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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. During the school year, Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-7th 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

For More Info

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter please email: (office@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. 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.



Autumn Mission Projects

GWIM Food Donations

In order to try and make a bigger impact to help the GWIM soup kitchen we are going to have a food of the month collection. Below are the items for each month that we will appreciate if you can contribute to help supply the soup kitchen. These items can be left on the Multiplication Table to the left of the pulpit. Here is a list for the year so you can look for sales. Thank you again for your generous donations.

October – Peanut Butter

November – Dutch Egg Noodles and Elbows

December – Instant Potatoes

Veterans' Day Sandwiches

Our next mission project will be making 250 sandwiches for GWIM to be delivered on November 11th. Anyone who wants to help make sandwiches after church on November 10th is welcomed to help.

Names for All Saints Sunday 11/3

On November 3rd, during worship we will be observing the feast of All Saints. We will read the names of those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year. If you would like a name included in worship, please send it to Pastor Katrina so it can be included on the list (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org)

**MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 7PM
MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1242 WHITTEMORE RD

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OFFERING DONATED TO MIDDLEBURY FOOD BANK
& LOCAL FLOOD RELIEF



Middlebury Community Thanksgiving Service

St. George's Episcopal Church and MCC are joining together to provide a Thanksgiving service for the community on Tuesday 11/26 at 7pm here at MCC. The Rev. Sherry Hardwick Thomas from St. George's is preaching. The offering will be split between Middlebury Food Bank and TEAM (local flood relief).

**OPEN & AFFIRMING
PANEL DISCUSSION**
10/27 FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR IN THE SOCIAL HALL
Q&A WITH LEADERS FROM AREA
OPEN & AFFIRMING CHURCHES
MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Open & Affirming Panel Discussion:
10/27 11:30am in the Social Hall**

Join us at 11:30 in the Social Hall for a panel discussion with leaders from the Washington and Cheshire Congregational churches on their experience with the Open & Affirming process and how Open & Affirming is lived out in their churches' ministries today. (Open & Affirming is the United Church of Christ designation for churches who have voted to welcome and affirm LGBTQ+ people's participation in all the life, rites, and sacraments of the church.)

Church Census

We are finalizing and documenting all information from the surveys that were sent out earlier this year. Edits to membership information and requests for contact will be included in our update. If you haven't returned your form please take this opportunity to do so now. We look forward to