

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. Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-3rd grade the first Sunday of the month and PreK-7th grade the other Sundays. School age children will begin Sunday in worship before heading out together with their teachers in the beginning part of worship. The bulletin will note what age groups are going to Sunday School and any occasional changes. Staffed childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in the Nursery, 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 our Faith Formation Coordinator, Valerie Beard (vbeard@middleburyucc.org)

For More Info/Contact the Pastor

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter, or to contact the pastor, please email Pastor Katrina Manzi (kmanzi@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.

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.



Easter Dinner Baskets for Middlebury Families

Spring is coming! So is Easter!. Again this year, we are asking for your contributions to three baskets for families in town. The lists of items are posted outside the kitchen: your generosity is much appreciated.

GWIM Food Donations

Year round we collect nonperishable food items for the food pantry at Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries. Donations may be left on the Multiplication Table to the left of the pulpit.

Soup & Scripture
Parables of Jesus
Lent Bible Discussion
Starting 3/1
Wednesdays in Lent @7pm:
Conference Room & on Zoom
Soup Supper on 3/1 & 4/5:
6:30 in Social Hall



The Virtual Swear Jar

Is your truth a tad less than couth? Your table talk too salty or spicy? We have a solution! Give up cussing for Lent! In a variation on the family Swear Jar, we invite you to drop a dollar or two whenever you let fly a naughty word. You can pay as you go, or book in advance.

How much is up to you. We suggest \$1, \$2, or \$3 depending on the circumstances. It'll be our little secret, unless, of course, the kids get wind of this. Maybe you'd better get the Sailor's Special, just in case!

Or, if you prefer, you can always pick your donation and fill in the blankety-blank.

We can't promise forgiveness, but we guarantee you'll feel better after your donation to our Virtual Swear Jar! Check it out at middleburyucc.org/jar today!

MCC Players Present *As You Were*

Dinner theater is back at MCC! *As You Were* is the play written by our very own Chris A., which was scheduled to be performed in Spring of 2020. After three years of pandemic delays, the show will go on! The show will be happening Mother's Day weekend.

Scouts BSA Troops 5 & 6 Bottle and Can Drive

April 1st at Village Square Plaza parking lot, 530 Middlebury Road, Middlebury
Please donate your Connecticut refundable cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles

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Egg Hunt & Easter Craft
Palm Sunday, April 2

Egg Hunt is on the Green immediately following the 10am worship service (approx. 11am). (Bring a friend and a basket!)

After the Egg hunt, join us in the Social Hall for an all-ages Easter Craft Workshop



Craft Workshop

Join us on Palm Sunday after the Egg Hunt for our spring Craft workshop to make a floral centerpiece to brighten your Easter table!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER
with
MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 2
Worship: 10am
Egg Hunt following worship (approx. 11am)
All ages Easter craft following egg hunt

SPY WEDNESDAY: APRIL 5
Soup Supper: 6:30pm
Bible Discussion: 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 6
Worship: 7pm. Office of Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9
Worship: 10am

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