

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), 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.

September – Jelly

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.

An Important Update from the Open and Affirming Committee

Coming up, we will have a panel discussion with ONA leaders and committee members from other local churches who have recently completed the process. It will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, October 27. Church members are asked to submit questions ahead of time. If you have a question about the process, changes they have seen in their churches since becoming ONA, or anything else you are wondering, please ask! All questions should be sent to Kelly Ecsedy (kellyecsedy22@gmail.com) by 10/19 so that the panel can have time to thoughtfully review them.

Family Movie Night

Friday, October 18th at 6pm in the MCC social hall. We will be showing Disney’s hit “Coco”, rated PG. All ages are welcome! Please feel free to dress up in a costume!

MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHURCH CAMPFIRE NIGHT
 10/4@6:30PM
 PARSONAGE YARD (NEXT TO CHURCH)
 S'MORES, FRIED DOUGH, FELLOWSHIP



MCC Youth Group

We are thrilled to announce the formation of our new MCC Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Our first event is set for Friday, October 4th at 5:30pm in the social hall. We will be making and enjoying fried dough while creating care packages for Carolyn’s Place of Waterbury – a great opportunity to serve our community together. Afterwards, we’ll head over to the parsonage yard next door for the MCC campfire night at 6:30pm. Feel free to bring a friend along as well. We can’t wait to see you there! please email Sara Hubbard at sarahubbardmcc@gmail.com with any questions.

Outdoor Worship 10/6

Next Sunday, 10/6, worship will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Consider bringing a lawn chair.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR FALL DINNER PARTY!!

WHEN: FRIDAY NOV. 1, 2024

WHERE: MCC SOCIAL HALL

TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM

Fresh Green Salad
 Golden Roasted Turkey
 Creamy Mashed Potatoes
 Home Made Turkey Dressing
 Roasted Seasonal Vegetables
 Assorted Dessert Tray

Music, Raffle Baskets, Games

Tickets: \$15.00 pp

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 hearing from you!

Preschool on the Green Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser will be kicking off soon. We will be selling Lyman Orchard pies and cookie dough. There are several varieties to choose from and all items come frozen, so this is a great for when you need an “emergency” dessert. The cookie dough is in individual pieces, so make the whole box or just a few at a time.

The fundraiser starts on October 1st and runs until October 15th. All proceeds go towards student enrichment programs. Last year, we were able to invite CT Science Center and White Memorial Conservation Center to our school! Delivery of the goodies will be Thursday, November 19th, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Participants can place orders online or use the attached order form.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting our school!