

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - November 8**
8:30 **Worship and Stewardship Dedication**
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11:00 **Jr Choir Rehearsal**
- MONDAY - November 9**
10:30 **Bible Study**
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Gym/Emmaus)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - November 10**
7:00 **Ministry Meetings**
4:00 **Tai Chi (Stage) New Time**
- WEDNESDAY- November 11**
1:30 **Weekly Construction Status (Library)**
6:30 **Book Study (Lounge)**
6:30 **Drop off for White Elephant (until 8:30)**
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - November 12**
Holly Fair Setup All Day (Lounge/Gym/Jerusalem/Stage)
10:00 AA (Library)
5:00 **Chime Choir Rehearsal**
6:30 **Drop off for White Elephant (until 8:30)**
7:00 **Choir Rehearsal**
- FRIDAY - November 13**
Holly Fair Setup All Day (Lounge/Gym/Jerusalem/Stage)
- SATURDAY - November 14**
HOLLY FAIR – 10 – 2
- SUNDAY - November 15**
8:30 **Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching**
10:00 **Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching**
11:00 **Jr Choir Rehearsal**
11:00 **Jr. High Youth Group (Jerusalem)**

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 (note: no second “d”). Rev. Linda Barnes’ email is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net.

Stewardship Pledge Dedications:

“New Love, New Mercy”

Today we dedicate our pledges for 2010. We give thanks for those who shared during worship some personal faith stories, readings, and music based upon Lamentations 3: 21-24 (see bulletin insert). Our budget narrative which you received by mail, reflects the stories of our church, its ministry, missions, and our hopes for the future. Take time to pray and invite God’s direction as you consider how you will give in response to God’s great love and mercy. We give thanks that the light of Christ shines through our gifts and our work. (If you did not receive this package, extras are in the rear of the church).

Special thanks to Tom Evans for all his time and direction in putting together this year’s narrative.

The Stewardship Pledge Campaign Committee: Diane Capasso, Jim Caronna, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell

Holly Fair – WE NEED HELP!

The Holly Fair is NEXT WEEK and we are still short of volunteers to help. If you can give us a hand with any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Booth helpers – whatever time you can spare
- Bakers, candy makers, gifts, old jewelry
- Clean-up after 2pm

Please let Carol Plecan or Joann Riddell know if you can assist!

Goods And Services Silent Auction

Do you have a special talent or hobby? Would you like to put together a theme basket? Would you like to donate a service, tickets to a special event or a holiday item? These are just a few ideas for donations to our Silent Auction. Your contribution would be very much appreciated! Please contact anyone on the Fundraising Committee: *Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan or Joann Riddell. Thank-you!*

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor
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Stewardship Dedication Sunday

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8:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Marycia Malloy

CALL TO WORSHIP Tom St. Louis, Deacon of the Month
Leader: We have been blessed by the Eternal God, who has been faithful to us.

All: As thankful stewards we will remain faithful to God.

Leader: The mystery that has been hidden through the ages... is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

All: As redeemed stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ.

Leader: God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide, our unfailing source of strength.

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*OPENING HYMN **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright #474**

GUIDED PRAYER OF CONFESSION God has given us all many gifts. Sometimes we use them well, sometimes we don't. Let us think of times we have wasted the talents God has given us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: My sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven. As forgiven people, let us offer God our hands *(lift hands, palms facing up)* as symbols of all the talents hidden within us. Use us O God we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 146, Mark 12:38-44; Lamentations 3:21-24

SERMON Risk and Restoration

*HYMN **Great Is Thy Faithfulness #276**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

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CALL TO OFFERING and OFFERTORY Air Sponge

*DOXOLOGY *(tune of #591)*

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*HYMN **I'm Gonna Live So** **#369**

BENEDICTION *(Please join in a circle in the center aisle.)*

Stewardship Bookmark Presentations.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Hebble

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INTROIT Whatever I Have—Grateful Living Ken Medema

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CHILDREN'S TIME Cheryl Anderson
Children go downstairs for Sunday School.

ANTHEM Praise the Lord Dunbar

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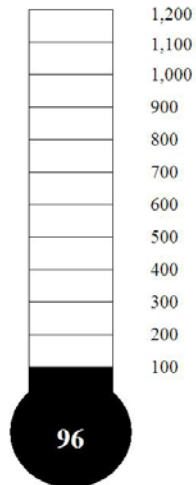
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**Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Holly Fair White Elephant Sale

Please donate your tag-sale worthy items for the White Elephant Room on Wednesday, November 11 or Thursday, November 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Jerusalem Room. Please remember that we are only taking clean, gently used house wares, home decor items, toys and holiday items. No large furniture items unless you call in advance and are willing to pick up after fair if item is unsold. No clothes, shoes, personal care items (unless brand new and unopened), or old electronics.

IMPORTANT! We are also in need of individuals with trucks who may be willing to transport unsold items to local goodwill organizations after the fair on November 14. Any questions, please call Melanie Hathaway, 537-3633.



Help us meet our goal of 1,200 items by the end of the year!

Food Bank Challenge - Update

Thanks to everyone who brought donations in this week for the Food Bank Challenge. Last week we collected 59 items! Remember, we need to average about 125 items per week to reach our goal of supplying 1,200 items to the Colchester Food Bank before the end of the year, so keep it coming!

When you are grocery shopping each week, don't forget to throw an extra item in the cart for each person in your family to bring to service. Or when you are eating breakfast on Sunday morning, go to the cupboard and grab some items to bring along. Try getting the kids involved by having them make sure there is one item for each person and putting it in a bag.

Anything you can provide is always welcome, but the items most needed are protein sources (like dry or canned beans, tuna, soups/stews, peanut butter, and rice), 100% juice

products, and paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels). Let's keep up the good work toward our goal of providing this precious gift to those in need in our community!

Hunger Fact: In the US, 11.7 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet.

*** In Appreciation ***



Greeting today at 10am is the Ringuette Family: Jim has worked as a financial underwriter at United Healthcare in Hartford, CT since 2003. He is a loyal Red Sox and Patriots fan who loves to spend time with his family and go away on vacation as often as possible. Liza worked in the insurance industry

at The Hartford in Simsbury before becoming a stay at home mother in 2004. She, too, enjoys vacationing. However, as opportunities to vacation do not traditionally present themselves more than once a year, she is quite satisfied caring for her children, pets and home. Maryanne, 5 years old, began kindergarten at CES in September and is greatly enjoying herself. She loves expressing herself through imaginary play and singing. You can often find her immersed in a coloring activity or devising a mischievous plan that inevitably ends in trouble for herself and her brother. Samuel, 3 years old, is a willing participant of said plans. He began preschool this fall and feels very proud to have a school of his own. He has a great love for trucks, robots and anything mechanical.

The Usher today at 8:30 is Mary Tomasi, and at 10 are Lynne McCune and Jim Caronna.