

CONGREGATIONAL CRIER




April 5, 2026
Page 1

Middlebury Congregational Church
203-758-2671 • www.middleburyucc.org

1242 Whittemore Rd.
Middlebury CT 06762

Welcome to Worship

We are an Open & Affirming ( LGBTQ affirming) congregation of the United Church of Christ. 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), TikTok (@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. The Nursery is located in the Sunday School on the 2nd floor of the building. 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

To get connected or get more info about the church, scan the QR code on the Connect Card in the pew or fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. You may also contact the Church Office (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

Soup Kitchen Contribution

Our Monthly food contribution to GWIM will be Noodles and Elbow macaroni.

Easter Dinner Baskets

Items for the Easter dinner baskets should be brought to church by Sunday, March 29. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen for those who would like to contribute. In addition, we will be supporting three youths from the Anne C. Courtney Foundation by providing non-perishable food bags.

Thank you for all your support.

Mission Board

Young Singer Days

The MCC Choir is issuing an open invitation to all of our young people (middle schoolers and the younger high-schoolers) to sing with the choir at our Services starting April 12 (next Sunday) until Pentecost. Come any or all Sundays between April 12 and May 17. All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, prior to Service, from 8:30-9:45.

For more information, contact Donna Obarowski, 203-982-9770, donnaobarowski@hotmail.com. (Donna can also send a preview of the music to any young singers who are interested.)

Bottle Drive: June 6th

Troop 5 and Troop 6 will be running their Bottle Drive fundraiser from 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM at 530 Middlebury Road. This is one of the Troops big fundraising events to help fund events throughout the year.

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).

Are you able to open your HOME to become a licensed foster parent?

Our CHILDREN and FAMILIES need families like yours.

Train via Zoom from the comfort of your home in under 5 weeks!

Please consider fostering a child in Connecticut

CALL ANNIE C COURTNEY FOUNDATION TO LEARN MORE



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 475-235-2184 OR 203-439-1733**

Our agency has partnered with DCF since 2014 to find families for children in foster care. We offer 2 hr. information sessions on Zoom, 10 times a month where you can learn all about foster parenting. Spend two hours to learn how you can change everything for a child in foster care.



Today is Name Tag Sunday!

Inside your bulletin should be a name tag. The ushers have additional name tags. Please wear a nametag during worship and coffee hour so we can help our neighbors learn our names! Markers are in the pew.

Middlebury Congregational Church

1242 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT

Presents World Premier of:

**MCC
PLAYERS**

*As Much
As You Want*

May 15 & 16th 6:30 pm
\$35 per person includes dinner

*A Play in Three Acts
Sequel to "As You Were"*

Written & directed
by Christopher Avcolliè

May 17th 2:00 pm
Matinee \$15 per person

Purchase tickets online at
www.middleburyucc.org/mcc-players
(Service fees apply) or during coffee
hour before May 8th. Limited seating.

Call the church office at
203-758-2671 with any questions.



Matinee recommended for children 12 and younger as it will be a shorter event.

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.

Liturgists/Ushers – Needed and Appreciated

A heartfelt thank you to all who serve as ushers and liturgists during worship – we are truly grateful! This is a wonderful way to serve at MCC, and no board or committee membership is required. Both roles include clear instructions and support. Liturgists are fully scripted at the pulpit, and ushers are provided guidance so you'll know what to do. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary. If you'd like to give either role a try, we're happy to help. Thank you for your consideration!

MCC Deacons