



**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:

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again after Labor Day. There is always something new and life-giving going on here at Belleville as we follow Christ and his Spirit! Until then, a little more time at my keyboard (great to see many of you at my concert!) and time in the refreshing salt waters. I love to quote Jesus saying "Come to me, and I will give you rest." Seems he took Sabbath rest seriously!

See you soon, and as Hammerstein put it: "Follow every rainbow, till you find your dream." Let's dream together this fall.

Yours in Christ,

Ross

2013 CALENDAR

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Worship	2	3	4	5 7:30 Choir practice	6	7 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
8 10:00am Worship Sunday School Registration & Pancake Breakfast	9 7pm CODA	10	11 9am Thrift Shop 9pm Roots Mtg 4:30 Worship &Education 7:30 Stewardship &Finance	12 7:30 Choir practice	13	14 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
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29 10a m Worship	30 7pm CODA					



<i>September</i>		<i>October</i>	
4	<i>Will Beauparlant</i>	8	<i>Virginia Lowell</i>
8	<i>Kathy Raywood</i>	8	<i>Erv Bode</i>
9	<i>Helen Mantarian</i>	13	<i>Denis Ipbuken</i>
	<i>Diana Grandoni</i>	6	<i>George Hangen</i>
10	<i>Chris DeLong</i>	18	<i>Natalie Codin</i>
13	<i>Cliff Wolfendale</i>	22	<i>Keith Conway</i>
15	<i>Steven Middler</i>	24	<i>Janet Woodman</i>
17	<i>Tim Dean</i>	29	<i>Irene Bradford</i>
20	<i>Lori Wiswell</i>	29	<i>Colin Dean</i>
20	<i>Ben Heersink</i>		
20	<i>Keri Pennell</i>		
25	<i>Jim Utterback</i>		
25	<i>Barbara Habelt</i>		
26	<i>Ross Varney</i>		
27	<i>Carolyn Kyle</i>		

Introduction to Sacred Harp Singing

Sunday, September 15, 3-5:30 PM - Belleville Church Bannister Room

Participatory a cappella shape-note singing from *The Sacred Harp*, an eclectic collection of hymns, fusing-tunes and anthems first published in 1844. Sacred Harp singing evolved from the 18th-century New England "singing school" tradition via the Deep South, and is thus one of the earliest uniquely American musical idioms. The words are rugged Calvinist poetry, and the music, with its spare harmonies and driving pulse, is simply unforgettable, and like nothing you've ever heard before. Sacred Harp singers neither rehearse nor perform in the usual sense; rather we gather and sing for the sheer joy of singing. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at Belleville Church. This month we will offer a Singing School for new singers. No prior musical experience is required, and songbooks will be available for loan or purchase. Free admission. More details about the Sacred Harp tradition can be found at <http://www.fasola.org>.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Choir practice begins on Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm.
All are welcome.



Sunday School news

Sunday, September 8th

Sunday, September 8th will be 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. 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 8th: 8:30-9:45am
PANCAKES! PANCAKES! PANCAKES!

Belleville Church's Annual Pancake Breakfast and Sunday school registration!

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 9:45a.m. downstairs in the dining hall. (Handicap accommodations will be made available in the stage room upstairs.)

Sunday school registration forms will be available.



The Latest News from the Belleville Roots Music Concert Series

Announcing the 2013-2014 Belleville Roots Season will kick off with The Gibson Brothers on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 8 pm. The Gibson Brothers are the top nominees for next month's International Bluegrass Music Awards. The Gibson Brothers are up for eight awards, including Entertainer of the Year (they won this last year), Vocal Group, Album of the Year ("They Called It Music"), Song of the Year ("They Called It Music") and Gospel Recorded Event. Eric Gibson received two nominations, as Songwriter for Song of the Year "They Called It Music" (along with co-writer Joe Newberry and in the Bluegrass Songwriter category. Band member Jesse Brock also earned a nomination for Mandolin Player of the Year.

Bluegrass Unlimited states: "The brothers and the band have it all: lead vocals, brother-duet harmony, instrumental virtuosity, ensemble sensibilities and great original material."

The Pulse from Chattanooga, TN. writes: "The chance to hear their combination of extraordinary vocals and instrumental firepower should not be missed..."

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.mvarts.com or if available at the door. Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 day of show/\$10 children 12 and under. For more information, please email:

bellevilleconcerts@gmail.com



SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club will be starting again on Tuesday September 10th at 1:30 in the Bannister room. Our guest will be Steve Wiswell who will be doing his magic again with another video presentation. We were all thrilled with his last one, so come and see what he has in store for us this time. You can count on it being great. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Come and bring a friend.

THRIFT SHOP



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

Come by and see what's new.

Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop will be closed from Saturday August 31st (Labor Day weekend) to September 7th. In that time we hope to put away our summer inventory and start to put out our fall/winter clothing. I will be there on Wed the 4th and again on the 7th.(8:30 to 12) Anyone who wishes to help us with this huge undertaking will be welcomed with open arms and greatly appreciated. Sue



September Readers

- 1 Nancy Smith
- 8 Marion Spark
- 15 Emery Rice
- 22 Lynn Varney
- 29 Hunter Anderson

October Readers

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

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



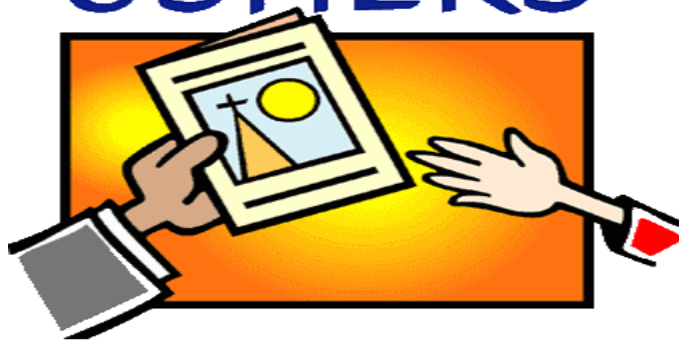
September

- 8 Audrey Clarkson, Diana Bondar and Jean Kirkpatrick
- 15 Mary Lour Tyler, Dorothy Williamson and Carolyn Kyle
- 22 Nancy Tsakirgis, Gail Gandolfi and Bill Silsby
- 29 Mardee Beauparlant, Pam Ellis and Marge Killam

October

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

USHERS



- September 1 Rita Vreeland & Gail Gandolfi
- 8 Norma & Timothy Dean
- 15 Shirley & Bob Locke
- 22 Jon Pearson & Audrey Clarkson
- 29 Sue & Ben Heersink



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Please call to assure the pastor is available.

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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: Jean Hansen

Treasurer: Mary Lou Tyler

Memorial Fund Treasurer: Kelly
Burke-Anderson

Auditor: Kathy Raywood

Members-at-Large (Ex. Board)

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Board of Fellowship & Outreach:

Diane Crofts

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Kelly Burke-Anderson

Board of Stewardship & Finance:

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Sunday School

Coordinator

Pam Ellis

Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

Hospitality Coordinator

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