



# 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 Sixth 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](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., May 9      **10:00 am Virtual Worship**  
                         **11:30 am Outdoor Worship Service**  
   **Parsonage Backyard**

### NEXT WEEK

Mon., May 10      5:30 pm Zoom Mission Mtg.  
   7:00 pm Zoom Preschool Comm. Mtg.  
Tues., May 11      12:00 pm AA (A)  
   6:30 pm Zoom Trustees Mtg.  
   7:00 pm Zoom Yoga  
   7:30 pm AA (A)  
Thurs., May 13      10:30 am AA (A)  
   6:00 pm Scouts T5&6 (A)  
Sat., May 15      10:30 am AA (A)  
Sun., May 16      **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).*

## Memorial Service



John Somero

Saturday, June 19, 2021

11:00 am

On the Green

*(Bring a chair)*

### 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](http://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.

**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.



**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

**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*

**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)

**Magnet Visits the Parsonage**



*Hanging out with Boots*