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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.



Soup Kitchen Contribution

Our monthly food contribution to GWIM will be Instant Potatoes.

Strawberry Festival

For the Strawberry Festival, June 7th, Missions again will offer raffle baskets (bags), silent auction items (based on any wonderful donations we receive) and tag sale featuring a variety of treasures. (Books, puzzles, costume jewelry, house hold items, etc.)

If you would like to create a raffle basket of any theme you'd like, feel free to pickup a clear plastic bag from any mission member and fill it to your desire. If you are doing some spring cleaning and come across gently used items that could be a great addition, we warmly welcome your treasures.

The Missions Board extends its sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and faithful support, which make all of these outreach efforts possible.

VBS 2026 Registration is Open!

Vacation Bible School will be held **June 29-July 3, 9:00am-12:00pm** at Middlebury Congregational Church. Join us for *Snowball Mountain Challenge*, a fun week of games, music, crafts, Bible stories, and faith-filled learning for kids. More information and registration on the website at <https://middleburyucc.org/vbs2026/>

VBS Material Request

- Corn Starch
- Rock Salt
- Disposable Gloves
- Lard/Shortening (Tubs)
- Chessboard
- Instant Snow
- Cardboard
- Paper towels
- Disposable Plates
- Baby wipes
- Blue Plastic Table Covers



Prayer Squares Needed

Help! The Mission Committee usually displays “prayer patches” for people to take at the Strawberry Festival... however our supply is running low! If you knit, we could really use your help. The pattern is very simple: using size 8 needles, cast on 15 stitches of medium weight yarn. Then simply knit back and forth till you have about 4 ½ inches (doesn’t have to be exact). You can also use the standard prayer shawl pattern of k3 p3 – knitting the purls and purling the knits. It is a fast and easy project – and please remember to pray or meditate before or during the knitting... also a great way to use up left-over yarns. Set the finished product in the basket at the back of the sanctuary and we will add the tag to accompany it. Thanks so much for your help!

Bottle Drive: June 6th

Troop 5 and Troop 6 will be running their Bottle Drive fundraiser from 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM at 530 Middlebury Road. This is one of the Troops big fundraising events to help fund events throughout the year.

Charles P. Luckey Scholarship

The application for the Charles P. Luckey Scholarship is now available through the Church office.

The scholarship is open to any high school student entering their freshman year of college who is a member of Middlebury Congregational Church and will be attending an accredited college or university. All applications must be emailed, hand delivered to the Church office, or postmarked by May 31, 2026.

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.