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.

Christmas Day & New Year’s Day Services
Christmas Day: We have worship at 10am here in the sanctuary. We’re planning a shorter, more casual service with opportunity to sing favorite carols, hear the Christmas story, a short meditation on Christmas, and get a chance to ask Pastor Katrina anything you’ve wanted to know about Christmas/the Christmas story. No childcare or Sunday School on 12/25

New Year’s Day: January 1st is a Sunday this year, and we will be having worship at 10am. This will also be a shorter, more casual service, but we will have a sermon, communion, and an opportunity to sing carols and hymns welcoming in the New Year. There will be childcare in the nursery, but there will not be Sunday School.
Open & Affirming Winter Book Discussion: 
*Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin

Martin is a straight, evangelical pastor who changed his mind about LGBTQ people and the church. The book is part memoir of his journey of changing his mind and the impacts it had on his career and family, and the other part of the book is breaking down the common scripture passages people use to claim homosexuality is a sin or to exclude LGBTQ people from the church.

Dates for discussion are tentatively scheduled:
Wednesday, 1/11/23 @7pm: Chapters 1-4
Wednesday, 1/18/23 @7pm: Chapters 5-6
Wednesday, 2/1/23 @7pm: Chapters 7-8
Wednesday, 2/15/23@7pm: Chapters 9-10

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**Reverse Advent Calendar Donations**

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our Reverse Advent calendar activities this season. Donations of the Reverse Advent Calendar items for Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries can be dropped off at the church starting Christmas Eve.

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**Winter Mission Projects**

**Sock-it-to-Homelessness**

We are collecting socks for GWIM to give to people experiencing homelessness in the Waterbury community. Socks are the most needed clothing item for homeless people. New, gently used, and even mismatched socks appreciated! Donations can be placed in white hamper near the Multiplication Table in the Sanctuary.

**Mitten Line**

Starting in January, we will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for GWIM. Donations can be placed on the clothesline up in the Social Hall.

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**Scouts BSA Troops 5 & 6 BOTTLE and CAN DRIVE**

*Saturday January 7th*  
9am-1pm

Where: Village Square Plaza parking lot,  
530 Middlebury Road, Middlebury

Please donate your Connecticut refundable cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles

Thank you,  
Troops 5 & 6  
Middlebury, CT

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