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*Middlebury Congregational Church*  
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1242 Whittemore Rd.  
Middlebury CT 06762

## 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](http://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-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. The Nursery is located in the Sunday School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.



### **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.

**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.

**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



**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/>

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**Silver Lake Camp & Summer Staff**

There is still room at our Conference’s camp, Silver Lake, for this summer. They are also looking for additional summer staff. If you are interested, more info can be found on the website: <https://www.silverlakeect.org/> Since this is the last summer of programming, there is an event being planned August 22<sup>nd</sup> to as an official send off celebration. When more info is available we will share it.

**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!



**Strawberry Festival**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026  
3-7 pm**

Middlebury Congregational Church  
1242 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT

**Strawberry shortcake, food, games  
raffle baskets, silent auction and more!**

*Take out or Eat in  
OR*

*Bring chairs, listen to the music  
and enjoy it on the Town Green!*

(Credit Cards will be accepted)

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