

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - March 16 – Palm Sunday**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Lois Happe, Guest Preacher  
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11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal  
1:00 Cub Scouts Pack 72 (Stage)  
7:00 Mom's Group (Jerusalem)
- Monday - March 17**  
6:30 Adult Study - A study on Paul (Lounge)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - March 18**  
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge)
- Wednesday- March 19**  
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)  
7:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 Boy Scout Leaders Meeting (Blue)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - March 20 – Maunday Thursday**  
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)  
7:00 Worship & Communion - Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
First Communion for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - March 21 – Good Friday**  
4:00 Sanctuary Open for Prayers (until 6)
- Saturday - March 22**  
8:00 CPR Class (Lounge)  
9:15 AA and Al-Anon (Jerusalem, Bethlehem)
- Sunday - March 23 – Easter Sunday**  
6:30 Sunrise Service – First Beach, Lake Hayward – Cheryl Anderson and Rev. Linda Barnes leading  
7:30 Easter Breakfast – (Stage)  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
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**OFFICE HOURS** You may reach the church administrative assistant (Tom Evans) or Rev. Barnes at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Church office email is [colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net). (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net) . **Bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon** each week. **April Crier deadline is Friday, March 21st.**

### WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS MORNING'S SERVICE OF WORSHIP

We are glad you have chosen to join us. If you are new to the area or looking for a church home, we hope you will fill out the information card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Ask about nursery care, Sunday school, youth groups, choir, and adult education opportunities. For further information, please speak with a member of the congregation or Pastor Linda Barnes. . Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship following the 10:00 am service.

*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to Rev. Barnes.*

### **WARNING**

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet at a Special Meeting to be held immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, March 30, 2008, for the following purposes:

1. To discuss and vote on setting aside \$27,000 from Lorraine Tierney's gift to the church to fund the positions of Christian Education Director and Youth Resource Leader for a period of three years. An additional \$173,000 to endow the future of these positions will be voted on by the end of June 2008.
2. To discuss and vote on allocating \$9,000 to fund a replacement commercial dishwasher for the church kitchen.
3. To schedule a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 22, 2003, to consider how to spend the remaining funds from the Lorraine Tierney's gift following approval of the parking lot Master Plan.
4. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008,

Susan Thomson, Church Clerk

### **WELCOME TO REV. LOIS HAPPE**

We welcome the Rev. Lois Happe and thank her for leading our congregation in worship at both services this morning. She is the CT. Conference United Church of Christ Regional Minister for the Eastern Region, which includes New London, Tolland and Windham Associations. She provides resource and counsel for these churches during times of transition and celebration. We welcome her, and thank her for her presence and her preaching word.

### **MOM'S GROUP**

The new Moms Group is inviting any interested mothers to join them at their next gathering today at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. We will be discussing an excerpt from The Road Toward Wholeness by Mary Tuomi Hammond entitled "Rescuing and Burn-out: Never Helpful Enough". You can receive a copy of the reading at the rear of the church today. Call or email with any questions, [elizabethrquette@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabethrquette@sbcglobal.net), 537-3424. If you aren't able to get to the reading beforehand, come on out anyway!

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

The Ministry of Church Life invites everyone to join us Easter morning for breakfast. We will be serving scrambled eggs, fruit salad, assorted breads, and coffee cake. Plan to come after attending Sunrise Service or before the 8:30 Worship Service. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. A Free Will Offering will be taken which will go towards funding our soldier care package and cheer basket projects. We hope to see everyone at breakfast--great food and visiting with your church family, what a wonderful way to start the day!

**PALM SUNDAY CONCERT** The Norwich Diocesan Choir will be giving a Palm Sunday concert titled, "Songs of the Cross" at 7:30pm on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway in Norwich with guest organists Jesse Glaude and David Warfield. Admission is free, but any donations will be gladly accepted. Call 886-0403 for more information.

