

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - May 4**
8:30 **Worship & Communion, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching**
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Blood Pressures after both services
11:15 **Congregational Meeting (Stage)**
11:15 **Junior Choir Rehearsal**
11:45 **Hand Chimes Rehearsal**
7:00 **Mom's Group (Lounge)**
7:00 Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (Library)
- Monday - May 5**
11:00 **Bible Study – Pastor's Study**
6:30 **Adult Study - DVD and discussion on Paul (Lounge)**
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - May 6**
6:00 **Last Discipleship meeting at McCune home**
- Wednesday May 7**
10:00 **My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)**
11:00 **Staff Meeting (Office)**
7:00 **Handbell Rehearsal**
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - May 8**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
7:00 **Senior Choir Rehearsal**
- Friday - May 9**
5:00 **Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show**
6:00 **Junior High Youth Group (Gym)**
- Saturday - May 10**
9am *CT Conference UCC Annual Spring Meeting, Middletown*
9:15 AA and AI-Anon (Jerusalem, Bethlehem)
6:30 **Talent Show**
- Sunday - May 11 - Mother's Day**
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OFFICE HOURS You may reach the church administrative assistant (Tom Evans) 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. (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net. **Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon** each week. **June Crier deadline is TUESDAY, MAY 20th**.

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.

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS AT 11AM

There is a daytime Bible study, Mondays at 11am, focusing on the scriptures that will be read in worship the following Sunday. These lectionary readings are the same scriptures read in many Christian churches, both Protestant and Catholic. They are arranged in a three-year cycle, and arranged to cover most of the major scriptural topics during that time.

Readings for Monday May 5th are: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23 We use background study resources from the Whole People of God curriculum--and also relate the scriptural word to our own lives.

ADULT EDUCATION – ECLIPSING EMPIRE DVD SERIES ON PAUL

Our 12-week DVD series continues Monday night with our 10th session focusing on Paul's eschatology—what is the realm of God, now and into eternity. 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. Speak to Lori Hall or Rev. Linda with any questions.

MOM'S GROUP TODAY

The Mom's Group will be reading and hosting a discussion of "A New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle. This powerful new spiritual book offers a perspective which can literally "awaken us" so that we may become aware of our human attachment to thoughts, emotions, possessions, as well as the life story through which we have defined ourselves. This awakening reveals to us the peace and joy that is within

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TOLLING OF THE BELLS

During the Prelude, those in the sanctuary prayerfully prepare for worship.

PRELUDE Larghetto, Vivace Boyce

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *(Standing, staring up at the ceiling).* Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus left the disciples and returned to be with God in heaven.

People: **Why are you staring at the heavens? Jesus is not only in heaven, but is here among us, even now.**

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All: **Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.
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SERMON

Community of Prayer

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Insert

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

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Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen (tune of #591)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer these gifts to you, O God, that they may serve your purposes in the world. And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. Help us to witness in Christ's name and on Christ's behalf in our living each day. Amen

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and SHARING OF THE CUP *This communion table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice. We invite you to hold each element until all have received them so that we may commune together.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen**

*CLOSING HYMN **Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart** vs. 1 & 2 # 145

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CHILDREN'S TIME Standing Together as One Tracy Bausum
(Younger children leave for their classes.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

READINGS, AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UNISON PRAYER RESPONSE **We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that they have been moved to join with this community of faith. Help us to live not for ourselves alone but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep each one steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

DEACON: Let us, the members of Colchester Federated Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. We welcome you with joy into the life of this church.

PEOPLE **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Savior.**

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COMMUNION SOLO Panis Angelicus Franck John Dooley
*O praise the Lord above, Praise for His Holy love.
O Bread of Life from Heav'n now giv'n to man below.
O may our hearts be bowed, with Thy great love endowed,
Holy, Holy, Thou art the living God Holy Savior, praise we forever more,
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and it's accessibility through living in the present moment. If you are interested in exploring this book with us or would like to hear more, come join us! We will be reading the first chapter for discussion today at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. If you are unable to get to the reading prior to class, we welcome you to come anyway!

