

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - August 16**  
9:00 Worship, Tom St. Louis preaching,  
Rev. Linda Barnes liturgist
- MONDAY - August 17 – VBS All Week 9-noon**  
7:00 Parking Lot (Jerusalem)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Bethlehem)  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - August 18**  
3:30 Tai Chi (Gym)  
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge)
- WEDNESDAY- August 19**  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - August 20**  
10:00 AA (Library)
- FRIDAY - August 21**
- SATURDAY - August 22**  
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- SUNDAY August 23**  
9:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
10:15 Congregational Meeting on Parking Lot  
12:00 Discipleship Picnic (Joyce Moore's House)

**OFFICE HOURS** You can reach our office manager Tom Evans at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am–3:30 pm. Email is [colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net) (note: no second “d”). Rev. Linda Barnes' email is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net).

**Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon** each week.  
**SEPTEMBER CRIER deadline WAS YESTERDAY!**

## VBS STARTS TOMORROW!

Are your kids ready to sink their teeth into BIG fun? That's just what they'll do at "Crocodile Dock", where fearless kids shine God's light! "Crocodile Dock" is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the "Crocodile Dock" activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life ~ something we call "God Sightings." Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Your kids will also have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on, local mission project that will benefit Colchester Social Services. The fun begins tomorrow and runs through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Children in preschool through grades 5 are invited to this awesome adventure. See Tracy Bausum to register.



## Real Men Do Teach! Education Needs Help

Please consider supporting the children and youth of our church:

- We need adult volunteers for Vacation Bible School (August 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>).
- We need Sunday School Teachers for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Please contact Tracy Bausum (537-4550 or [tbausum@yahoo.com](mailto:tbausum@yahoo.com)) or any member of the Ministry of Education to get involved: Cheryl Anderson, Deb Larew, Susan Sanford, Liza Ringuette, Megan Stillwell, Wendy Moores, or Arlene Cocchiarella.

## PLEASE HELP TODAY!

The Back to School Project kicked off July 19<sup>th</sup> and there are still many apples to be taken. **Each apple remaining on the board indicates one child without the needed**

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor  
Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music  
Thomas St Louis, Lay Preacher

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
*Beginning of Vacation Bible School Week*

**August 16, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.**

TOLLING OF THE BELLS (*prayerfully prepare for worship*)

PRELUDE Adagio from "Sonata Pathetique" Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you...And also with you.

INTROIT How Can I Keep From Singing Women's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, come! Come and raise your voice in praise!

**All: I will give thanks to you gracious God, with every part of my being – my voice, my heart, my mind!**

One: Look! We see our friends gathered together here! And new friends we have yet to meet. All are your children.

**All: We come to you, holy God, with awe and wonder, at all the marvelous things you have done and can do.**

One: You are loving and faithful and wise; you will be with us forever.

**All: True wisdom comes from you, merciful God!**

One: We can trust in what you ask us to do, for your laws of love and justice will last forever!

**All: We will try to do your will, remembering the promises you have made to your people.**

One: We praise you for the wonderful things you have done.

**All: Your praise endures forever. We praise you, holy God, this day and every day.**

\*OPENING HYMN Praise Ye The Lord

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LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the Word of Life, which you have given us from the beginning of creation. We thank you for giving us the ability to share that life fully.

**All: Even though we love you, sometimes we say things that hurt others. We are your people, but sometimes we forget others. We try to follow Jesus, but we don't always act as Jesus would. We are sorry. Forgive our wrongdoings, and help us to be loving and kind.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our sins are forgiven! Not just our sins, but everyone's sins! This is the Good News! We are given love, hope, and newness of life, this day and every day!

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia**

\*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

SPECIAL MUSIC Wade In The Water Women's Choir

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:5-20; John 6:51-58

SERMON Wise Investing Thomas St. Louis

\*HYMN Here I Am, Lord #525

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespass)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (tune of #591)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly Host.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people. Amen.

\*HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #422

BENEDICTION (Form a circle around the sanctuary, and put your left hand on the shoulder of the person next to you.)

Pastor: Let us now ask for God's wisdom in our lives, for God's blessing on us and our world.

**All: May the hope of God surround us,  
the love of God enfold us,  
the power of God protect us on our way.  
May the presence of our God watch over us,  
and may God's Spirit dwell within us every day.**

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

POSTLUDE Allegro from "Sonata Pathetique" Beethoven

*\*Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

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**United Church of Christ and American Baptist Churches**  
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**Worship  
9:00 a.m.  
August 16, 2009**

**school supplies.** You can help provide youth from Colchester (identified by Social Services) with new clothing items to start the school year. Each apple lists an item of clothing with size, style and color preferences. Please return the item (with the apple for sorting and identification purposes) in the box by the display. We ask that you do this today as school starts very soon. Thank you.

### **End of Summer Book Study**

You are invited to my yard at 85 Gill St., Colchester at 6:30 on Wed. August 26th for an end-of-the-summer Book Study Potluck Picnic. Bring a food or drink to share. (The grill will be going.) We'll share our thoughts on interesting summer reading, and talk about what we're doing next. Hope to see you there. Rev. Linda Barnes

### **Discipleship 2009-2010**

Plans are under way for next year's Discipleship class. We need students and mentors. Please spend time this summer thinking about your involvement in our class. Adults: there is no requirement for being a mentor except an open mind, open heart and willingness to participate. Student: the class is for students in 9th grade through 12th who want to explore their faith in a variety of ways. *We will be meeting on 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from September to May.* For more information please speak to Cheryl Anderson or Rev. Barnes

### **\*\*\* In Appreciation \*\*\***

**Greeting today** are Charles and Anne Dente. They have been married for 24 years and have lived in East Haddam for 23 years. Charles is in the pharmaceutical industry and Anne is a staff accountant. Their son Stephen is attending Three Rivers College. Their daughter Sarah is attending Eastern Connecticut State University. They enjoy kayaking and hiking and are members of the church's hiking club.



**The Usher** today is Jim Caronna.

**The Flowers** today are in memory of Jeanie Cullen's dad, Edward W. Bancroft, who passed away five years ago.

**Thank you to** our Women's Choir for providing this morning's Special Music.

## **WARNING**

**The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet at a special congregational meeting called by the Ministry of Stewardship to be held Sunday, August 23, 2009 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:**

1. To review and approve the recommendation of the Parking Lot Committee to select a contractor to build the parking lot.
2. To review and approve the recommendation of the Parking Lot Committee to allocate additional funding from the gift for the parking lot.
3. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, by  
Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk