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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-7th 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@middleburyucc.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 1st 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.

Spring Mission Projects

GWIM Food Donations

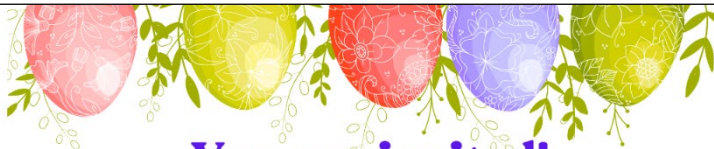
Our monthly food contribution to GWIM Soup Kitchen is Dutch Egg Noodles or Elbows. Place these items on the Multiplication table.

Middlebury Food Bank

List of items needed for our food bank is listed on the bulletin board by kitchen. These items can be dropped off at Shepardson Community Center with the Senior Center.

Easter Baskets

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Dinner Easter Baskets for the two families we are supporting for this holiday. Social Services was so Thankful for all your contributions and said they couldn't do what they accomplish without our support. So again a big Thank You to our generous congregation.



You are invited!

The Middlebury Congregational Church Annual

EASTER Egg Hunt

Bring a basket or bag and hop on over to the MCC annual
Easter Egg Hunt!

Fun for all-aged kids! Bring a friend!

Easter Sunday at 11am - Middlebury Town Green

All participants should gather outside the front of the
church for the kick-off!



Future of Silver Lake Camp Listening Session: April 23 @ 7pm here at MCC

Silver Lake in Sharon, CT has faced growing deficits since the pandemic and the merger of the CT Conference into the Southern New England Conference, and the Southern New England Conference is actively working to discern a future for the camp. I encourage anyone, kids and adults, with an interest in the future of Silver Lake to come to the listening session on April 23rd here at MCC. The Conference asked us to host the event because our church sends campers to Silver Lake each year and because we are near many of the churches that use Silver Lake. Further information about the current situation at Silver Lake and registration for the event here: <https://www.sneucc.org/postdetail/five-silver-lake-info-sessions-scheduled-19029583>

There are additional online and in person sessions if you can't make April 23rd.

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.

Charles P. Luckey Scholarship

The application for the Charles P. Luckey Scholarship is available and is on our website:

<https://www.middleburyucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-Luckey-Scholarship.pdf>

Scholarship is open to any high school student entering their freshman year of college that is a member of Middlebury Congregational Church and will be attending an accredited college or university. All applications must be postmarked by May 30, 2025.

MCC Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 26th 8am-12pm

Bring yourself and yard/gardening tools as we clean up the church and parsonage grounds for spring! Trucks and trailers for hauling mulch and brush also needed!

Share the Care – Meals!

Greetings from the Diaconite! As part of Share the Care efforts to support one another in all seasons of life, we hope to grow the list of members and friends willing to prepare a meal or donate toward a DoorDash or Grubhub gift card from time to time. Here's how it generally works:

- Pastor Katrina will ask if meals would be a comfort as situations arise.
- Direct contact is made to arrange details (delivery logistics, restaurant preferences, dietary needs, etc.)
- Participants receive a sign-up list with the basic information and dates. Options include preparing a home-cooked meal for the scheduled date, covering a meal delivery via DoorDash or Grubhub, or giving a gift card to a local restaurant (consider partnering with someone to share the cost of a gift card).

Expanding the list of willing participants helps to spread the care among us, and we want to make clear that helping does not necessarily involve turning on your oven! There is also no expectation to help each time. Whether once a month or once a year, every bit helps and is appreciated. As always, reaching out to one another directly is a blessing, too! This listing is for times we might need to coordinate a broader effort. To join the list, contact Michelle Rowell Finn at michfinn@comcast.net.