



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,

This really is an amazing time to be called to be followers of Christ. I'm thinking of headline news and how they relate so closely to the gospel. I'm thinking of Pope Francis, and how he has been weighing in on the issues of climate change and immigration. I'm also aware that people get turned off by politics and thus want to keep religion out of politics if at all possible. But it is impossible to separate religion and politics. The Judeo-Christian Story, (The Bible) is all about how we treat our neighbor, especially the "aliens" in our midst as Moses used to say. This obviously begs the question of immigration policies.

I have a heart for cross cultural studies, and knowing Spanish, most of my learning has been from Latin America. So naturally I am drawn to read about the enormous changes with our relations with Cuba; the fact that the Pope is from Latin America, makes his views and work with Cuba all the more relevant to us. I remember when the next word I thought of after Cuban was "refugee." Now we are having cross-cultural "exchanges" and getting to know them more as true neighbors; the Friends meeting house in Amesbury just had a musical benefit for US-Cuban relations and a delegation of visitors from our area.

I am a still a relative novice in climate studies, but am eager to learn more and come to new conclusions about how we can be help our earth and consequentially our own health. Care for the Earth cannot be separated from religion; after all, the Bible starts with the Creation story and humans tilling the garden and having dominion (stewardship) over all creatures. I remember when "recycling" was controversial, when churches had to push hard against the forces of inertia to get bins inside the buildings. I remember when the rivers were indeed dumping grounds for every manner of waste and no one thought twice about it. Now, from the Pope to our own Massachusetts Conference minister, Care for Creation is continually emphasized in speeches or sermons. We have responded, but apparently not enough, as there is still so much more that we can be doing keep our earth home safe and viable for life.

Ours is always a combination of a personal journey and a communal journey in Christ's Spirit. Our personal disciplines and prayer can keep us focused and committed. Our sharing through education and fellowship can help us learn from each other as we do our best to live responsibly, in true community, as God would intend.

Looking forward to following Christ with you,
Ross

2015 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9 - 12 Thrift Shop
4 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal 4pm Organ Concert	5 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #78171 7pm CODA	6	7 9 - 12 Thrift Shop	8 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga/Tai Chi 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	9	10 9 - 1 Community Flea Market 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
11 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal	12 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #78171 7pm CODA	13 8:30am Worship & Education 11am Service Club @ The Poet's Inn	14 9- 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance	15 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga/Tai Chi 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	16	17 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
18 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal Fellowship & Outreach meets after the service 3pm Sacred Harp Singers	19 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #78171 7pm CODA	20 7pm Executive Board	21 9-12 Thrift Shop	22 1:30 Gentle Chair Yoga/Tai Chi 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	23 8pm Roots concert Cactus Blossom	24 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
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<i>October</i>		<i>November</i>	
8	<i>Virginia Lowell</i>	6	<i>Jamie Beauparlant</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>	20	<i>Judi Smith</i>
22	<i>Keith Conway</i>	26	<i>Sue Wolfendale</i>
24	<i>Janet Woodman</i>	28	<i>Jonathan Pearson</i>
26	<i>Emily Fay</i>	28	<i>Christina Grandoni</i>
29	<i>Irene Bradford</i>		
29	<i>Colin Dean</i>		



The October 13th meeting of the Service Club will be held at the Poet's Inn in Haverhill at 11am. Reservations are required, and there are two openings available so if you want to attend please call Sue Wolfendale at 978-462-7473



Men's Fellowship Supper
Wednesday, October 28th
6:00pm gathering, 6:30 supper



Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St, will be hosting a Fall Flea Market on Saturday, October 10th from 8 am - 1pm. This is a great location with plenty of visibility. The public is invited.

Spaces with one (1) table are available for \$20.00, additional tables \$10.00. There will be No Rain date.

Don't miss the opportunity to recycle your 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)

Belleville Church Thrift Shop



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

Sing to the Lord a New Song



Adult choir rehearsal Thursdays at 7pm.

Youth choir rehearsal Sunday mornings after worship.



