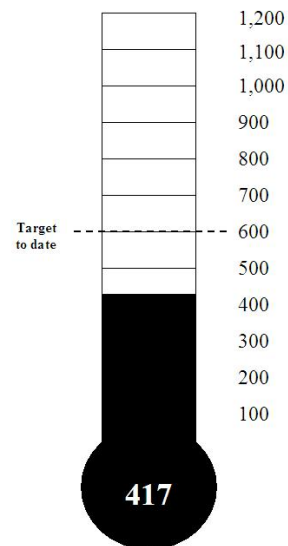


CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - November 29**
 8:30 Worship, Tracy Bausum preaching
 10:00 Worship, Tracy Bausum preaching
 11:00 Hanging of the Greens
- MONDAY - November 30**
 10:30 Bible Study
 6:30 Fundraising (Lounge)
 7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Gym/Emmaus)
 7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - December 1**
OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO POWER SHUT OFF DURING THE DAY
 10:30 Worship ay Liberty Hall
 4:00 Tai Chi (Stage)
 6:00 Mission of Wellness (Emmaus)
 7:00 Women's Fellowship Carol Sing (Stage)
- WEDNESDAY- December 2**
 11:00 Staff Meeting
 1:30 Weekly Construction Status (Library)
 7:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 Discipleship (Lounge)
 7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - December 3**
 10:00 AA (Library)
- FRIDAY - December 4**
 8:30 NA (Jerusalem)
- SATURDAY - December 5**
 9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)
- SUNDAY - December 6**
 8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
 10:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
 11:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal
 11:45 Healing Prayer Service

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.



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

Food Bank Challenge

As we count down the weeks of Advent we'll be counting down the weeks of our Food Bank Challenge as well! Last week we collected 154 food items, bringing our total to 417 items! We are catching up, but we're still behind our target! With four more weeks to go, we still need about 800 more items to reach our goal of supplying 1,200 items to the Colchester Food Bank.

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, rice),

100% juice products, and paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels). Thanks to everyone for your continued support. Let's keep up the good work toward our goal of providing this precious gift to those in need in our community!

Hunger Fact: One out of every four people in a soup kitchen line is a child.

Annual Hanging of the Greens - TODAY

Following the 10 am church service today we will have Christmas music and Christmas cookies and do the annual hanging of the greens. Please join in this annual tradition. Many hands make light work.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettia. The last day to order is December 6th. Please see the form located in the Crier or the rear of the church. Our phone numbers are included on the form if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support to decorate our sanctuary and for those plants that are donated to others in need. It is greatly appreciated.

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8:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Wauchet Auf Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

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Leader: God has promised that good things are yet to come.

All: So let us prepare ourselves. Let us remember and wait and worship God this day!

*OPENING HYMN Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #2

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

God of all creation, we remember your goodness to us and all people. We wait in expectation for Christmas and the birth of hope for the world that Christ Jesus brings. Yet our remembering so easily becomes mushy nostalgia for the past. And our waiting so easily becomes a lazy expectation that we are already prepared to meet you. Forgive us, God,

and ignite our remembering and waiting so that we might boldly follow Jesus and help create the future of our longing. Amen.

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*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

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SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 33:14-16;
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SERMON Endings and Beginnings Tracy Bausum

*HYMN **How Great Thou Art** #467

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please respond together after each: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Creating and redeeming God, you have given us so many gifts. We bring you the gifts of our hands. We pray that they may bear the gift of ourselves, our resources, our gifts and skills, and most of all, the gift of our commitment to share your great good news through Jesus Christ, in whose name and spirit we pray. Amen.

*HYMN **All the Earth is Hopeful** **Insert**

BENEDICTION *(Please join in a circle around the sanctuary.)*

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God with us, revealed in us,
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CHILDREN'S TIME A Story of Hope Tracy Bausum

ANTHEM People Look East/Prepare the Way, O Zion Willcock

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2009 Pledge Campaign Update

Many thanks to all who have returned their pledge forms and time and talent cards. Your support is very much appreciated! To date, we have received **25 commitments, including 4 new pledging units**. These commitments total **\$30,520**. Last year, at this time, we had received 52 pledging units. Currently, the Ministry of Stewardship is working on the 2010 budget. Although they are still working on details, they project a goal of **\$140,000** in pledges will be needed to support our staff and current level of programs and operations.

If you have not filled out your pledge form and time and talent card, please do so as soon as you are able. Extra pledge packets are available in the back of the sanctuary and the church office. Your pledge is confidential, seen only by our church treasurers.

