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-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@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 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.

Winter Mission Projects

Soup Kitchen Contribution

January's soup kitchen food contribution will be Alfredo sauce again. They use this sauce a lot with chicken dishes so they are asking again for this contribution.

Mitten Line

January is usually our coldest month and its also when we collect used or new **mittens**, **hats**, **scarfs**, **gloves and socks** for the homeless. The mitten line is strung up in the social hall, so feel free to hang any of the above mentioned items so we can see the items to take to GWIM for the homeless.

Thank you all for your support.

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Share Your Family's Favorite Recipe!

Be part of our America 250 - Middlebury, CT Cookbook Project!

Do you have a treasured family recipe, a go-to holiday dish, or a hometown favorite that everyone loves? We want to feature **your recipes** in our upcoming **America 250 - Middlebury, CT Community Cookbook!**

What We're Collecting

How to Submit

- Appetizers & Snacks
- Main Dishes
- Soups & Salads
- Breads & Sides
- · Desserts & Sweet Treats
- Beverages

- Type your recipe clearly (ingredients + directions). If you have a clearly handwritten recipe you could also scan it and send it along.
- Include your name, and if you'd like, a short note about why this recipe is special to the history of Middlebury or America.
- Send recipes via email to: America250@middlebury-ct.org

Deadline for Submissions: December 31, 2025

Questions? Contact: America250@middlebury-ct.org

This cookbook will celebrate the flavors of our community and raise funds for America 250 - Middlebury.

Let's cook up something special together!

Interested in Joining the Church?

If you are interested in joining the church or learning more about MCC, please contact Pastor Katrina (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org).

MCC Merchandise

We've set up a store on Bonfire to sell church merchandise. The products are printed as they're sold, and MCC gets a small cut of all the sales. If there is some MCC thing that you're looking for, odds are we can make that happen. You can look at what we've got up so far: https://www.bonfire.com/store/middlebury-congregational-church/ or you can scan the QR code:



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.