



**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,

Summer Greetings! I thought life's pace would slow down instantly on June 21... as they say, the Spirit sometimes sends surprises. First of all, we have the new adventure of collaborating with First Parish Newbury for July and August. With the usual lower attendance it makes sense to share worship and pastoral leadership (though you may want to make every effort to come when you can, cause such collaboration can lead to new ideas and visions!) We will welcome them in July, with a favorite UCC welcoming song.... "No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" at First Parish.... Their emphasis is being a "green" church, which will be evident especially in the story of their community gardens and elementary age environmental education. Surely we will learn some things about how to be better stewards of our creation. Rev. Jeffrey MacDonald will preach the first and last Sundays of August; He has quite an interesting background as a religion journalist and pastor. The middle two Sundays in August will be guest preachers.

Here at Belleville, we have ongoing growth as a music venue, and new collaborations in music. Collaborating is an art that takes much negotiation and compromise, so not many details or decisions can be shared early on. But I can say that we are in discussions with various parties about how to use the Meeting House more, which probably will involve getting better staging, sound and lighting. Some of the staging and lighting could even be shared. There is also some talk about Belleville as a teaching venue for a "music school" ....it is exciting to think that the Spirit likes to connect resources with needs.... we have the resource of space, and others are now telling us of their need for good musical space.

And speaking of music, I am pleased to offer another concert this summer, this year in August (for those of you who were away last year in July!). On Wednesday night, August 21 at 7:30, I will play and sing a selection from my own compositions, as well as a few songs written by some people much "better known!" The concert will be about an hour or so in the Meeting House followed by refreshments. As you probably know, most are songs with a universal spirit of faith, hope and love, meant to comfort, inspire, and give courage. So please save the date, and invite some friends.

In that wondrous Spirit that keeps surprising us, grace and peace to you all, and hope to see you soon!  
Ross Varney

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# 2013 CALENDAR

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## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
7 9:30am Worship at Belleville	8 7pm CODA	9	10 9am Thrift Shop 9am Roots Mtg	11	12	13 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
14 9:30am Worship at Belleville	15 7pm CODA	16	17 9am Thrift Shop 9am Roots Mtg	18 Recycling	19	20 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3MB Fencing
21 9:30am Worship at Belleville	22 7pm CODA	23	24 9am Thrift Shop 9:00am Roots Mtg	25	26	27 9am Thrift Shop 9am 3 MB Fencing
28 9:30am Worship at Belleville	29 9am – 3pm Historical Society of Old Newbury ANTICUE SHOW \$4 admission 7pm CODA	30	31 9am Thrift Shop 9:00am Roots Mtg			

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July		August	
1	Vincent Chmielewski	1	Audrey Clarkson
3	Ester Thompson	8	Shant Mantarian
16	Kelly Conway	8	Larry Kamp
17	Piper Allard	8	Christopher Tyler
20	Jo Bode	13	Christa Middler
23	Michelle Anderson	15	Harold Kirkpatrick
28	Steve Wiswell	17	Mary Lou Tyler
		22	Betty Webber
		22	Mardee Beuparlant
		29	Russell Peirce
		30	Herb Williamson

## THIFT SHOP



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



### **July readers**

- 7 Cathy Morrow**
- 14 Cathy Morrow**
- 21 Michelle Anderson**
- 28 Sue Heersink**

### **August readers**

- 4 Kelly Burke – Anderson**
- 11 Gail Gandolfi**
- 18 Carolyn Kyle**
- 25 Bill Silsby**

**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**



- July**
  - 7 Bob & Shirley Locke**
  - 14 Jon Pearson & Audrey Clarkson**
  - 21 Jean Kirkpatrick & Gail Gandolfi**
  - 28 Ben & Sue Heersink**
  
- AUGUST**
  - 4 Kelly & Michelle Anderson**
  - 11 Kathy Raywood & Gail Gandolfi**
  - 18 Jean Kirkpatrick & Anna Guyette**
  - 25 Audrey Clarkson & Carolyn Kyle**

## No Coffee Hour for June, July and August

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



**Pastor's summer hours:** From June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> Rev. Varney will be working half time. He will be available Wednesdays and Thursdays and a half day Sunday, with office hours Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Appointments can be made at other times according to the need. From August 6<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> he will be on vacation. The best number to reach Rev. Varney is: 978-462-4899, as those messages are checked regularly. When Ross is away, emergency pastoral care may be available with Rev. Robert Hagopian of Rowley (978-954-9147).

**Sunday worship in July will be at 9:30am in the Chapel at Belleville Congregational Church.**

**Sunday worship in August will be at 9:30am at the First Parish Church, Route 1A, Newbury.**

The Board of Stewardship & Finance will not meet in July and August. Meetings will resume on September 11, 2013 at 7:30pm.

The Board of Worship & Education will not meet in July. They will have a "virtual" meeting in August and resume regular meetings September 11, 2013 at 4:30pm.

The Executive Board will not meet in July but will meet August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.



## *Belleville Congregational Church*

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### Church Staff & Contact Information

Pastor Ross Varney                      978-462-4899  
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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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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: Rita Vreeland  
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:  
Jim Samuelson - Hans Erwich  
UCC Delegate: Emery Rice

### Sunday School

**Coordinator**  
Pam Ellis

### Flower Coordinator

Shirley Locke

### Hospitality Coordinator

Audrey Clarkson