



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,

September is upon us and a flurry of activities, yet the summertime still lingers..... some warn me not even to speak of summer ending till Columbus Day!

I'm actually in the same boat. Slower days of leisure are flying away all too soon, and with the long winter we had (!), summer HAS to be extended this year! I'm trying to take advantage of every day that is good for beach and water activities!

Many of you know that it has been a whirlwind of a spring and summer for me with many trips to Walpole as we decluttered, cleaned, boxed and shipped, all to get the old homestead ready for marketing, which has been full of hassles as well. So I'm still reeling from all that, and hoping for some relatively quiet days now through Labor Day, though I'm also adjusting to living with a fuller house and greater care responsibilities! Between bouts of moving and organizing (still far from done), I did some "continuing education," making a dent in a couple of hefty theological books, which I know you will be dying to hear about! One was entitled, *A Biography of God*, and the other was entitled *Paul, the Convert!* We are all on a journey of searching and growing, continual learning.

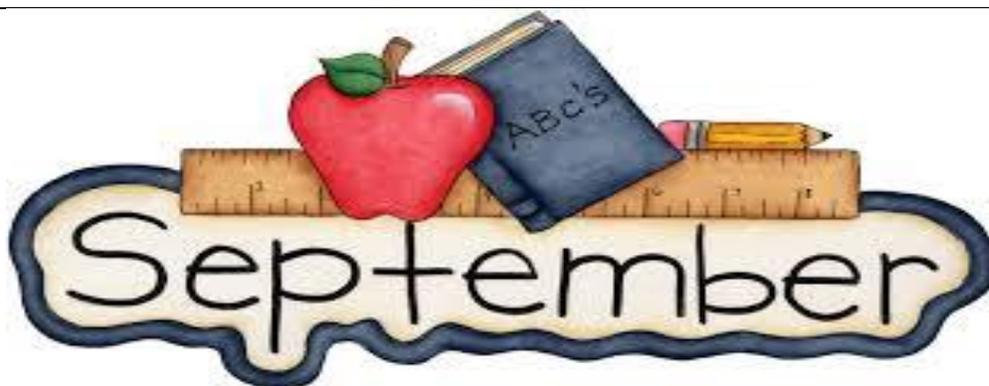
Besides the book-learning part of our faith, there is the continual growing through life and its relationships! Many of us have difficulties with health, jobs or family life, and thank God we can have the support of a faith community to share our stories and share in prayer for one another. I'm thankful that we have an incipient "care ministry" (I'm sure there is room for more if interested) that is willing to put in more time this next year with keeping us all connected in thoughts and prayers that can help to heal.

See you right after Labor Day, I hope!

With love and gratitude for each of you,

Ross Varney

2015 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30am Worship & Education	2 Thrift Shop closed	3	4	5 Thrift Shop closed
6 10am Worship	7 7pm CODA	8 1:30 Service Club	9 9 – 12 Thrift Shop 7pm Stewardship & Finance	10 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	11	12 9- 12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
13 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal	14 7pm CODA	15 7pm Executive Board	16 9- 12 Thrift Shop	17 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	18	19 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
20 8:45 Pancake Breakfast & Sunday school registration 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal Fellowship & Outreach meets after the service 3pm Sacred Harp Singers	21 7pm CODA	22	23 9-12 Thrift Shop	24 6pm Bible Study 7pm Choir practice	25 Roots Concert with Ruthie Foster 8pm	26 9-12 Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
27 10am Worship 11:15 Youth Choir rehearsal	28 7pm CODA	29	30 9 – 12 Thrift Shop 6pm Men's Fellowship Supper			



