



# Congregational Crier!



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**Middlebury Congregational Church**  
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## WELCOME FRIENDS & VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us in virtual worship on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. If you would like more information about our church or would like a visit from the minister, please contact the Church Office at 203-758-2671 or call Pastor Katrina at 203-232-2345

Each week Katrina will email everyone asking for prayer requests for the Sunday service.

Although we pray for all who serve in the military, we are individually praying for the following in the military services stateside or overseas: Jeff Blake, Tyler Kamide, Cameron O'Bar



## A Valentine's Day craft for the kids!

Families are invited to pick up a supply bag outside the church office starting on Friday, 1/22. Inside, you'll find various craft materials. Children are asked to make a few valentines that will be distributed to the residents at the Middlebury Convalescent Home. Since they have been unable to have visitors throughout the pandemic, these will be sure to brighten their day. Completed cards should be brought back to church before Tuesday, February 9.

## online streaming

We are Live Streaming the Sunday Service on YouTube via a link on the Church's Website [www.middleburyucc.org](http://www.middleburyucc.org)  
The link will bring you to our YouTube page where you can view the streaming service along with past services.

### TODAY

Sun., Feb. 7      **10:00 am Virtual Worship**  
                         11:15 am Zoom Fellowship

### NEXT WEEK

Mon., Feb. 8      7:00 pm Zoom Preschool Comm. Mtg.  
Tues., Feb. 9      12:00 pm AA (A)  
                         7:00 pm Zoom Trustees Brd. Mtg.  
                         7:00 pm Zoom Yoga  
                         7:30 pm AA (A)  
Wed., Feb. 10      7:00 pm AA (A)  
Thurs., Feb. 11      10:30 am AA (A)  
                         7:00 pm Scouts (T 5&6) (A)  
Sat., Feb. 13      10:30 am AA (A)  
Sun., Feb. 4      **10:00 am Virtual Worship**  
                         11:00-12:30 pm Jambayala Sale  
                         11:15 am Zoom Fellowship

## Jumpin' Jambalaya!!

Take home steaming bowls of spicy Jambalaya  
for Shrove Tuesday.



February 14, 2021



11:00-12:30

Pick up at the Kitchen Entrance

\$5 per Pint

(To Preorder call the church office)

## Keeping people Warm this Winter!



We are again collecting socks for the homeless.

We are also collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.



All donations will go to GWIM.

Place your donations  
In the Bins on the stoop  
Outside the Office Entrance!

**Don't forget the  
GWIM FOOD BANK  
their clientele has greatly  
increased!**

*(Items such as - food donations,  
personal hygiene items, diapers,  
cleaning products and paper  
goods go in the Green Bin)  
Thank you*



## Join Magnet & Help Spread Cheer This Winter

In order to spread some cheer during this Winter season, let's have fun sending Magnet, our friendly Winter mascot, to as many MCC friends as we can! This is a simple way to spread a little cheer, and to reach out to one another and say "I'm thinking of you!" This is NOT a fund-raiser, it's a heart-warmer!

### HOW IT WORKS:

**Starting the week of January 1st**, Magnet will make her debut by being dropped at the doorstep of the first home (who knows where that will be?). If Magnet appears at your door, you have up to a week to enjoy her company and then it's YOUR turn to identify a new MCC family/friend for her to visit. Once you select a new family/friend, simply drop her off with a note of greeting from you (in the tin provided). You will also include the set of directions (which will pass from recipient to recipient) so that everyone knows what to do, and so we can keep track of who has already visited with Magnet. You are welcome to send a picture of you and Magnet to Jeanine Bonaventure at [jbonaventure@middleburyucc.org](mailto:jbonaventure@middleburyucc.org) and she can include it in our weekly Crier update. EASY & FUN! Let's see how many visits Magnet can make!

If you receive Magnet and do not wish to participate -OR- want someone else to drop her off for you to the next family/friend, contact Michele Finn for assistance at [michfinn@comcast.net](mailto:michfinn@comcast.net) or 203-233-5983.

Let Magnet do your in-person visiting with her cheerful presence and your words of greeting. Should you be "caught in the act" when dropping her off, please mind social distancing protocols so that everyone remains comfortable with the spirit of this effort.



### DOING GOD'S WORK

The Congregation, *Ministers in the World*  
Church Officers & Members of our Boards & Committees  
Staff:

Katrina Manzi, *Minister*

Donna Obarowski, *Choir Director*

David Obarowski, *Organist*

Valerie Beard, *Christian Education Coordinator*

Jeanine Bonaventure, *Office Administrator*

Diane Barnard, *Asst. Treasurer*

Rebecca Trosan, *Nursery Attendant*

Howie Gay, *Sexton*