



# 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 Fourth 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

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](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., Apr. 25      **10:00 am Virtual Worship**  
                         **11:30 am Outdoor Worship Service**  
                                         **Parsonage Backyard**  
                                         Seeds of Faith Activity

### NEXT WEEK

Tues., Apr. 27      12:00 pm AA (A)  
                                 7:00 pm Zoom Yoga  
                                 7:30 pm AA (A)  
Thurs., Apr. 29      10:30 am AA (A)  
                                 6:00 pm Scouts T5&6 (A)  
Sat., Apr. 30      10:30 am AA (A)  
Sun., May 2      **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](http://www.middleburyucc.org).*

## Church Grounds



Come help clean up the Church grounds. Bring your rakes, shovels, pitchforks, brooms, loppers, pruners, leaf blowers, wheelbarrows, trailers, and pickup trucks on **May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 8:00 am.** (Rain date May 8<sup>th</sup>.)

***Many hands make light work.***

(Don't forget to wear a mask!)

## Today Following the Outdoor Service (Weather Permitting)

*Come join us for*  
**Seeds of Faith**  
*Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

Registration will be available within the outdoor service registration provided by Jeanine.

Rain date is scheduled for 7/2. 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.

*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](mailto: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.*



**Charles P. Luckey / Mission Scholarship**

The application for the Charles P. Luckey/Mission Scholarship can be found on the Church's website ([www.middleburyuucc.org](http://www.middleburyuucc.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.

**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)



**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