<i>September</i>		<i>October</i>	
8	<i>Kathy Raywood</i>	8	<i>Virginia Lowell</i>
9	<i>Helen Mantarian</i>	8	<i>Erv Bode</i>
9	<i>Diana Grandoni</i>	13	<i>Denis Ipbuken</i>
10	<i>Chris DeLong</i>	16	<i>George Hangen</i>
17	<i>Tim Dean</i>	22	<i>Keith Conway</i>
17	<i>Ottilie Guerearra</i>	24	<i>Janet Woodman</i>
20	<i>Lori Wiswell</i>	26	<i>Emily Fay</i>
20	<i>Ben Heersink</i>	29	<i>Irene Bradford</i>
20	<i>Keri Pennell</i>	29	<i>Colin Dean</i>
25	<i>Jim Utterback</i>		
25	<i>Barbara Habelt</i>		
26	<i>Ross Varney</i>		
27	<i>Carolyn Kyle</i>		



The Service Club will meet on Tuesday, September 8th in the Bannister Room at 1:30. There will be refreshments and we will try to identify folks from old photos. Please join us!



Men's Fellowship Supper
Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00pm



Sunday, September 20th

Sunday, September 20th will be a time to celebrate together the beginning of a new fall term. 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. Anyone interested in perhaps coming and sharing your gifts, hobbies, etc. on a Sunday please let one of the Sunday school teachers know!

Pancake Breakfast



September 20th from 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, sausages and light fluffy pancakes with butter and syrup! Breakfast will be served from 8:30am until 9:am downstairs in the dining hall. (Handicap accommodations will be made available in the stage room upstairs.) Great way to reconnect with everyone after the glorious summer we have had! Sunday school registration forms will be available.



Extra Mile Offering for September

Our Extra Mile offering this month will on Sept. 20th and is for Emmaus which provides shelter, affordable housing and compassionate services for homeless individuals and families.

Here is part of their letter we received early this summer appealing for our help.

“No one could have been prepared for the winter of 2015. We extended our hours, remaining open all day, on 11 different occasions during this past winter’s extreme weather. Thankfully Emmaus was here for those who don’t have a place to call home. As the area’s largest provider of life-saving emergency shelter for families and single adults facing homelessness, Emmaus remained open throughout the storms to insure that no one perished in the elements. Our compassion and dedication to help those in need, coupled with a brutal winter, cost us \$46,035 over budget for food, utilities, staffing costs, snow removal, and building repairs. We need your help to recoup these losses so that we can stay focused on helping people rebuild their lives and reaching their fullest potential.”

Thank you for your support of our mission. Your Fellowship and Outreach Board.

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 begins September 10th time is 7pm.

Youth choir rehearsal begins Sunday morning September 13th after worship.



Grammy Nominated Ruthie Foster Returns to Belleville Stage

Join Belleville Roots Music in welcoming back Ruthie Foster to the Belleville Stage on Friday, September 25th at 8 PM.

Singer-songwriter, Ruthie Foster, has an eclectic music history which produces a combustible blend of soul, blues, rock, folk and gospel. Ruthie's first appearance on the Belleville Stage was in December of 2012 appearing before an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Since that appearance, Ruthie was Grammy nominated (her third time) for her latest album, *Promise of a Brand New Day*, in February of 2015. Ruthie received the 2015 Koko Taylor Award (Traditional Blues Female).

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**

A Letter from Andrea DeGiovanni, Organist & Choir Director

It has been a wonderful summer full of rest, new experiences and projects accomplished. I am most proud of my newly installed rainwater-capture system, which is able to capture up to 1000 gallons of rainwater for gardening purposes with each significant rain fall. I find that taking time to garden and work with nature is a spiritual experience that renews my soul and gathers energy for a new season of choir directing and general music making.

While choosing music for my upcoming organ concert on Sunday, October 4th, I recall many other concert I have played during the last 25 years as well as the years between 1989 to 1993 I spent at Boston University earning my organ performance degree. While most students around me had big dreams of becoming concert organists and famous pianist, my goal was to be a nurturing parish organist. It was always the healing quality of the organ sound, rather than spectacular entertainment that I found worthy of pursuing. Even as a child visiting beautiful cathedrals in Europe, I felt the sound waves entering in and out of my body and leaving me uplifted, healed, and at peace.

