

# CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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*Middlebury Congregational Church*  
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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](http://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-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, 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](mailto:office@middleburyucc.org)

## For More Info

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter please email: ([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.

## Winter Mission Projects

### Soup Kitchen Contribution

February's soup kitchen food contribution will be canned Chicken.

### Mitten Line

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.

### Blood Drive

February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-1:30pm we will have a blood drive in the social hall. Please feel free to make your appointment online through the Redcross site or drop in.

### Souper Bowl Sunday – February 8<sup>th</sup>

We will again be selling pints of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday to raise funds for Missions. Please come join us in purchasing a soup at \$5.00 a pint. Also anyone who would like to show off their culinary skills and make a soup, will be so appreciated. Please add your name to the signup sheets on the bulletin board by the kitchen indicating the soup you will be bringing.

Thank you all for your support.

**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.

# Valentine's Day Dinner & Craft

Led by: the multi-talented Donna Obarowski

**Wed, Feb. 4th @ 6pm in the Social Hall**

## Menu

**GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH W/  
VEGETARIAN TOMATO &  
ROASTED RED PEPPER SOUP**

**\$5 per person**



RSVP to Janine: [kswiley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kswiley@sbcglobal.net)  
(For quantity)

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 8:30am-1:30pm  
MCC Social Hall

Register: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>



## Bible Study & Discussion – Sunday, February 8 (After Worship | Parlor)

Join the Deacons for a one-hour study on balance – service and rest, doing and dwelling, diligence and devotion. Together, we will reflect on the stories of Mary and Martha and consider how Jesus may be gently inviting each of us to sit at his feet – and what that might mean for our relationship with Him. All are welcome.

No preparation needed.

Scriptures: Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44; John 12:1-8



MCC Social Hall  
Dine in or pick up  
10\$ per bowl



Fat Tuesday  
**February 17, 2026**

5:00 to 6:30 pm

**Advanced orders recommended!**

We will prepare extras but don't get left out in the cold. Come with the family, we'll have a children's menu option!

Please contact the church office to leave a message with your preorders at  
[office@middleburyucc.org](mailto:office@middleburyucc.org) 203-758-2671  
Or email Ellen at [spirit2000@aol.com](mailto:spirit2000@aol.com)



**JUMPIN'  
JAMBALAYA  
IS READY To  
ROLL!!**



Our menu is straight from Bourbon Street: a steaming bowl of delicious jambalaya with a saffron rice topper. Enjoy the New Orleans cuisine, friends, fun and traditional zydeco music!



**Summer  
Camp 2026**

**SILVER  
LAKE**  
Camp & Retreat Center

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 16!**

[www.SilverLakeCT.org](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org)

**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)).