

# 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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Hello Friends:

Belleville's Pancake Breakfast is around the corner! Hope to see you Sunday, Sept 9 to kick off our new Sunday School year! The children coming back bring smiles and positive energy to our dining room, and even do most of the cooking! I believe we start at 8:30 as in the past; great time to renew acquaintances over breakfast, and get back in "the habit" of making time on our Sabbath (Sunday) for worship.

Sometimes we think Sunday School is just for kids, but now, more than ever, let's remember that kids learn best from having good role models and mentors. Let's see the September kick off as a time to renew commitment as adults to ongoing and lifelong spiritual growth. The cycle of readings for the Christian year has blessed us with readings from the Proverbs and James this fall..... both books of the Bible that will always feel "relevant!" They could easily be titled "Spiritual lessons for daily living," as they cover many practical topics, and emphasize that true faith translates into action.

Many years ago a book became famous entitled "Will our Children have Faith?" The question is still relevant, and it is becoming clear that in many families, a position of faith can sometimes skip a generation. Therefore, as is now often the case with some parenting responsibilities, it may be the grandparents who may have the opportunity to be role models of faith for children. Let's think of the question, "Will our grandchildren have faith?" And it is not only a biological reference, but for the whole family of faith... will the elders of the church continue to nurture and teach the young ones? Will all those of mature faith feel the calling to nurture newcomers to faith?

I see September as the time of renewal and recommitment to the work of spiritual growth, especially within the context of community. Help me in helping Belleville to thrive as a community of people all committed to growing spiritually, maturing as followers of Christ,

In Christian love and hope,  
Pastor Ross Varney



We are thrilled to announce the 2012-2013 season! We have amazing artists coming to grace our stage. Hope you can join in the fun and please help spread the word! Tickets go on sale September 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit the church website or email us at [bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com).



**#1 Bluegrass Concert and BBQ Dinner**

**Sierra Hull and Highway 111**

**October 18, 2012, 8 pm**

Sierra Hull is a singer, songwriter and mandolin player. A graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, she was the first bluegrass performer to receive the Presidential Scholarship, the most prestigious award offered by the college. Sierra has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and at the White House. The bluegrass world, the IBMA voting members, have nominated Sierra five times in the last three years for awards. [www.sierrahull.com](http://www.sierrahull.com)



**#2 Roots Rock 'n Roll Dance**

**JD McPherson**

**November 16, 2012, 8 pm**

JD McPherson is known for his fresh take and new rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and rockabilly music which is rooted in his love of and respect for the music of the 1950s. As a visual artist, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma native JD McPherson is well versed in the process of working within clearly defined formal parameters, and he employs a similarly rigorous discipline with his music. JD McPherson is known for energetic live shows and has been featured on Conan and "North Side Girl," has registered well over 350,000 YouTube views. [www.jdmcpherson.com](http://www.jdmcpherson.com)



### **#3 Soul and Blues Concert**

**Ruthie Foster**

**Thursday, December 6, 2012, 8 pm**

Ruthie Foster has an eclectic music history which produces a combustible blend of soul, blues, rock, folk and gospel. Ruthie was a Grammy Nominee for *The Truth According to Ruthie Foster* (Best Contemporary Blues Album). *The Boston Globe* states: "... when someone with real chops like Ruthie Foster steps up, attention must be paid." *Keyboard Player Magazine* says: "...she is definitely a singer from the old school, whose huge, full-bodied voice has drawn frequent comparisons with such legends as (Aretha) Franklin and Ella Fitzgerald." [www.ruthiefoster.com/](http://www.ruthiefoster.com/)



### **#4 Mardi Gras Dance and Dinner**

**Jeffery Broussard and the Creole Cowboys**

**February 8, 2013, 8 pm**

This annual event at Belleville has sold out the past two years. This year features the accordion mastery and soulful vocals of front man, Jeffery Broussard. His range, seldom seen in Zydeco, includes traditional songs of the old masters, original tunes, single-note and triple-note accordion, and fiddle. Although accordion is his main instrument, Jeffery plays guitar, bass, fiddle and percussion instruments. *The New York Times* states: "Mr. Broussard and the Creole Cowboys are fabulous. You start moving in your seat as soon as their rhythmic, rich melodies, both joyous and mournful, start filling the theater." [www.jefferybroussard.com](http://www.jefferybroussard.com)



### **#5 St. Patrick's Day Concert & Dinner**

**Goitse (Direct from Ireland!)**

**March 15, 2013, 8 pm**

Goitse is a flourishing, highly-talented, five piece band making a name for themselves as one of the most sought after bands amongst connoisseurs of Irish traditional music. Their fast-paced, energetic playing has seen them enjoying a growing fan base through show stopping performances in Ireland, America, Germany, Finland, Denmark and Africa. <http://goitse.ie/>

# Boston String Quartet to Perform at Belleville as Fundraiser!



We are pleased to host the Boston String Quartet for two shows this year. They will rent the Stage Room and after covering their costs, will donate half of the proceeds to Belleville!

## Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make the shows a success. Opportunities include: Beforehand: help to spread the word, selling tickets, other planning Day of show: help to set up Stage Room chairs, sell refreshments (benefits Belleville), ticket taking, ushering, etc. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Samuelson at [marciasamuelson@msn.com](mailto:marciasamuelson@msn.com) or 978.462.2280.

