



## 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,

As we enter Fall, it is the time of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, and the 10 days leading up to Yom Kippur, reminders and learning times for us all. We learn from our Jewish neighbors and from Jesus' own Jewishness. Jesus did not shy away from the reality of sin and evil. He even started his preaching days with words about repentance. Sure, we need not walk around riddled and shackled by guilt, but on the other hand a few reminders about working on ourselves can be helpful.

One of the key elements of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, has become the initial Kol Nidre ceremony which has to do with release from vows or promises; it seems to be related to the Roman Catholic concept of annulment! While there are many fine points about sin and the breaking of vows, intentionally or unintentionally, etc., I come away with a simple lesson: We all break promises that we make; therefore we had best be careful what we promise, and be ready to forgive ourselves or others for broken promises.

Another key learning from the Kol Nidre ceremony is that we are all involved, interconnected, responsible in part for offenses happening around us (we are complicit at times by not saying anything). The confessional words are always in the first person plural, we. The forgiveness promised from God is also for not only the Israelites but for all strangers who live in their midst! The "Kol Nidre" has become a famous Cello solo, which starts in a minor key, sad in tone, to echo the woes and sins of the world and our complicity in them. The song ends in a major key, more hopeful in tone, seeming to echo the divine forgiveness that knows we cannot keep our vows to follow the ways of God. So we trust in a God whose promise to forgive IS always kept, always powerful to renew.

Doug Seegers, in our Oct 11 Roots Concert, will sing his famous song "Going Down to the River" ..... what for? ..... "To Wash My Soul Again" of course! Everywhere we go, we are reminded of our need to go to the waters of baptism, the waters of cleansing, and of the assurance that the Spirit of God is indeed constantly redeeming and renewing us! Happy Fall, Happy New Year..... See you at Belleville for our times of renewal!  
In Christ's service,  
Ross Varney  
Pastor

# 2014 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7pm Choir practice	3 7pm – 10pm Sacred Harp Singers Convention	4 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am – 4pm Sacred harp Singers convention
5 9am – 4pm Sacred Harp Singers Convention 10am Worship In the Meeting House 4pm Reading for Resilience	6 4:15pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	7	8 9- 12 Thrift Shop 6:30pm Worship & Education 7pm Stewardship & Finance	9 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	10	11 9- 12 Thrift Shop Sale 9am 3MB Fencing
12 10am Worship	13 7pm CODA	14 1:30pm Service Club	15 9- 12 Thrift Shop	16 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7pm Choir practice	17	18 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
19 10am Worship	20 4:15pm Girl Scouts 7pm CODA	21 7pm Executive Board	22 9-12 Thrift Shop 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:30pm Men's Fellowship Dinner	23 No Yoga class 7pm Choir practice	24	25 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
26 10am Worship	27 7pm CODA	28	29 9-12 Thrift Shop	30 1pm Gentle Chair Yoga 7pm Choir practice	31 <i>Halloween</i> 	



**Doug Seegers in Concert in Newburyport  
Saturday, October 11, 2014  
Nashville Street Singer to Global Phenomenon**



Belleville Roots Music presents Doug Seegers at the Belleville Stage,  
300 High Street, Newburyport on Saturday, October 11th at 8 pm.

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

For more information, please email: [bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com)  
or visit: [www.bellevillechurch.org/roots.php](http://www.bellevillechurch.org/roots.php)

**Doug Seegers debut solo album entitled *Going Down to the River*, to be released on October 7, 2014, on Rounder Records, is raw, rootsy and emotionally charged. A brilliant 62 year old singer who struggled with homelessness for years, Seegers found acclaim when Swedish country music star, Jill Johnson, discovered him at "The Little Pantry That Could", a charity serving the hungry of West Nashville, Tennessee. Jill Johnson was doing a documentary about down-and-out musicians. Each week the pantry has a singer-songwriter night and it was there, that Jill Johnson discovered Doug Seegers. Jill had Doug record his song *Going Down to the River*. The song became an instant sensation when it was rolled out in Sweden, topping the iTunes chart. Seegers got a record deal in Sweden and embarked on a 60 gig tour in Sweden. Seegers has been #1 on the national album chart in Sweden.**