The use of sound for healing dates back thousands of years and is considered a branch of vibrational medicine. Lower frequency waves, in the range of 30-100 Hz (such as the ones in bass organ pipes) are especially useful for healing purposes. At Belleville church, we are blessed with the 1867 Stevens Pipe organ that can provide therapeutic healing to its members and the community at large. The Stevens Pipe organ is used a few times a year for worship, and to accompany the Newburyport Choral Society winter and spring concerts. I am hoping to start a new tradition of honoring this "sound healer" by annual fall concerts with the hope of raising funds to maintain this significant Newburyport icon.

Please tell all your friends to join you in a sound-healing experience at Belleville Congregational Church on Sunday, October 4th at 4pm. You will hear the works of Bach, Dupré, Humperdinck and others with me, your parish organist and friends.

Another healing opportunity is to sing in Belleville Choir. Everyone is welcomed to join for a week, a month, a season or indefinitely. The adult choir meets for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Rehearsals are NOT mandatory, rather an opportunity to learn music, experience the healing power of music making with plenty of opportunity for fellowship. This season I plan to incorporate easy energy-healing techniques into choir warm up, promoting spiritual, interpersonal and physical wellbeing of our choir.

Our youth choir will again meet on Sundays after church from 11:15 to 11:40. Please bring friends and your smiles!

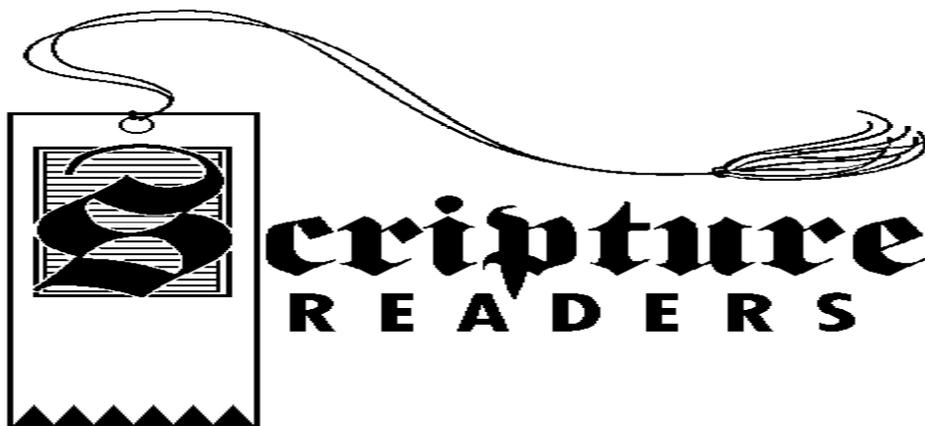
Lastly, I would like to mention how happy I am about playing Ross's childhood piano in the sanctuary. I feel that the Vose and Sons piano is a valuable antique, with a soft, mellow sound, which will significantly enhance our worship experience.

With blessings,
Andrea



Communion is the first Sunday of each month
September

- 6 Chapel Allard & Annika Ellis
- 13 Gail Gandolfi & Shirley Locke
- 20 Jean Kirkpatrick & Audrey Clarkson
- 27 Gail Gandolfi & Peggy Utterback



September

- 6 Sue Heersink
- 13 Chapel Allard
- 20 Annika Ellis
- 27 Lynn Varney

October

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

September

- 6 No coffee hour– Labor Day weekend
- 13 Audrey Clarkson, Diana Bondar & Jean Kirkpatrick
- 20 Mary Lou Tyler, Dorothy Williamson & Carolyn Kyle
- 27 Gail Gandolfi, Nancy Tsakirgis & Bill Silsby

October

- 4 Mardee Beauparlant, 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



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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

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