, however, and found one article quite interesting. A research fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Max Abrams, was not content with analyzing terrorism from a political perspective. In his studies, he concluded that history reveals that terrorism rarely or never works as a political tactic, for the terrorists hardly ever get what they want! Rather, governments just dig in their heels against what the terrorists are demanding. Abrams insists that terrorism is best understood as a “social behavior,” and that people “take up terrorism” for the same reason they might join most any group.... to escape social isolation, and having a friend who invites them to become a part of the group. Becoming a terrorist has less to do with political goals, and more to do with how it makes a person feel states Abrams.

In short, social isolation can breed horrors! We have been learning this after things like the shooting rampages at schools and colleges, or the Oklahoma bombings. The inner angst of a social misfit gets turned outward as blame and hate.

If terrorism is indeed a “social behavior,” then churches can “fight terrorism” by trying to reduce social isolation for all who would contact us or walk through our doors. At the risk of oversimplification, time-honored lyrics can still speak to us: “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!” We can only spread just, peaceful, harmonious living one person at a time, and people are changed one heart at a time.

Let us continue to follow the “Prince of Peace,” Jesus the Christ, who did show us the way to make peace with neighbors. And since we never achieve it well, it must take more than rational work; let's be disciplined about prayer.....first for our own hearts, then also for the changing of hearts all around! May God bless our intentions and lead us into greater harmony. Amen.

Yours in faith, hope and love,
Ross Varney
Pastor at Belleville



Building Community through Music

Belleville Roots Music Concert Series Update

Don't Miss Your Chance to see the Von Trapp Children Perform on October 23

We are so thrilled to have the von Trapp Children perform a benefit concert on October 23 at 4 pm in our wonderful Meeting House and hope you can join us. There will be an opening act (Country Rain) followed by a 45 minute a cappella performance by the von Trapps and an informal question and answer session. The von Trapps are very happy to be supporting our church and truly looking forward to the experience.

“We are very excited to be back in Newburyport to perform. We love the community here and we are happy we can help with this benefit for the historic Belleville Meeting house,” said Sofia Von Trapp. “It is a beautiful space and we hope many people will come out to support this cause and hear our music.”

A special thank you goes out to the Institution for Savings which has generously offered to be the lead sponsor this concert.

Buy your tickets now at the discounted price \$20 for adults (\$25 day of show) and \$10 for children 12 and under at the church office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased for an additional \$2 surcharge at Dyno Records, 1 Middle Street, Newburyport; and online at www.bellevillechurch.org/concerts or www.mktix.com/bc. If available, tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event.

For more information, visit www.bellevillechurch.org/concerts. Join the Belleville Roots mailing list and stay informed about upcoming concerts by sending an email to bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com.

Announcing a Special Event Dinner with the von Trapp Family on Oct 24!

As an additional fundraiser, the von Trapps have generously offered to host an intimate dinner with special opportunities to sit and talk with them and hear a few songs. We will be serving a dinner for 50 in our Stage Room on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. After a time to chat and mingle with the von Trapps, there will be a buffet dinner followed by the von Trapps singing a few songs. This is also a great photo opportunity!

We sell only a limited amount of tickets to this evening and want to offer this to our church community first. Tickets are \$60 and include appetizer, beverages (including red and white wine), catered dinner, dessert, coffee/tea and a chance to meet and mingle with the von Trapps! We are renting quality tables/chairs/china etc. and this is intended to be a truly unique, elegant (yet casual and family-oriented) affair. For tickets, please contact Heather in the church office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or email Marcia Samuelson at msamuelson@msn.com.

Help Wanted for the von Trapp Dinner

The main meal will be catered by Carry Out Cafe, but we are looking for volunteers and donations for some of the extras. If you would like to donate an appetizer tray or a dessert or wine, that would be wonderful! We are also hoping for some of the wonderful helpful Belleville hands to help set up, decorate, serve, and other general needs to pull off a great event. Please email Marcia Samuelson at msamuelson@msn.com if you would be willing to help or donate any of the following. Thank you!

