

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

January's soup kitchen food contribution will be Alfredo sauce again. They use this sauce a lot with chicken dishes so they are asking again for this contribution.

Mitten Line

January is usually our coldest month and its also when 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 7th from 8am-1pm 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 8th

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.

Informational Meeting about 2026 Budget

After worship today, Sunday 1/18, in the sanctuary we will have an informational meeting about the 2026 budget. This is an opportunity to ask questions and look over the 2026 budget ahead of the Annual Meeting next Sunday, 1/25.

Call to the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Middlebury Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 in the sanctuary following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the Constitution, receive the 2025 reports, approve a budget for 2026, and elect board members and officers.

Erika Carrington, Clerk

Post Annual Meeting Potluck

After the Annual Meeting on 1/25, we will have a potluck following Worship. Food for the potluck can be brought to the kitchen before worship on 1/25. Oven space is limited so whenever possible, please bring your food cooked or in a crockpot that just needs to be reheated! Someone will be in the church kitchen prior to the service to receive your food.

MCC Merchandise

We've set up a store on Bonfire to sell church merchandise. The products are printed as they're sold, and MCC gets a small cut of all the sales. If there is some MCC thing that you're looking for, odds are we can make that happen. You can look at what we've got up so far: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/middlebury-congregational-church/> or you can scan the QR code:



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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 8:30am-4:30pm
MCC Social Hall

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



Summer Camp 2026

SILVER LAKE
Camp & Retreat Center

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JANUARY 16!**

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