

# CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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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](http://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. During the school year, Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade. School age children will begin Sunday in worship before heading out together with their teachers in the beginning part of worship. The first Sundays of the month are Communion and Family Sunday and Sunday School will not be in session. Staffed childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in the Nursery throughout the year, 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 the Church Office: [office@middleburyucc.org](mailto:office@middleburyucc.org)

## For More Info

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter please email: ([office@middleburyucc.org](mailto:office@middleburyucc.org))

## Communion

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

## 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.

## Winter Mission Projects

### GWIM Food Donations

Our monthly food contribution to GWIM Soup kitchen for December is instant potatoes.

### Star Tree

We are excited to support the Wellmore Foundation in making Christmas special for their children. Starting Sunday, November 24th, you'll find the Star Tree children's stars and sign-up sheets on the multiplication table. Each star will list a child's name, age, and their requested items.

To participate, simply sign up next to the name of the child you'd like to help, take their star, and attach it to the wrapped present when you return it by December 13th. Thank you for helping bring joy to these children this holiday season

**Angels of Advent & Christmas:****Advent Discussion Group**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

Come learn about angels and the messages they bring throughout the Christmas story.

**Longest Night Service**

The Christmas season can often bring stress and be a hard time as we miss loved ones who have died or who are far away. Join us on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm for a Christmas service acknowledging the heaviness that can come with this season along with the hope of Christmas. On the Longest Night of the year, you don't need to spend it alone.



Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held during Sunday worship service on December 15th at 10:00 A.M.

Please join us for a memorable performance and a delicious cookie walk in the Social Hall following the service!

Cookie Bakers are welcome to bake and share their favorite recipes.

Sign up sheets for the pageant and Cookie Makers will be downstairs after today's service.

**MIDDLEBURY  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS  
SERVICES**

Join us as we come together in community to celebrate & reflect on this Christmas & Advent season

<b>SUNDAY, DEC 1   10 AM</b> 1st Sunday of Advent	<b>SATURDAY, DEC 21   7 PM</b> Longest Night service: Don't spend the longest night alone. Join us as we acknowledge grief & loss while finding hope this Christmas season
<b>SUNDAY, DEC 8   10 AM</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	
<b>SUNDAY, DEC 15   10 AM</b> Christmas Pageant: Retelling of the Christmas Story	<b>SUNDAY, DEC 22   10 AM</b> 4th Sunday of Advent
<b>TUESDAY, DEC 24   10 AM</b> 5 pm - Candlelight family service 11pm - Candlelight Christmas service with communion	
<b>SUNDAY, DEC 29   10 AM</b> 1st Sunday of Christmas	
<b>SUNDAY, JAN 5   10 AM</b> Epiphany/Three Kings Day Worship Service	

**Yoga at MCC!**

**What:** Vinyasa Yoga for all fitness levels

**Where:** Our Social Hall

**When:** Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

**Why:** Join us and RELAX!

**How:** Bring a mat and blocks. Bolster, water bottle, strap and blanket are optional. Please dress to move.

JOIN US AT THE

*Middlebury town*

**TREE LIGHTING  
CEREMONY**

**SATURDAY, DEC 7TH**  
**4 P M**

ON THE TOWN GREEN  
ACROSS FROM MCC

HOT CHOCOLATE  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
SANTA