

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. 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.

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.

Sabbatical Pastor Information

Our Pastor, the Rev. Katrina Manzi is on sabbatical from 6/26-9/24. Pastor Chris Cole and the Rev. Shannan Hudgins are our Sabbatical Pastors and sharing worship and pastoral care responsibilities. They can be emailed at: summerpastor@middleburyucc.org



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.

Worship and Pastoral Coverage

Preacher: Pastor Chris Cole

Pastoral Coverage 9/5-9/24: Chris Cole

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for 8 to 10 volunteers to help power wash, clean, and prep the parsonage back deck and rails in preparation for painting.

We will also be sanding and finish painting the west side exterior wall of the parsonage garage.

We will be meeting on October 14th and 21st starting at 8:00 a.m. and will meet on Saturday, October 28th if necessary or rain delays.

Contact Greg Ecsedy at (203)512-6356 for more information.

**Upcoming Youth Event for all MCC Youth:**

What: Gather around the campfire (firepit) for fellowship and roasting marshmallows.

When: Friday, September 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pastor Katrina's backyard

Who: All MCC youth through high school are welcome.

Pastor Chris Cole Bio

Chris Cole has been a member of First Congregational Church of Watertown since June, 2018. He has served as been a Deacon for the past five years and has served as a senior deacon since January 2020. Over the past four years he has served as a lay preacher and has filled in when the pastor at Watertown is away. Chris worked with the pastor of FCC Watertown over the course of three years to lead the congregation through the process of becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation and chaired the committee to identify, hire and support a sabbatical pastor while the senior pastor was on sabbatical last summer. He also set the foundation and structure for the pastoral relations committee. Chris is in the discernment process with the Litchfield South Association Church & Ministry Committee on a path toward ordination.

Chris is the Executive Director of a non-profit social and health services organization in New Haven and is passionate about supporting those who face stigma and marginalization in our communities. He is an avid traveler, spends lots of time with his nieces and nephews, loves cooking, riding his e-bike and working on his backyard garden railroad. Chris lives in Watertown with his husband and their two Havanese dogs.