Needed: Appetizer/Cheese Trays: (the caterer suggested Cabot cheeses and crackers garnished with fruit).

Desserts: Apple pies or apple crisps

Wine: Red and white.

Menu: (Catered by Carryout Café and subject to change)

Dinner Buffet: Corn Bread and Butter, Fall Soup, Fall Salad (Organic Baby Greens with Fire Roasted Apples, Dried Cranberries, Bleu Cheese Crumbles Sweet & Spicy Walnuts and Apple Cider Dijon Vinaigrette), Butternut Bread Pudding with Tuscan Kale, Artichoke Chicken with a Honey White Wine Sauce Sauté, Pilaf of Whole Grains & Rice with Caramelized Leeks, Apple pies and crisps for dessert, coffee/tea.

Save these dates for the 2011-2012 Belleville Roots Music Concert Series Fundraisers

BLUEGRASS CONCERT FEATURING DELLA MAE: NOVEMBER 12:

Della Mae features the reigning 2-time National Fiddle Champion Kimber Ludiker, impeccable mandolinist Jenni Lynn Gardner, seasoned bassist Amanda Kowalski, and powerhouse vocalist and guitarist Celia Woodsmith.

HONKYTONK HOLIDAY CONCERT AND DANCE FEATURING BILL KIRCHEN: DECEMBER 9

Grammy-nominated guitarist, singer and songwriter Bill Kirchen is one of the fortunate few who can step onto any stage and elicit instant recognition for a career that has spanned over 40 years and includes guitar work with Nick Lowe, Emmylou Harris, Doug Sahm, Elvis Costello and many more.

MARDI GRAS CONCERT AND DANCE FEATURING STEVE RILEY AND THE MAMOU PLAYERS: FEBRUARY 17

Cajun French music from the backwaters of Southwest Louisiana. Their third release garnered them a Grammy nomination in the worldwide field of traditional folk music, another in 2004, and then another in 2009.

CELTIC MUSIC/ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: MARCH 15

Concert featuring Celtic music. Artist to be announced.

SINGER/SONGWRITER CARRIE NEWCOMER: APRIL 21

Carrie Newcomer is a rare breed of singer/songwriter, the kind who illuminates life with startling depth, humor and clarity. Her ability for sharp observation of the world led the Dallas Morning News to rave: "*She's the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say 'that is so true'.*"



Building Community through Music

Check Out Our New Belleville Roots Logo!

Check out the new logo for the Roots Music Concert Series. See if you can recognize the part of our church building which has been incorporated. Answer below.

Want to Help with the Belleville Roots Concerts?

Volunteers always wanted! Please contact Marcia Samuelson at marciasamuelson@msn.com or one of the other committee members:

THE BELLEVILLE ROOTS MUSIC CONCERT COMMITTEE

Diane Crofts

Bob Crofts

Ken Irwin

Brenda Marshall

Maria Niswonger

Marcia Samuelson

William Silsby

Conrad Willeman

Donna Wilson Irwin

Ross Varney

Answer: The center image is the rosette window from the Meeting House

2011 Calendar

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am NMC Rental 9am Thrift Shop
2 10am Worship	3 7pm CODA	4	5 9am Thrift Shop 6pm NBPT Historic Comm.	6 2pm Yoga 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	7	8 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
9 10am Worship 12pm Little Family rental	10 7pm CODA	11 1:30pm Service Club 7pm W/E Board	12 9am Thrift Shop	13 2pm Yoga 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	14	15 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
16 10am Worship 5pm Confirmation Group	17 3pm Girl Scouts 4pm Women's Group 7pm CODA	18 7pm Executive Board Mtg.	19 9am Thrift Shop	20 2pm Yoga 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir News & Views deadline	21	22 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
23 10a Worship 4pm vonTrapp Children Concert	24 3:30pm Girl Scouts 5pm Dinner with the vonTrapp's 7pm CODA	25 6pm Men's Group	26 9am Thrift Shop	27 2pm Yoga 6:15 Bible Study 7:30 Choir	28	29 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
30 10am Worship	31 7pm CODA					

Grant Update

A big thanks to Herb and Dorothy Williamson for all of their hard work in the grant application process. There are very specific requirements in submitting grant requests and Herb and Dottie have done an incredible job in overseeing this process.