A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Church World Service offers an alternative gift for that special woman in your life. This gift helps provide warmth and shelter for people in the United States and all over the world. The gift is a Church World Service blanket.

With a donation of \$5 Church World Service can purchase such a blanket. You then receive a very nice card to give to that special woman in your life to let her know that you purchased a blanket in her honor.

On May 4th and 11th Blanket Gift Cards will be available after each service.

- *Ministry of Mission and Witness*

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Save the date!

“SPRING INTO THE SPIRIT” TALENT SHOW!

Saturday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Featuring: Vocal, instrumental, and dance talent.

Plus: Dog act and Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

JOIN US for some fun and entertainment for the whole family!

Tickets on sale after both services and at coffee hour.

Adult: \$10.00

Youth (ages 12—18): \$5.00

Under 12: Free

Refreshments in the Stage Room following the show.

Proceeds will support the ministry and missions of the church.

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

NEW LONDON ASSOC UCC BREAKFAST AND SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Sat. May 17, at the Ledyard Congregational Church 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. including program by Rev. Day McAllister, Assoc. Conf. Minister for Youth.

WARNING

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet at the annual Election Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008, immediately following the 10:00 A.M. worship service for the following purposes:

1. To hear the reports of the Officers and Ministries.
2. To elect Officers and Ministry members for the year 2008 -- 2009.
3. To consider and vote on a proposed change to the by-laws which would add a representative from the Mission of Wellness to the Diaconate.
4. To vote on a proposal to increase the Office Administrator's hours from 22 to 30 hours per week in order to have the position include additional responsibilities, including those of Church Treasurer.
5. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Susan Thomson
Church Clerk.

CT CONFERENCE UCC MEETING May 10th

South Congregational Church, 9 Pleasant St. in Middletown will host the spring meeting of the CT. Conference UCC Sat. May 10 at 9:00 a.m.. Anyone is welcome to attend! See Rev. Barnes for details. It opens with a jazz worship and keynote speaker Rev. Cliff Aerie, UCC Minister for Creativity and the Arts. There are also programs for youth including drumming, Work Project with Pete Allen, Sing Praise! and Ministry on Facebook with Da Vita McCallister. More information at www.ctucc.org.



*** In Appreciation ***

Greeting today at 10:00 are Barbara Pennington and Martha Paty. Barbara and Martha were both part of the founders of "My Brothers Keeper" at Colchester Federated Church. This is a group of volunteers that



make sleeping bags for the homeless. The original group was started in Pennsylvania by Rev. Tom Burlington's mother. Starting in 1992, this group meets each Wednesday from 10 to 2 in the Jerusalem Room. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Barbara has led an active life. She has worked for the Council of Churches when she lived in Hartford. She ran the Town Barn in Glastonbury and worked for Society for Savings. She has 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She has served as a Deacon, was President of Women's Fellowship for several years and is always helping at the Holly Fair. She is also a counter for the church bankers. We wish Barbara belated congratulations on her 92nd birthday celebrated earlier this week.

Martha worked at Hall's Hill School as manager of the lunch program. She is also a counter on Sunday mornings, loves helping out with the Holy Fair and volunteers at the Senior Center. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

The Ushers this morning are Mitch and Lori Koziol at the 8:30 service and Matt Benjamin and John Dooley at the 10:00 service.

We welcome our new members joining today:

- Mike Granato
- David Kallander
- Karen Monteleone
- Pat Moon
- Hank Schaeffer
- Laurie and Kelly O'Neil

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Be Not Afraid

Verse 1:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus

1 You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of

G D/F# C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G

thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the

D/F# G B7 Em Am C F

way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-

D G Em A A7 D D7

stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

G Gsus G D Am7 D G6 C G/B

Be not a - fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low

Bm Em Am D G Gsus G Gsus G C/G G

me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2: If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all (*refrain*)

Verse 3: Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, Blessed, blessed are you! (*refrain*)