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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.

Spring Mission Projects

GWIM Food Donations

This month **May** our food contribution to GWIM soup kitchen is **Instant Potatoes**. These items can be left on the multiplication table in the sanctuary.

Strawberry Festival

Sign up sheets for raffle baskets, silent auction items are posted on bulletin boards by kitchen. Items to be donated by June 1st. Strawberry festival is June 8th after service.

We are also looking for any special items that you think will be worth something to place on our Treasure Table would also be helpful. Thank you for your support.

Litchfield South Association UCC Spring Meeting & Dinner 5/20 @ 6pm

May 20th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall, MCC is hosting the Litchfield South Association Spring Meeting. (The Litchfield South Association is the regional United Church of Christ governing body for our area. The Association is made up of clergy and delegates from the area churches.) There is a dinner as part of the meeting, and you are welcome to volunteer or attend the dinner. The dinner cost is \$15. Please RSVP to Sarah in the office if you're planning on attending (office@middleburyucc.org). The program for the evening is dinner, a brief vespers service led by Pastor Katrina, and then we will be doing an all Association mission project to assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service's disaster relief work.

Strawberry Festival June 8: 3pm-7pm

Strawberry Festival will soon be here! Right now, the Mission Board is coordinating sign ups for raffle baskets, silent auction items, and nice treasures for a small tag sale. Sign ups are on the bulletin board outside the Social Hall. We will soon be looking for volunteers to help with Strawberry prep and volunteers to help on the day of the festival. So, hold some space on your calendars!

Vacation Bible School is Back! 6/23-6/27, 9am to 12pm

Registration info:

Join us for *Camp Firelight*, our church's Vacation Bible School running June 23rd to June 27th from 9am to 12pm. It is open to children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. During this program, children will explore bible stories through music, drama, games, crafts, science activities, and play. Registration is now available!

<https://middleburyucc.breezechms.com/form/VBS2025>

Counselor Application

We're looking for youth to serve as VBS counselors. This is a great opportunity to get experience working with younger kids and to pick up a lot of volunteer hours! The counselor application form is here:

<https://middleburyucc.breezechms.com/VBSCounselor2025>

Charles P. Luckey Scholarship

The application for the Charles P. Luckey Scholarship is available and is on our website:

<https://www.middleburyucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-Luckey-Scholarship.pdf>

Scholarship is open to any high school student entering their freshman year of college that is a member of Middlebury Congregational Church and will be attending an accredited college or university. All applications must be postmarked by May 30, 2025.

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.

Seeking Donations for VBS

- Clear plastic cups
- Paper towels
- Wet Wipes
- Plates of any size
- Plastic water bottles
- Disposable baking pans
- Disposable spoons
- Empty 2 liter bottles with labels removed
- Bubbles
- Food coloring
- Balloons without latex
- Paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard
- Gallon of glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Tea lights (battery powered)
- Cloud clay by Crayola

A box for donations is in the Social Hall.