A recent application was submitted to The Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation. Unfortunately they were not able to approve our funding request for our restoration project.

Herb and Dottie wish to invite others to join them in this process. No experience is necessary! As with many other projects here at Belleville, many hands make light work.

New Members!

Please join us in welcoming our new members:

Lynn Varney
Norm & Jean Hansen

Service Club

The October 11th Service Club meeting will be held in the Bannister Room at 1:30pm. We will be having a guest speaker, Jayne Murray, who owns the New England Chocolate Company. She will be explaining the difference in chocolate and how she makes her chocolate. Should be a yummy meeting! All are welcome!



October

1 Christopher Sprague
8 Virginia Lowell
8 Erv Bode
8 Christopher Clarke
9 Nicholas Howard
13 Denis Ipbuken
14 Sue Bennett
15 Kate Clunie
18 Nat Codin
16 George Hangen
19 Raymond Dugdale
21 Elizabeth Proctor
22 Keith Conway
23 Austin Lanham
24 Janet Woodman
25 Emily Wright
25 Aiden Proctor
25 Sophie Proctor
26 Stephen Woodman
26 Emily Fay
29 Irene Bradford

November

2 Robert Himeon
6 Jamie Beauparlant
7 Jennifer Himeon
8 Robert Dennis
10 Jon Williamson
10 Helen Hatcher
12 Sharon Hollis
21 J. Joseph Gerry
26 Sue Wolfendale
28 Jonathan Pearson
28 Christina Grandoni
30 Pat Stein

Antique Fair 2011

I wish to thank all who helped with the Fundraiser. The backbone of the show: Nancy Canali, Mary Lou Tyler, Janet Woodman and Diane Crofts. The crew is a well oiled machine, everyone doing their little or big part. The Annual Antique Show is an event that the community looks forward to, a tradition. Diane and I thought the show was akin to childbirth...we forget the pain of it quickly and sign up again remembering only the fun parts, particularly the evening afterwards at Mary Lou's house with great food and fellowship and raucous laughter. That's what church is really all about! Having been around awhile I can still conjure Millie in the kitchen, Betty Stevens taking tickets, Betty Madden or Judy collecting lunch money. These little picture memories make me smile as do the Conway kids schlepping stuff as porters and Ross in the kitchen making sandwiches! Little joys! Thank you to everyone for helping once again! You are the best! Submitted by Gail Gandofli

SCRIPTURE READERS LIST 2011

Oct.

- 2 Jim Marshall
9 Cathy Morrow
16 Bill Silsby
23 Bill Silsby
30 Nancy Smith

Nov.

- 6 Marion Spark
13 Peggy Utterback
20 Kelly Burke-Anderson
27 Karen Conway

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

- Oct** 2nd Mardee Beauparlant, Pam Ellis, Marge Killam
9th Shirley Locke, Karen Conway, Brenda Marshall
16th Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood, Marion Spark
23rd Diane Crofts, Ben Heersink, Debra Moore
30th Janet Woodman, Rita Vreeland, Jean Kirkpatrick
- Nov** 6th Gail Gandolfi, Anna Guyette, Sue Heersink
13th Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson, Diana Bondar
20th Audrey Clarkson, Marcia Samuelson, Jim Marshall
27th Bob Locke, Nancy Tsakirgis, Irene Bradford

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.

Ushers

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| Oct. 2 Shirley Locke & Peggy Utterback | Nov. 6 Kelly & Michelle Burke-Anderson |
| 9 Bob Locke & Jon Pearson | 13 Kathy Raywood & Audrey Clarkson |
| 23 Ben & Sue Heersink | 20 Rita Vreeland & Hans Erwich |
| 30 Gail Gandolfi & Ann Guyette | 27 Shirley Locke & Peggy Utterback |

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 16th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

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