**Going Down to the River features collaborations with multi-Grammy winners Buddy Miller and Emmylou Harris, both of whom have championed the formerly down-and-out singer.**

**Emmylou states: "When I first heard his voice, so full of soul and raw emotion, I was stunned. This man has lived these songs, not in his imagination but every long day over many hard years. He stands before you now-ready to testify. Listen and believe."**

**This personal introspective album includes 10 Seegers originals and two covers, including a duet with Emmylou Harris. The CD examines the full gamut of emotions from lonely despair to exalted salvation and melds such diverse moods as a Texas swing dance floor gem ("*Hard Working Man*") to woe-is-me lament ("*Pour Me*") to shuffling honky-tonk ("*Baby Lost Her Way Home Again*").**

**Tickets are available at Dyno Records, 1 Middle Street, Newburyport, MA, at the Belleville Congregational Church office on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday mornings from 9 to 1, the Belleville Thrift Shop on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 to noon, or online at [www.MKTix.com/bc](http://www.MKTix.com/bc) or if available, at the door.**

#### **About Belleville Roots Music Concert Series**

**Belleville Congregational Church has long standing roots in the Newburyport community as a gathering place and as a supporter of local service organizations. The Roots Music Series, founded December 2010, has three important missions. First, the series will bring a variety of high quality Roots Music to the Newburyport area for all to enjoy: a cappella to zydeco and could include many things in between such as blues, bluegrass, Cajun, Celtic, country folk, gospel, Irish, jazz and world music. The second mission of the Roots Music Concert Series is to raise funds to restore and maintain the historic 1867 Belleville Meetinghouse and adjacent Fiske Chapel complex at 300 High Street in Newburyport. The third mission, an important goal, is the building of community through music. It is hoped that the Meetinghouse and the adjacent complex will continue to serve as a gathering places for years to come.**

# Belleville Church Thrift Shop



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

**Come, lend your voice!!**



Andrea DeGiovanni, organist & choir director

Choir rehearsal, Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Stage Room, all are welcome.





Neighbors in Need will be the Extra Mile offering on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. With your support, Neighbors in Need in 2014 is imagining another world where:

Literacy is no longer a concern  
 Educating women and girls is a priority  
 Quality education is accessible to all.

With your support, as a community, we are changing lives. Your support of the NIN offering provides small grants and programs that seek to address systemic injustices. Reading Changes Lives, the UCC’s newest all church initiative, is a program that focuses on literacy, stateside and abroad.



<i>October</i>		<i>November</i>	
8	<i>Virginia Lowell</i>	6	<i>Jamie Beuparlant</i>
8	<i>Erv Bode</i>	8	<i>Annika Ellis</i>
13	<i>Denis Ipbuken</i>	10	<i>Jon Williamson</i>
16	<i>George Hangen</i>	10	<i>Helen Hatcher</i>
22	<i>Keith Conway</i>	26	<i>Sue Wolfendale</i>
24	<i>Janet Woodman</i>	28	<i>Jonathan Pearson</i>
29	<i>Irene Bradford</i>	28	<i>Christina Gandolfi</i>
29	<i>Colin Dean</i>		



## Service Club

The October meeting of the Service Club will be held on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Bannister Room. All are welcome.



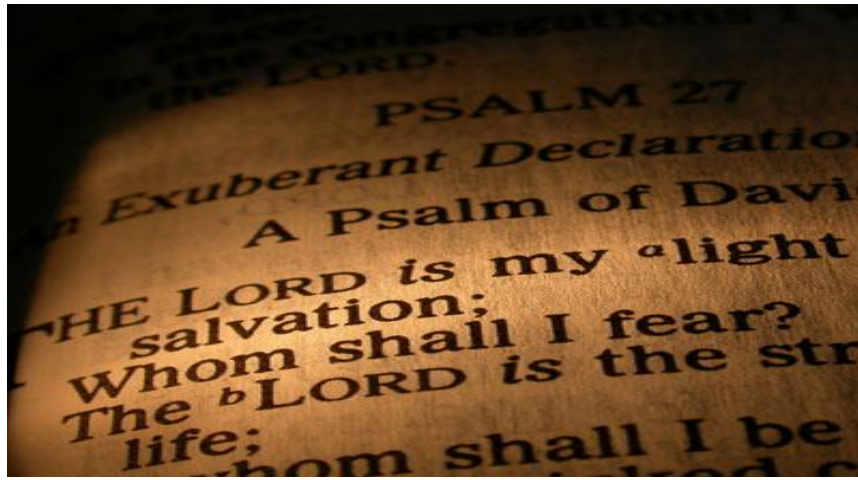
### **Fellowship / Outreach Board**

The Fellowship/Outreach Board consists of 5 members elected for two year terms. Each month a representative from the Board attends the Executive Board meetings.

