

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), 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@middleburyucc.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

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.

Thank you all for your support.



Open & Affirming Anniversary Service
Sunday, March 1, 2026

*Guest Preacher: The Rev. Margret Hofmeister,
 Area Conference Minister, SNEUCC
 Pottuck following worship*

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

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).

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.

**JOIN US!!
 FOR A
 MILE-HIGH
 CORN BEEF ON RYE!!**



Where:
 MCC Social Hall
When:
 Tuesday 3/17/26
 5-7:00 P.M.
 Come for the food,
 stay for the
 fun...friends, music,
 and a little luck of the
 Irish!



**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT
 ADVANCE ORDERS
 APPRECIATED**
 EMAIL ELLEN AT SPIRIT2000@AOL.COM
 OR
 OFFICE@MIDDLEBURYUCC.ORG
 OR CALL THE MCC OFFICE-203-758-2671



**St. Patrick's Day Mile-High Corned Beef on Rye —
 Join Us! ♣**

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us with good food, laughter, and community spirit! Come enjoy a delicious meal of a Mile-High Corned Beef on Rye with traditional sides — we'll take care of all the cooking so you can simply relax and enjoy.

If you would like to help us offset the cost of this special event, we warmly welcome monetary donations or if you'd like to shop the sales you can bring us a package of corned beef. Any size or cut is fine! We've done this in year's past and it's made a big difference in our bottom line! You can drop it off any Sunday between now and March 13th, let the office know (office@middleburyucc.org) or let Ellen know (spirit2000@aol.com) *Your contribution will help make the dinner possible and keep it affordable for everyone in our church family and community.*

Whether you bring a corned beef or simply bring your appetite, we would love to have you join Please see our flyer for date, time and details — and thank you for helping us make this gathering a success!