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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.



GWIM Monthly Food Contribution for August:

This month, our contribution to GWIM is Peanut Butter. Thank you for your continued support!

Wellmore Foundation

We will once again be supporting the children of the Wellmore Foundation by collecting school supplies this August.

While shopping this summer, please keep an eye out for deals on:

- Pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners
- Markers (erasable, permanent), highlighters
- Glue sticks, glue, scissors, rulers
- Pencil pouches or boxes
- Notebooks, spiral notebooks, composition books
- Notebook paper, folders, pocket folders, dividers
- Assignment pads, backpacks

Supplies will be needed by **August 10th** so they can be delivered to Wellmore in time for distribution. There's nothing quite like starting the school year with fresh supplies. Remember that feeling? Let's help these children experience that same excitement. Thank you for making their first day special!



SUNDAES ON SUMMER SUNDAYS ARE BACK!!

Sunday July 13: 4:30-6:30

Sunday August 10: 4:30-6:30

Join us in our MCC Social Hall as we enjoy each other's company, share a little ice cream, indulge in homemade hot fudge sauce and the highly anticipated return of Erika's salted caramel sauce! Bring a smile and a story to share ☐ ...See you then!!

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.

MCC Book Club

Please join us for our MCC Book Club on Thursday, August 28th at 6:00p.m. in the Parlor. In August, we will be discussing *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager.

Summer Worship with St. George's Episcopal Church

8/10: 10am worship @ MCC

The Rev. Katrina Manzi preaching

MCC Merchandise

We've set up a store on Bonfire to sell church merchandise. The products are printed as they're sold, and MCC gets a small cut of all the sales. If there is some MCC thing that you're looking for, odds are we can make that happen. You can look at what we've got up so far: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/middlebury-congregational-church/> or you can scan the QR code:



Opportunities!

There are opportunities to share of your time and good cheer with all of us here at MCC. For each of these, we have folks who can coach you through it. All are possible one-and-done things. No long-term commitment! Just pick a day that you are available! What we would love is to have other folks try them out. (Not just the Usual Suspects.)

1) Liturgist. Get to church a bit early. Katrina will have *everything* you need to say all printed out. If you can read and speak, this one's for you.

2) Usher. Get to church between 9:00 and 9:30. There is a book with all the "what" and "how" all printed out. But we would also pair you with someone who has done this before. Nice way to get the church set up for services, and meet and greet others as they arrive. Collect the offering, and you're done!

3) Coffee hour. Bring snacks for everyone, set up the table, smile and serve, and clean up afterwards. Ellen almost always gets the coffee set up the day before. Fun way to showcase your baking or shopping skills. Aren't these irresistible opportunities? Call the office at (203) 758-2671 or email Janine Sullivan-Wiley at kswiley@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.