# CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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#### **Welcome to Worship**

To keep up with what's going on here at MCC, you can visit our website (middleburyucc.org), like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram (@middleburycongregational), and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

#### Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs in the Narthex/entrance of the sanctuary. Accessible, single person restrooms, equipped with changing tables, are located on the Upper Level and may be easily accessed using the elevator. The elevator entrance is located through the exit door in the front of the sanctuary on the left. Please ask an usher for directions/assistance.

## **Sunday School & Nursery Childcare**

Children are always welcome in worship. During the school year, Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade. School age children will begin Sunday in worship before heading out together with their teachers in the beginning part of worship. The first Sundays of the month are Communion and Family Sunday and Sunday School will not be in session. Staffed childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in the Nursery throughout the year, which is in the upper level Sunday School. If you need assistance, please ask an usher. For more info about Sunday School and childcare, contact the Church Office: office@middeleburyucc.org

#### For More Info

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter please email: (office@middleburyucc.org)

#### Communion

Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. Communion is served in the pews.

#### This Service is Being Livestreamed

If you do not want to appear in the video please choose a pew downstairs in the back 5 rows.

#### **Hearing Assistance**

We have headphones to assist you in hearing the service. Please let an usher know, and they will set you up with a pair.

# Winter Mission Projects

## **GWIM Food Donations**

Our monthly food contribution to GWIM food kitchen is Instant Potatoes.

#### **Christmas Baskets**

The sign-up sheets for the Christmas Baskets are now available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. This year, we will continue to support the same two Middlebury families we helped during Thanksgiving. Please bring your contributions to the church by Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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Join us as we come together in community to celebrate & reflect on this Christmas & Advent season

SUNDAY, DEC I | 10 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DEC 8 | 10 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DEC 15 | 10 AM

Christmas Pageant: Retelling of the Christmas Story SATURDAY, DEC 21 | 7 PM

Longest Night service: Don't spend the longest night alone. Join us as we acknowledge grief & loss while finding hope this Christmas season

SUNDAY, DEC 22 | 10 AM

4th Sunday of Advent



#### TUESDAY, DEC 24

5 pm - Candlelight family service 11pm- Candlelight Christmas service with communion

SUNDAY, DEC 29 | 10 AM

1st Sunday of Christmas

SUNDAY, JAN 5 | 10 AM

**Epiphany/Three Kings Day Worship Service** 

# Yoga at MCC!

What: Vinyasa Yoga for all fitness levels

Where: Our Social Hall When: Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

Why: Join us and RELAX!

**How:** Bring a mat and blocks. Bolster, water bottle, strap and blanket are optional. Please dress to move.

#### **Office Hours**

The office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Office hours for those two weeks are on Thursday and Friday from 1-5pm.