



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 as we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. If you would like more information about our church or would like a call from the minister, please contact the Church Office at 203-758-2671 or call Pastor Katrina at 203-232-2345

Outdoor Service: please preregister, wear a mask, bring a chair and social distance. You are welcome to stay after the outdoor service today to make a pot and plant a seed at the Seeds of Faith activity.

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, Jake Brown, Tyler Kamide, Cameron O'Bar

Online streaming

We are Live Streaming the Sunday Service on YouTube via a link on the Church's Website 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., May 2 **10:00 am Virtual Worship**
 11:30 am Outdoor Worship Service
 Parsonage Backyard
 Seeds of Faith Activity

NEXT WEEK

Mon., May 3 6:30 pm Zoom Diaconate Mtg.
Tues., May 4 12:00 pm AA (A)
 7:00 pm Zoom Yoga
 7:30 pm AA (A)
Thurs., May 6 10:30 am AA (A)
 6:00 pm Scouts T5&6 (A)
Sat., May 8 10:30 am AA (A)
Sun., May 9 **10:00 am Virtual Worship**
 11:30 am Outdoor Worship Service
 Parsonage Backyard

*All outdoor services are weather permitting.
Please pre-register – registration information on www.middleburyucc.org.*

Today Following the Outdoor Service (Weather Permitting)

Come join us for
Seeds of Faith
Sunday, April 25th after the outdoor service!

Thanks to a gift of seeds from the Connecticut non-profit KNOX, Inc., let's celebrate the beauty of Earth together!

After service, come over and prepare some seedling pots!
These would make great gifts for neighbors, friends, and family members!

Rain date is scheduled for 5/2. All Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Brief Update on reopening:

The 2 main criteria to resume indoor worship:

1. The town of Middlebury not be classified as "red" by the state health department for 2 consecutive weeks (this has been the metric we've been using since November)
2. All staff with worship/Sunday school/childcare responsibilities are fully immunized (new recommendation.)

Additional factors for Reopening:

1. Howie, our Sexton, is currently on leave. So, we are in the process of securing alternative cleaning arrangements for the building. We can't reopen without bathrooms regularly being cleaned, etc.
2. As the building has undergone a lot of renovation and not been used for indoor worship this past year, there is a fair amount of tidying up and organizing that needs to be done to have things set for worship to resume.
3. The kitchen is still being renovated which puts the social hall out of commission as that's being used as a staging area for the project.

Actions for May:

We will use the month of May to prepare the building to resume indoor worship so we are ready to move indoors once cases fall in our town.

Middlebury Social Services

In this trying and stressful time if you're struggling Middlebury Social Services is there to help!

Programs offered:

- Energy Assistance
- Operation Fuel
- Tax Assistance
- Renter Rebate Program
- Community food Bank
- The Emergency Fund

All services are confidential.

If you need help (don't be shy!) call Joanne Cappelletti, Director
 Monday – Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm
 203-577-4166 extension 707
 Shepardson Community Center
 1172 Whittemore Rd.
 (upper level)

Mother's Day Diaper Drive

This Mother's Day, lets help mothers in need!

Missions will be collecting diaper donations.

For every pack of diapers you bring in, you will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a drawing to win

\$50 to 8 Fifty Wood Fired Pizza!

Bring your pack of diapers to any of the outdoor services or email katiempasko@gmail.com if you would like to donate but are not attending outdoor services.

Donations will be accepted until 5/2.

Winner will be announced on 5/2.




Don't forget the GWIM FOOD BANK

Many items are needed such as - food donations, personal hygiene items, cleaning products and paper goods. This spring we are also collecting diapers and baby wipes.

You can place your donations in the bin that resides on the stoop outside the office entrance.

(during inclement weather it may be brought inside)

Thank you

Charles P. Luckey / Mission Scholarship

The application for the Charles P. Luckey/Mission Scholarship can be found on the Church's website (www.middleburyucc.org) or you may contact the church office and Jeanine will email it to you.

Scholarships are open to any high school student entering their freshman year at an accredited college or university that is a member of Middlebury Congregational Church.

All applications must be postmarked by May 17, 2021.

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*