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

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Church Grounds

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

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

*Many hands make light work.*

(Don’t forget to wear a mask!)

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**Today**

**Following the Outdoor Service**
(Weather Permitting)

**Sunday, April 25th after the outdoor service!**
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)

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.

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