### **ADULT EDUCATION – ECLIPSING EMPIRE DVD SERIES ON PAUL**

Our 12-week DVD series continues Monday night with our third session focused on an understanding of Paul's mission as we continue to explore the message of this epistle writer. We start at 6:30 by sharing soup and bread. It's not necessary that you attend every session. We hope you will join us for as many of our sessions as you're available. Please speak to Lori Hall or Rev. Linda with any questions.

### **BACK BAY MISSION TRIP**

There are still thousands of homes in the Gulf area that are uninhabitable. In the last two years we at Colchester Federated Church have been very committed to helping in The UCC Disaster Response Recovery.

On April 19th six, four adults and two youth will be traveling to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. We will be helping repair homes damaged by hurricane Katrina and sharing God's love with those families.

As many of you know, the trip is not free. The volunteer is responsible for the cost of the air travel, renting a vehicle and paying for food and shelter.

To help defray the cost of this trip one can write a check to CFC and in the memo line write "Back Bay Mission Trip".

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Donna and Ron Hathaway, Cindy Bourassa, Nancy Dooley, Siobhan Dooley, and Patrick Dooley

### **RELAY FOR LIFE Of East Haddam**

(Relay for Life is an annual event in many towns of the American Cancer Society) Now is the time to get your team together and start raising money to fight this battle and find a cure. Kick Off Party – April 1<sup>st</sup>. (The race will be in September.) Contact Michele Cronkite at 860 608-7868 [easthaddamrfl@gmail.com](mailto:easthaddamrfl@gmail.com) or Kerry Hathaway 860 873-1022 for more information.

**YARD SALE** - Planning on any WINTER or SPRING CLEANING in your home or garage? Please save those usable items for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Yard Sale in July! Note that we do not take any clothing or broken items, but all else is welcome. Thank-you! *Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee*

**THE NURSERY WILL NOT BE STAFFED ON EASTER SUNDAY** so that teachers may celebrate with their families. The Nursery will be open and available for families to use as needed. There is a new speaker system in this room that allows people to hear the service as they care for their infants and toddlers.

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

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to all who helped to make the Easter Fair a great success this year! Many thanks to: **Cheryl Anderson, Frank and Martin Ball, Emily and Sarah Baseler, Rosemary Bosse, Kaylin Brennan, Zack Bussiere, Jen Clarke, Jared and Julie Clarke, Karen Delzell, Patrick and Siobhan Dooley, Melanie and Valerie Furman, Ben Ivers, Jeff Kelly, Katie Larew, Peter Malicki, Ben Mausteller, Karen Monteleone, Alvin Moore, Avery and Hannah Moore, Michelle Neri Lorette, Jen Plecan, John Schomaker, Lorraine Tierney, Karen Wheeler and Chris Zotynia.** Special thanks to **Jim Caronna** who was literally a “jack-of-all trades” on fair day. We appreciate all who baked and boiled eggs, and thank all the families who came.

Through everyone’s efforts we raised \$583.46. 75% of the funds will be used to support the Youth and Discipleship Trip to Night Watch and 25% will be used to support Heifer Project. Thank-you all!

-- Tracy Bausum, Diane Capasso and Pat Culhane

**Greeting today is the Stopa family.** Larry is employed as an inspector of Turbine



Blades by Doncasters in Farmington. When he is not traveling for his job, he enjoys playing guitar with his brother in a 50’s band. Necia teaches music in Eastford and Colchester schools. She plays her harp for weddings and at Christmas. Bethany, a graduate of Bacon Academy, is attending Three Rivers College and works part-time at William J. Johnston School. She enjoys swimming and track. Laura, a senior at Bacon Academy, plans to attend Three Rivers also. She works part-time at

Colchester Bakery. She is a partner in Unified Sports and sings in Bacon’s choir. As a family, they like to walk and travel and spend time at their cottage in Maine.

**The Ushers** this morning are Mary Tomasi at the 8:30 service and Mark Tierney and Gordon Archambault at the 10:00 service.

**The Flowers** today are given by Nancy Minnich in memory of her mother, Henrietta Dupre who passed away on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1989.

## Why Palm Sunday?

Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (see John 12:12-15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday?

Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus’ time, Rome was the world’s leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes’ path.

This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero’s welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.



*Palm Sunday*