In a recent CONNTACT article, Rev. Davida Crabtree, CT Conference Minister, writes: "I know that few things mean more to me than my ability to give. (It is not only about giving monetarily, but that certainly is included in living our lives faithfully.) Without it, I would find myself spiritually poorer, uprooted, at sea. Through my giving, I feel myself anchored in the Christ-Spirit, grounded and joyful. And through it, I find a depth of connection to and understanding of all the other aspects of Jesus' identity: seeker of justice and peace, giver of redemption, over-turner of tables, engaging story-teller. . .

May your Advent and Christmas be deeply blessed as you contemplate the gifts Christ gives and your own passion for giving and graciousness in receiving!"
The Pledge Campaign Committee

Healing Prayer Service

Please join Rev. Linda Barnes and the Mission of Wellness on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary for a Healing prayer service. This will be an opportunity for silent and spoken prayers for emotional, physical and spiritual healing for ourselves and others. All are welcome. -
Mission of Wellness

Socks, Hats & Mittens

The hat, mitten, and sock tree will be up in the sanctuary during Advent. If you see any good deals for your family please pick up an extra hat, pair of mittens or pair of socks for the Colchester Federated Church's Christmas tree. You can hang them on our tree or put them in the basket under the tree. The proceeds will be offered first to Colchester programs for the holidays and Colchester Social Services, whatever Colchester does not need will be distributed to local shelters. Thank you.

Book Fair

The Bacon Academy LMC is hosting a book fair at the Glastonbury Barnes and Noble on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The fundraiser will showcase the talent of staff and students at Bacon, with performances throughout the day (a schedule of events can be found at www.colchesterct.org under the Bacon Academy Media Center tab). Come and shop and enjoy the entertainment. The library will earn a percentage of the sales all day as long as customers present our flyer or mention Bacon Academy at the register. With no book budget for this year, your support is greatly appreciated.

Toys for Tots Drive

Hathaway Financial is hosting a 'Toys for Tots' drive during our **Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 3rd**, from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** During these economic times, it is wise to take a step back often and be thankful for all that we have and give back to those in need. Therefore, I invite you to join us to spread some holiday cheer and reflect on life's good fortune. As this is open to all, please bring a friend or family member as well so that we may all enjoy this time of year. Refreshments will be served and please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy for donation. If you would like to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. If you are not able to make it for Dec 3rd, donations are accepted Mon-Thu until December 22. Thank you and happy holidays.

John Hathaway, CFS

Spread Some Cheer with CFC Holiday or All-Occasion Cards!

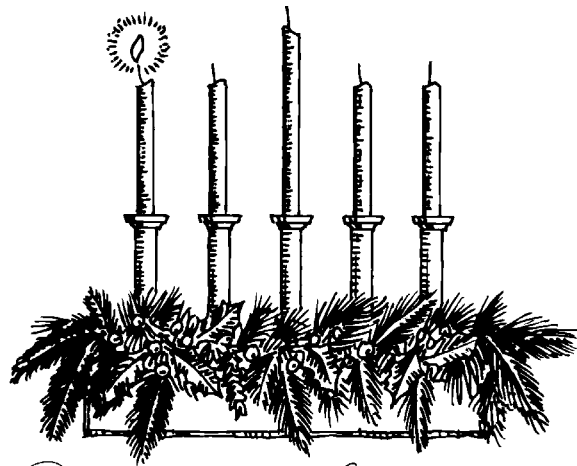
Our own Tom Evans has created beautiful CFC Holiday Cards and All-Occasion Cards that are now for sale. Order sheets and sample cards will be available after the 8:30 service in the narthex, and at coffee hour following the 10:00 service. The holiday selection is \$5.00 for a set of 4 cards and envelopes. The all-occasion cards are \$10.00 for a set of 8 cards and envelopes. You may also order individual cards for \$1.25 each in any quantity that you wish.

Many thanks to Tom for creating these unique and lovely cards of our church! If you have further questions, please speak with Tom or Diane Capasso. *Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee*

*** In Appreciation ***

Greeting today at 10am are Laurie and Kelly O'Neil.

The Ushers today at 8:30 is Mary Tomasi and at 10 are Gordon Archambault and Jim Caronna.



First Sunday
OF ADVENT

Unison

1 All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!
2 Peo-ple of Is-rael, you heard the proph-et tell:
1 *To-da la tier-ra es-per-ra al Sal-va-dor*
2 *Di-cegl pro-fe-ta al pueb-lo de Is-ra-el:*

Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task: this, the
"A- vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el"; she con-
ygl sur-co-ga-bier-to, la o-bra del Se-ñor; es el
"De ma-dre vir-gen ya vie-ne Em-man-u-el," se-rá

la-bor of peo-ple who strug-gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth-er, whose birth re-
mun-do que lu-cha por la li-ber-tad, re-
"Di-os con nos-tros," her-ma-no se-rá, con

God's truth and jus-tice set ev-ery-bod-y free.
stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth. (4) ev-er sets us free.
cla-ma ju-sti-cia y bus-ca la ver-dad.
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