

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), 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.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

Soup Kitchen Contribution

Our monthly food donation is peanut butter.

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

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.



Men's Retreat

Reel Faith: The Hero's Journey with Jesus

Iconic sci-fi and fantasy film moments
blend with thoughtful conversation,
scripture, and personal reflection.

*Uncover the sacred journey unfolding
within and around you.*

Details:

Nov. 20 -22

Wisdom House, Litchfield, CT

Cost: \$175/\$220/\$300

Financial Aid Available

Info & Registration:

<https://bit.ly/FEAMensRetreat>



Reel Faith: The Hero's Journey with Jesus

The Third Annual Fairfield East Association of the SNEUCC's Men's Retreat is happening November 20th – 22nd at Wisdom House in Litchfield, Connecticut. Join men from across the state in an exploration of the spiritual journey of Christian faith through the lens of science fiction and fantasy films. With thoughtful conversation, scripture, and personal reflection, Rev. Todd Shipley will connect moments from several films that uncover the sacred journey unfolding within and around us. For more information, contact David McKinnis at DavidMcKinnis@optonline.net or sign up at <https://bit.ly/FEAMensRetreat>.

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 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!

LET'S GET CRACKING!
Lobster, Homecoming &
a Celebration of Abundance!

Celebrating our Foundations for Our Future Capital Campaign

*Come home to
celebrate with us!*

LOBSTER BOIL & CHICKEN BBQ
Including KID'S MEALS! ♥

PIE BAKING CONTEST
Blue Ribbon
Pie Baking Contest!

LINE DANCING

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

ALL-CHURCH GROUP PHOTO

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE BOUNCE HOUSE

GIANT LAWN GAMES

FACE PAINTING

LOBSTER TATTOOS

OCEAN THEME PHOTO BOOTH
Props

DOOR PRIZES

Please RSVP your lobster reservation to the church office
(203.758.2671) or by visiting our MCC Home page at
www.middleburyucc.org

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