## String Circus (Beatles Tribute)

Saturday, October 6, 7 pm

## Christmas Show

Sunday, December 16, 2pm

## About the Boston String Quartet

Adopting a daring approach to music entertainment, the Boston String Quartet is a high-energy ensemble with an unconventional emphasis on rhythm and beats. Since its formation in 2004, the Quartet has been a creative leader in fusing contemporary music with classical tradition, and the *Boston Globe* credits them with continually "exploring different ways of sparking musical interest." The members of the Quartet specialize in retelling modern music with original arrangements of rock, jazz, and world music, and have redefined the twenty-first century classical musician with a complete approach to artistry through composition/arrangement, storytelling, theatrics, and performing. For more information, visit <http://bostonstringquartet.com/>

# Sunday school news

## **Sunday School and Registration - Sunday, September 9th**

September 9 is Recovenanting Sunday, a time to celebrate together the beginning of a new fall term. In the early days of Israel, the people came together once a year to renew their covenant with God. As we gather again after the summer, and meet new people who have joined us, we renew our Christian Commitment to learning, worshipping and serving God together in the community of the church.

Our Sunday school is again using The Whole People of God curriculum this year. **Unit I: The Questing Community**, will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>. A take home leaflet will be available for parents and anyone interested in what is going on in Sunday school.

We look forward toward a year of growing and learning with our children.

## **September 9<sup>th</sup>: 8:30-9:45am - PANCAKES! PANCAKES! PANCAKES!**



### **Belleville Church's Annual Pancake Breakfast !**

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast! The Sunday school teachers and the children of Belleville will be serving up pancakes for everyone! We will have coffee, juice, milk, sausage and light fluffy pancakes with butter and syrup! Breakfast will be served from 8:30a.m. until 9:30a.m. downstairs in the dining hall.

~The Sunday School Teachers of Belleville

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# 2012 Calendar

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## September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship	<b>3</b> 7pm CODA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots	<b>6</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>9</b> Pancake Breakfast at 8:30  10am Worship  Sunday School & Nursery Care resumes	<b>10</b> 7pm CODA	<b>11</b> 1:30pm Service Club 7pm Stewardship & Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	<b>13</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9am 3MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>16</b> 10am Worship	<b>17</b> 4pm Women's Group 7pm CODA	<b>18</b> 7pm Executive Board Mtg.	<b>19</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	<b>20</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> News & Views deadline	<b>22</b> 9am 3 MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>23</b> 10a Worship	<b>24</b> 7pm CODA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9am Thrift Shop 1pm Roots Mtg.	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9am 3 MB Fencing 9am Thrift Shop
<b>30</b> 10a Worship						

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## Service Club

The Tuesday, September 11 meeting of the Service Club will be held in the Bannister Room at 1:30. We will have a fun relaxing meeting of playing BINGO with prizes and refreshments. All are welcome and bring a friend.



# Happy Birthday

## September

- 4 Will Beuparlant
- 5 Sue Burgess
- 6 Richard Bartlett
- 9 Helen Mantarian
- 9 Diana Grandoni
- 10 Chris DeLong
- 11 Elizabeth Webber
- 15 Steven Middler
- 20 Lori Wiswell
- 20 Ben Heersink
- 25 Jim Utterback
- 26 Ross Varney
- 27 Carolyn Kyle
- 30 Keri Pennell

## October

- 8 Virginia Lowell
- 8 Erv Bode
- 8 Christopher Clarke
- 13 Denis Ipbuken
- 18 Nat Codin
- 16 George Hangen
- 22 Keith Conway
- 24 Janet Woodman
- 26 Emily Fay
- 29 Irene Bradford

## Antique Show Luncheon News

The luncheon during the Antique Fair was a huge success! We made \$737.00 thanks to all the workers and bakers.

I should like to thank Heather, our secretary, for all her help in cleaning the upstairs kitchen. Also to Jim Marshall for coming to my rescue with the stove. To Mary Lou, Bill Silsby and Matt for their expertise in helping get our inspection with the Health Dept. To my kitchen help – Ross, Diana, Nancy, Jane, Norma, Bill, Matt, Irene, Audrey, Sue, Michelle, Allan, Gail and Kelly thanks for your hands and work. This was a great time!

Enjoy the rest of your summer,  
Janet Woodman

## SCRIPTURE READERS LIST 2012

### September

- 2 Cathy Morrow  
9 Bill Silsby  
16 Emery Rice  
23 Nancy Smith  
30 Marion Spark

### October

- 7 Peggy Utterback  
14 Lynn Kinsella  
21 Kelly Burke-Anderson  
28 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

### **September 2012**

- 9/2 No Coffee Hour – Labor Day Weekend  
9/9 Audrey Clarkson, Diana Bondar, Lori Wiswell  
9/16 Mary Lou Tyler, Dorothy Williamson, Carolyn Kyle  
9/23 Nancy Tsakirgis, Gail Gandolfi, Irene Bradford  
9/30 Mardee Beauparlant, Pam Ellis, Marge Killam

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.

The church will supply the napkins, cups, plates, coffee, cream, sugar and juice.

## Ushers

- Sept 2 Norma Dean & Kelly Burke-Anderson  
9 Michelle Burke-Anderson & Ann Guyette  
16 Rita Vreeland & Hans Erwich  
23 Kathy Raywood & Peggy Utterback  
30 Bob Locke & Jon Pearson

October to be announced



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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**

Heather Ryan, Office Administrator

**office hours:** Tuesday Thursday, and  
Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Thank you!

## Church Officers:

### Moderator

William Silsby

### Clerk

Jean Hansen

### Treasurer

Mary Lou Tyler

### Collector

### Assistant Treasurer

William Silsby

### Memorial Fund Treasurer

Kelly Burke-Anderson

### Auditor

Jim Samuelson

### Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

Brenda Marshall

[Vacancy](#)

## Contact Persons:

### Board of Fellowship & Outreach

Diane Crofts

### Board of Worship & Education

Kelly Burke-Anderson

### Board of Stewardship & Finance

Jim Marshall

### UCC Delegate

Emery Rice

### Sunday School Coordinator

Pam Ellis

### Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

### Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson