

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - October 18**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
11:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal
12:30 CROPwalk registration, at Town Hall
12:30 Pack 72 (Stage/Gym)
5:00 Play Rehearsal (Stage)
- MONDAY - October 19**
10:30 Bible Study
6:30 Fundraising (Lounge)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Gym/Emmaus)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - October 20**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge)
- WEDNESDAY- October 21**
10:00 My Bother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
1:30 Weekly Construction Status (Library)
6:30 Discipleship (Lounge)
7:00 Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - October 22**
10:00 AA (Library)
5:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Dress Rehearsal for Play
- FRIDAY - October 23**
CT Conference Fall Meeting in Middletown
5:00 Play Rehearsal
- SATURDAY - October 24**
CT Conference Fall Meeting in Middletown
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
6:00 Murder Mystery Dinner (Stage)
- SUNDAY - October 25**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
11:00 Jr Choir Rehearsal
2:00 Murder Mystery & Dessert (Stage)

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 Campaign: **"New Love, New Mercy"**

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." Lamentations 3: 21-24

As today we begin our Stewardship Pledge Campaign, we ask you to reflect on the above passage and what it means in your life. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing during worship some personal faith stories, readings, and music based on this passage. You will also be receiving in the mail our budget narrative, reflecting the stories of our church, its ministry, missions, and our hopes for the future. We ask that you take time to pray about and invite God's direction as you consider how you will give in response to God's great love and mercy.

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

Deadline- November 14,2009

We hope everyone realizes that in less than a month our Holly Fair is scheduled!!!!

Returning to the fair are several familiar booths - the Deli, Baked Goods and Candy, Books, and our fabulous DECO jewelry, Gifts/Home Decor and Ornaments and our new arrival - Home and Garden. Also returning are our Children's World and our very popular White Elephant room. Please be sure to visit our Silent Auction in the Lounge which has become a highlight of the fair - this money goes to support the Missions and Ministries of our church. And before you leave don't forget to have lunch at our famous Holly Café.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor

Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

October 18, 2009

8:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Praise His Greatness Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Avis Hull

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader--Deborah Howard, Deacon of the Month

One: God has created a wonderful world, full of marvelous things. Let's hear it for God!

All: Praise be to God!

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One: From the biggest mountain to the tiniest insect, God created it all, and God cares for it all. Let's hear it for God!

All: Praise be to God!

One: Let us worship this marvelous God!

*HYMN **This Is My Father's World** insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we read Jesus' call to be unselfish servants, God, we are embarrassed. We are embarrassed because we know how hard we work to get our own way; we know how much we want to be first in every line; we know how we want the biggest piece; and we admit that we dream of winning every game, every prize, every award. Even when we try to follow your example, we find that we think first about ourselves and what we want and need.

Forgive us, and remake us into people who can love and serve others. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jesus did not give up on James or John, or any of the other self-centered disciples. Instead, he kept loving them and forgiving them and teaching them. He worked in them and through them. And he will do the same with us!

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*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

CROPWALK COMMISSIONING

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People: We walk because they walk!

Leader: We walk with others who share a common dream - Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty--CROP! *Will the Walkers please come forward.* God of compassion, bless our walkers. May they walk in safety, mindful of the many lives they touch through our walk — though they may never see them.

Walkers: *We give thanks for all those who are supporting us. We give thanks, too, for the life-saving work of Church World Service. May our efforts today further their efforts.*

All: Loving God, bless and renew us in our commitment to building a world where everyone has enough. May the steps taken today lead us further on your path to justice and peace for the entire human family.

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:34-35; Lamentations 3:21-24

SERMON New Challenges of Love and Mercy

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

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

**Through these gifts, may the lonely find friendship;
through these gifts, may the sick find hope;
these gifts, may those who suffer find comfort;
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through these gifts, may God's love be spread in our world.**

*HYMN **O For A World** #386

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

One: What will change as a result of our morning's act of worship?

All: Will we realize our responsibilities as Christians in our everyday world?

Will we be aware of our need for wholeness and healing?

Will we find ways to encourage the downhearted?

Will we understand that true greatness lies in humility?

Will we recognize the cost of discipleship?

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One: Step out in confidence and faith, for God goes with us.
May God's love and blessing surround us and strengthen us.
Let us go in the peace of Christ.

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CHILDREN'S ANTHEM The Perfect 10 Hill/McMahan

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

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OFFERTORY Whatever I Have—Grateful Living Ken Medema
Senior Choir

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Have YOU heard?! There's a GHOST HAUNTING CFC and IT needs your help!

Bring family and friends to "POLTER-HEIST"—our Spooooky Mystery-Comedy

Lots of "howling" fun for adults and children!

Treats and Prizes too!

When? Sat., Oct. 24 at 6:00 p.m.: Show, Buffet Dinner and Dessert

Pre-Sale only: Adult ticket: \$20.00 Children (age 12 and under): \$10.00

Note: We would encourage you to purchase tickets early for this show, as there is limited seating. Child-care provided for the very young.

Sun., Oct. 25 at 2:00 p.m.: Matinee, Pie & Ice Cream Dessert
Pre-Sale & at the Door: Adult ticket: \$12.00/Children: \$6.00

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! You may purchase them after both services, through the church office or from the cast. Thank-you!

CAN YOU HELP? To defray the cost of the dinner we are asking for donations of soda or juices. Cans and boxes preferred but will accept any. You can leave them in the office.

Goods And Services Silent Auction

AT THE HOLLY FAIR! The Fundraising Committee will again be sponsoring a Goods and Services Silent Auction at the Holly Fair on Sat., Nov. 14th. We know that some of you may like to work on a special painting, craft, woodworking or other creative project for this event and realize that this involves some time and planning. Also, be thinking about any service you may like to offer such as holiday baking, holiday music, babysitting, spring gardening or cleaning---these services have been very much appreciated in the past!

Please speak with anyone on Fundraising if you would like to make a donation to the auction. Proceeds will support the ministry and missions of the church. Thank-you!

The Fundraising Committee: Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell



CROPWALK - Oct 18th

***** In Appreciation *****

Greeting today at 10am are the Cook Family. Justin and Alison were married in our church 15 years ago. Alison grew up in the church and their 3 children were baptized here. They live in Oakdale where Justin owns the Curtin Insurance Agency. Justin coaches soccer and is active in Rotary. Alison helps in the agency and volunteers in school. Noah, 10, is in the 5th grade, loves soccer and is a Boy Scout. Greta, 9, is in the 4th grade, loves soccer and art. Liam, 5, is in kindergarten, loves soccer and superheroes. As a family they love being together at home with their two dogs, Lucas and Ozzy, supporting each other at soccer from the sidelines and spending time with friends and family.

The Ushers today at 8:30 are Mitch & Lori Koziol, and at 10 Mark & Lorraine Tierney

3rd Graders receiving their Bibles today:

† **David Ashley**
† **Tim Clarke**
† **Samantha Lovering**
† **Jakob Misbach**
† **Ethan Moores**
† **Ben Poullos**
† **Connor Sullivan**

Please speak to Tracy Bausum and complete a registration form if you have a 3rd grader who would like to participate in Sunday School and receive a Bible.

This Is My Father's World 21

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.
earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

"From Jesus' fullness we have all received, grace upon grace!"

John 1:16

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus traveled around, feeding and healing and teaching not just a few followers, but great crowds in many places. He generously shared his gifts and ultimately offered his own life out of love for the world. Jesus, full of grace and truth, didn't measure carefully or count the cost.

For most of us, courage has not been a requirement of faith. Our commitment to Jesus and to the ministry of his church has most often called for perseverance, service, loving forbearance of one another.. .but courage? Not often. And yet, all around us we hear measurements and statistics about our economy, not about fullness but about scarcity.

These numbers take on real meaning in our own lives and in the life of the church we love. In such times, courage and generosity go together. Both require a deep trust in the God who has already blessed us with overflowing grace. By our heartfelt commitment and generous giving to our church, we become part of the Body of Christ: still feeding, still healing, still teaching not just one little community but the world that God loves. What grace, what fullness: a generous person is radiant with God's grace!