

# CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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**Middlebury Congregational Church**  
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## 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](http://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-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. The Nursery is located in the Sunday School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

### Soup Kitchen Contribution

Our monthly food donation is peanut butter.

### School Supplies

We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for Wellmore through August 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Mission Board extends sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and faithful support that makes all our outreach efforts possible.

### 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](mailto:kmanzi@middleburyucc.org)).



**IT'S BACK!**

# BACK TO SCHOOL Sundae on Sundays!

*Scooping Up Two Sweet Milestones!*

**250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE!**

**230 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY!**

**A LEGACY WE'RE GRATEFUL TO CONTINUE!**

**JOIN US! SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026 4:30-6:30 PM MCC SOCIAL HALL**

**BUILD YOUR OWN RED, WHITE & BLUE SUNDAE!**

- Fresh strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Creamy vanilla ice cream
- Homemade hot fudge
- Erika's famous salted caramel sauce

Join us as we celebrate the blessings of our nation's 250 years of freedom and 230 years of God's faithfulness to our church family. We can't wait to share an evening of **ICE CREAM, LAUGHTER & FELLOWSHIP** with you! ♥

Bring your family & invite a friend!

### Yoga at MCC

Yoga at MCC is taking a break during the month of July. Yoga resumes August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Silver Lake Camp Goodbye Event 8/22

Since this is the last summer of Southern New England Conference programming at Silver Lake, there is an alumni and friends goodbye event on 8/22 called "The Road We Came In On". The event is free to attend. There are options to camp at Silver Lake that weekend which do have a cost associated with them. To register for any of those options and for more information visit the Conference website, [sneucc.org](http://sneucc.org), and find the event on the conference calendar.

### MCC Book Group

*Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang.

Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm.

Meet in the parlor or the outdoor chapel, weather permitting.



### Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake, Inc. is a new nonprofit formed to unite the dispersed community that values Silver Lake and to work toward a vision of future ministry in line with its historic mission. Created just after the announcement of Silver Lake's closing in November, FOSL is moving with strength to continue this sacred legacy's ministry. It is a membership organization and we encourage you to join in this future-oriented ministry. Whether you were ever a camper or simply loved retreats, served as a volunteer or just know others whose lives were transformed there, we hope you'll go to <https://www.friendsofsilverlake.com> and click on "Stay connected" to learn more and join this important movement of the Holy Spirit!

### Save the Date!

A very special homecoming celebration will be held this year on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! Watch for details to come!

