

CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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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.

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

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.

April – Instant Potatoes

May – Jarred Spaghetti Sauces

June – Canned Chicken from BJ's or \$ Donations as they like this brand

July – Chicken Gravy

August – Cereal

September – Jelly

October – Peanut Butter

November – Dutch Egg Noodles and Elbows

December – Instant Potatoes

Missions: Mother's Day

For mother's day this year Missions Board felt it would be a good idea to help another foundation that does such good for first time and second time mothers. It's called Carolyn's Place. They are located on Grandview Avenue in Waterbury. This organization provides support from pregnancy till after baby is born. They hold free labor & child birth preparation classes, parenting classes, second blessings for birth of 2nd child, safety classes, nutrition, financial classes, and a lot of other support for mothers. They have an earn while you learn program to help first time mothers as well.

This organization is looking for *new items* for their mothers and babies. The following is a list of items if you want to purchase as you are out and about shopping and hopefully finding some sales. We provided a box in the social room labeled **Carolyn's Place** where you can drop your donations off.

They *don't* need diapers as they have a company that supplies them with a large quantity.

Here is a list of some items they are looking for:

Baby shampoo/wash

Baby lotion

Baby grooming kits

Baby wipes

New bottles & brushes

Infant & toddler socks

Baby shoes sizes 4, 5, 6

Baby towels & wash clothes

Crib sheets

Medicine spoons/dispensers

Bulb syringe

Outlet covers & protectors

Cabinet locks

Furniture bump guards

Training potty seat

Diaper bags

Tote bag for the mother's hospital stay

For mother's tote: Deodorant, slipper socks, combs

Books: *What to Expect When You're Expecting: What to Expect the First Year*; books on picking baby names, pregnancy diet type books.

Children's books: *Love You, Hug You, Read to You* by Tish Rabe

MCC Book Club

Please join us for our MCC Book Club on Thursday, April 25th, 2024 at 6:00p.m. In April, we will be discussing *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Middlebury Public Library has copies you can pick up. We hope to see you there!

Axe Throwing Event 4/27 @ 3pm

Join us for a fellowship event at Oxford Axe Throwing on Saturday, April 27th! Childcare is available at the church during the event. Sign ups for axe throwing and childcare are available on the bulletin board outside the Social Hall. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help with childcare, please contact Pastor Katrina (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org)

Prayer Workshop Session 4 Sunday, April 28th after worship

Hope you can join us for the fourth prayer workshop! Last workshop we looked at the power of lament; this workshop will consider the importance of contemplation and listening in prayer life. Curious what praying the Examen or Lectio Divine might entail? Join us to find out! We will meet in the parlor. This is our last workshop on prayer. For questions, e-mail Michele Rowel Finn at michfinn@comcast.net.

Yoga at MCC!

What: Vinyasa Yoga for all fitness levels

Where: Our Social Hall

When: Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

(No yoga on 5/6)

Why: Join us and RELAX!

How: Bring a mat and blocks. Bolster, water bottle, strap and blanket are optional. Please dress to move.

Any questions, ask Cynthia Flisher @ 203-758-8454

Readers Needed for Pentecost Sunday 5/19

We're looking for people who can speak/read a language in addition to English, particularly if it's a language related to our heritage. On Pentecost the disciples were given the power to speak in different languages by the Holy Spirit, so we're looking to read some of our scripture for Pentecost in numerous languages. Please email Pastor Katrina if you're interested! (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org)