The Fellowship/Outreach Board promotes mission education and Extra Mile offerings each month.

The Thrift Shop, game nights and weekly coffee hours are part of its program.

The Fellowship/Outreach Board assists the Worship and Education Board with the supper/service for Maundy Thursday.



*Scripture readers*

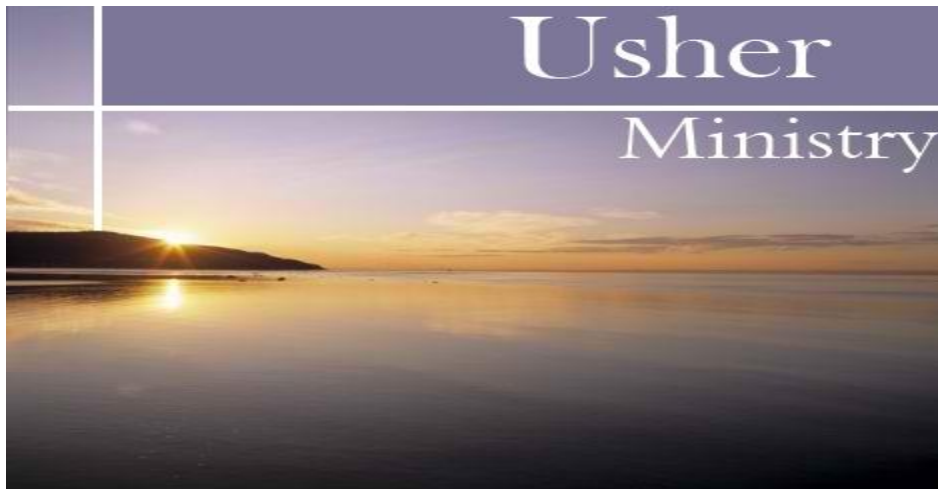
*October*

- 5 Andrea Samuelson & Annika Ellis
- 12 Ben Heersink
- 19 Peggy Utterback
- 26 Emery Rice

*November*

- 2 Gail Gandolfi
- 9 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
- 16 Sue Heersink
- 23 Carolyn Kyle
- 30 Barbara Colten

**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.**



*October*

- 5 Kathy Raywood & Judi Smith
- 12 Jean Kirkpatrick & Mardee Beuparlant
- 19 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
- 26 Hans Erwich

*November*

- 2 Norma & Tim Dean
- 9 Sue & Ben Heersink
- 16 Jean Kirkpatrick & Mardee Beuparlant
- 23 Jon Pearson & Hunter Anderson
- 30 Gail Gandolfi





# Coffee Fellowship

## October

- 5 Shirley Locke, Karen Conway & Helen Hatcher
- 12 No coffee hour – Columbus Day
- 19 Janet Woodman & Lori Wiswell
- 26 Gail Gandolfi, Anna Guyette & Sue Heersink

## November

- 2 Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson & Diana Bondar
- 9 Bob Locke, Marcia Samuelson & Dorothy Williamson
- 16 Audrey Clarkson, Jennifer Allard & Mary Lou Tyler
- 23 Marion Spark, Kathy Raywood & Ben Heersink
- 30 Peggy Utterback, Marge Killam & Mardee Beauparlant



## *Belleville Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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### Church Staff & Contact Information

Pastor Ross Varney 978-462-4899  
Office hours: Tuesday 11 AM - Noon;  
Wednesday & Thursday 10:30 AM - Noon;  
or by appointment, suggested Wed/Thur.  
evenings  
Please call to assure the pastor is available.

Church Office 978-465-7734  
Valerie Gates, Office Administrator  
Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and  
Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Website: [www.bellevillechurch.org](http://www.bellevillechurch.org)

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:

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