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Middlebury Congregational Church

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Welcome to Worship

To keep up with what's going on here at MCC, you can visit our website (middleburyucc.org), like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram (@middleburycongregational), and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs in the Narthex/entrance of the sanctuary. Accessible, single person restrooms, equipped with changing tables, are located on the Upper Level and may be easily accessed using the elevator. The elevator entrance is located through the exit door in the front of the sanctuary on the left. Please ask an usher for directions/assistance.

Sunday School & Nursery Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship. Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-3rd grade the first Sunday of the month and PreK-7th grade the other Sundays. School age children will begin Sunday in worship before heading out together with their teachers in the beginning part of worship. The bulletin will note what age groups are going to Sunday School and any occasional changes. Staffed childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in the Nursery, which is in the upper level Sunday School. If you need assistance, please ask an usher. For more info about Sunday School and childcare, contact our Faith Formation Coordinator, Valerie Beard (vbeard@middleburyucc.org)

For More Info/Contact the Pastor

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter, or to contact the pastor, please email Pastor Katrina Manzi (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org)

Communion

Communion is celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month and is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

This Service is Being Livestreamed

If you do not want to appear in the video please choose a pew downstairs in the back 5 rows.

Hearing Assistance

We have headphones to assist you in hearing the service. Please let an usher know, and they will set you up with a pair.

Hanging of the Greens
after worship
November 27



Hanging of the Greens: 11/27

Help decorate the sanctuary for the season after worship!

Middlebury Tree
Lighting
Saturday 12/3 @ 4:30
Middlebury Green

Christmas Tree Lighting

The town Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Saturday, 12/3. Our church is providing hot chocolate for the celebration.



DECEMBER MISSION PROJECTS

Star Tree

Stars for the Star Tree Children are available. Stars are on the Star/Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary. The sign up list will be on the Multiplication Table next to the tree. Please print your name and phone number next to the child you will be purchasing for and take their Star to affix to their wrapped package which will be due December 12th in the office. Gift Range is between \$35.00 to \$50.00.

Christmas Baskets for Middlebury Families

We will be providing Christmas dinner baskets to three families in Middlebury. Sign Up sheets will be up next week.

Reverse Advent Calendars

Use the Advent season as a time to give back! Calendars with tasks to support GWIM are available




CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5PM:

FAMILY SERVICE

11PM:

COMMUNION SERVICE

Resources for Help with Grief

In the Parlor next to the Social Hall, there are booklets on grief on the bookshelf. They are a sequence of four books for the first year after a loss (a few weeks after, a few months after, 6 months after, and a year after.) Please feel free to take a set for you or someone you know. You're also welcome to borrow a set and bring them back. If you need help finding them, ask Pastor Katrina.

Readers Needed: Advent & Christmas Eve

Advent Wreath Lighting

We're looking for volunteers to light the Advent Wreath and lead the prayer during the Sundays of Advent: 12/4 and 12/11. Families or groups of friends welcome!

Christmas Eve: 5pm & 11pm

For our two Christmas Eve services we need a number of readers to read the scripture lessons plus people to light the Advent Wreath at 5pm and 11pm.

If interested in any of these opportunities, email Pastor Katrina: kmanzi@middleburyucc.org.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, 12/11



Christmas Pageant 2022

Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 11th, during the worship service. There are parts for all ages, so if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the social hall! We are looking for pageant players as well as readers, narrators, and singing roles. If you'd like to participate, we'd love to have you! For more information please see Valerie Beard. (vbeard@middleburyucc.org)

Christmas Flowers

Due 12/19

Order form in bulletin