



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,

Hard to believe we are changing seasons already and that fall is upon us! While the Bible reminds us that "to everything there is a season," it seems also true that each season has something to teach us. A few years ago I wrote down some poetry (that could become a song!) about fall as follows: Bursts of red, yellow and gold, Autumn colors bright and bold! Leaves hold on with all of their might, They celebrate each day of life! A strange paradox that while the leaves are actually dying, they put forth such glorious and bright colors! I know that fall is usually seen as the time of "letting go," but I do like the idea that there is that last burst of glory or light before letting go! Naturally, the poem then continues with some of the highlights of fall, like apple picking and eating fresh apple pies!

This fall I have scheduled a continuing education time to work on some music, and I have the opportunity to do a workshop with Carrie Newcomer! You may recall that Carrie sang here a little while ago in one of our Roots Concerts. Her music is an example of finding the "sacred in the ordinary." As a progressive Quaker, Carrie sings lots of songs about light and the divine light or spark that shows up all around us, in the everyday things of life. From the Midwest, she has been called a "Prairie Mystic" as well as a "soaring songstress," so it will be a real privilege to be with her for a workshop..... I'll be away from Sunday October 13 to Saturday October 19.

Speaking of fall highlights, the Massachusetts UCC has its "Super Saturday" on October 26! You can find details elsewhere, but I can say personally that they are events that can rejuvenate by being with church leaders from across the state, participating in lively worship times, and discussing cutting edge matters in various workshops. This year, the Massachusetts conference has tapped yours truly (piano) and Rev. Rich Knight of Andover (guitar) to lead the music portion of worship. We had co-lead a Pentecost event last year for the Essex Association here at Belleville, so I guess people really liked the music!

So a blessed start of fall to you all! May you enjoy those final outdoorsy times, and even a mid-October "Indian summer" if we are lucky. Surely we can find the sacred in the everyday. The adult education book for Advent can surely help us do that, as it attempts to connect faith matters with the everyday world of teenagers! I'd love to see many sign up for that study group during Advent. We are blessed to have a church more and more involved with the community, quite an active place; hope to see you soon.

Love in Christ,
Ross

2013 CALENDAR



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:30 Choir practice	4	5 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
6 10am Worship	7 7pm CODA	8 1:30 Service Club	9 9am Thrift Shop 9pm Roots Mtg 4:30 Worship & Education 7:30 Stewardship & Finance	10 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7:30pm Choir practice	11	12 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
13 10am Worship	14 7pm CODA	15 7:00pm Pampered Chef Party 7:30 Executive Board	16 9am Thrift Shop 9pm Roots Mtg	17 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7:30pm Choir practice	18 News & Views deadline	19 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
20 10am Worship	21 7pm CODA	22 7:30pm Executive Board	23 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg	24 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7:30pm Choir practice	25	26 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3 MB Fencing
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October

8 *Virginia Lowell*
8 *Erv Bode*
13 *Denis Ipbuken*
6 *George Hangen*
18 *Natalie Codin*
22 *Keith Conway*
24 *Janet Woodman*
29 *Irene Bradford*
29 *Colin Dean*

November

6 *Jamie Beauparlant*
8 *Annika Ellis*
10 *Jon Williamson*
10 *Helen Hatcher*
26 *Sue Wolfendale*
28 *Jon Pearson*
28 *Christina Grandoni*

MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SUPER SATURDAY!
RISKING VISION

October 26, 2013

Tri-County Regional Vocational High School

147 Pond St., Franklin MA

8:00AM – 3:30PM

Join hundreds of pastors, educator and lay leaders for a day of “Risking Vision.”

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. James Moos, Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries UCC and Co-Executive of UCC/Disciples’ Global Ministries.

Before accepting the call as executive minister of UCC Wider Church Ministries, Rev. Moos was the senior pastor at Bismark (N.D.) UCC, serving for 15 years. The Rev. James Moos brings experience in administration and finance, a commitment to the prophetic witness of the United Church of Christ, a passion for connecting local churches to the global body of Christ, and an understanding of the collegial and ecumenical nature of serving the wider Church.

Workshops:

A total of 33 workshops are being offered related to various aspects of church life, mission and ministries.

Facilitated Roundtables:

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in one of eight roundtable discussions with peers from other churches.

Cost: \$49 per person or \$39 per person in church groups of 5 or more paying participants who register at the same time. Registration deadline is October 14, 2013.

Register online at: www.macucc.org/supersaturday.

For more information call the office at 978-465-7734 for copy of the booklet which includes a registration form.

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Back by the request of several church members: The church will again hold a Pampered Chef party. It will be on Tuesday night, October 15th at 7 in the stage room. Sue Wolfendale will have booklets for you to look at and order forms if you can't make the party. Hope to see lots of you there. We do have a lot of fun and raise money for the church at the same time.

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St, will be hosting a Fall Flea Market on Saturday, October 12th from 8 am – 2pm. This is a great location with plenty of visibility. The public is invited.

Spaces with one (1) table are available for \$20. Rain date, October 19th.
Don't miss the opportunity to get rid of unwanted 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)

Additional information:

Spaces are not being sold without tables. Spaces are \$20.00

Additional table available for \$10.00

Tables will be assigned by lottery

Set up begins at 7am. Sale begins at 8am

Refunds will be made in case of inclement weather on the 13th.

SERVICE CLUB

The Tuesday October 8th meeting of the Service Club will be held in the Bannister Room at 1:30. We will be having several ladies from the Unitarian Church speaking. The historic group there researched and wrote a book "Where We Stood: A New England Church and the American Revolution". They will be discussing their book. In addition, we will be having the Service Club from the Old South Church joining us. Everyone is welcome.

Neighbors in Need - Extra Mile

On Sunday, October 20th, the Extra Mile will be for Neighbors in Need. Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and peace efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

THRIFT SHOP



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

Come by and see what's new.

I want to thank everyone who helped put away summer clothes and put out winter clothes while I was at home recouping from surgery. I can't thank you enough. I couldn't have done it without you. Sue



October Readers

- 6 Cathy Morrow**
- 13 Cathy Morrow**
- 20 Michelle Anderson**
- 27 Carolyn Kyle**

November Reader

- 3 Gail Gandolfi**
- 10 Ben Heersink**
- 17 Nancy Smith**
- 24 Marion Spark**

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



October

- 6 Shirley Locke, Karen Conway & Helen Hatcher
- 13 Sue Wolfendale, Kathy Raywood & Debra Moore
- 20 Janet Woodman, Rita Vreeland & Lori Wiswell
- 27 Gail Gandolfi, Anna Guyette, Sue Heersink

November

- 3 Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson
- 10 Bob Locke, Marcia Samuelson & Dorothy Williamson
- 17 Audrey Clarkson, Jennifer Allard & Irene Bradfor
- 24 Marion Spark, Kathy Raywood & Ben Heersink



October

- 6 Kathy Raywood & Judy Smith
- 13 Hunter Anderson & Jon Pearson
- 20 Jean Kirkpatrick & Anna Guyette
- 27 Peggy Utterback & Gail Gandolfi

November

- 3 Ben & Sue Heersink
- 10 Gail Gandolfi & Audrey Clarkson
- 17 Jean Kirkpatrick & Shirley Locke
- 24 Bob Locke & Mardee Beuparlant



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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: 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
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Flower Coordinator

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