On Sunday, October 25th please join us for the Service Club's luncheon fundraiser "Soup's On". There will be several homemade soups to enjoy (you can sample all of them!) along with rolls and butter, salads and desserts. Suggested donation for adults is \$5 and \$1 for children. You can sign-up during coffee hour on October 11th and 18th.



**October Extra Mile Offering
Neighbors In Need (NIN)**

Neighbors In Need is a special 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 (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct services projects.



The Cactus Blossoms in Concert on the Belleville Stage, Friday, October 23

The Cactus Blossoms, an up and coming band, is composed of brothers, Jack Torrey and Page Burkum, who have been blending their voices since 2010 singing hypnotic harmonies and unforgettable songs of country and Western swing. They have been favorites in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The brothers have appeared on Prairie Home Companion. In 2011, the brothers made the CD “The Cactus Blossoms” followed in 2013 with their CD “The Cactus Blossoms Live at the Turf Club”, which blurs the line between old and new as they sneak a few originals into their repertoire of old country and Western swing.

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



BELLEVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

**Please join us on Sunday, October 4th at 4pm for the Stevens Pipe
Organ Fundraising Concert
With Andrea DeGiovanni and Friends**

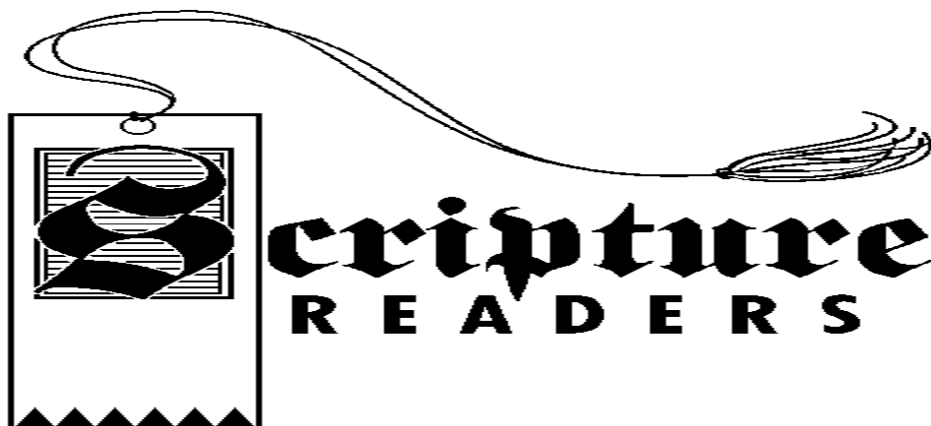


Communion is the first Sunday of each month
October

- 4 Kathy Raywood & Audrey Clarkson
- 11 Mardee & Carol Beuparlant
- 18 Jean Kirkpatrick & Anna Guyette
- 25 Carolyn Kyle & Peggy Utterback

November

- 1 Norma Dean & Hans Erwich
- 8 Gail Gandolfi & Shirley Locke
- 15 Jean Kirkpatrick & Carol Beuparlant
- 22 Ben & Sue Heersink
- 29 Bob Lock & Dan Fay



October

- 4 Barbara Colten
- 11 Emery Rice
- 18 Hunter Anderson
- 25 Bill Silsby

November

- 1 Gail Gandolfi
- 8 Carolyn Kyle
- 15 Ben Heersink
- 22 Emery Rice
- 29 Peggy Utterback

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

October

- 4 Mardee Beuparlant, Pam Ellis & Marge Killam
- 11 No coffee hour – Columbus Day weekend
- 18 Shirley Locke, Karen Conway & Helen Hatcher
- 25 Janet Woodman, Norma Dean & Lori Wiswell

November

- 1 Gail Gandolfi, Ann Guyette & Sue Heersink
- 8 Nancy Canali, Kelly Burke-Anderson & Diana Bondar
- 15 Dorothy Williamson, Marcia Samuelson & Bob Locke
- 22 Audrey Clarkson, Jennifer Allard & Irene Bradford
- 29 Marion Spark, Kathy Raywood & Ben Heersink



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Director

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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: Kathy Raywood

Treasurer: Jim Samuelson

Collector: Norma Dean

Memorial Fund Treasurer: Kelly
Burke-Anderson

Auditor:

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