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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 (@middlebury congregational), TikTok (@middlebury congregational) 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@middeleburyucc.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.

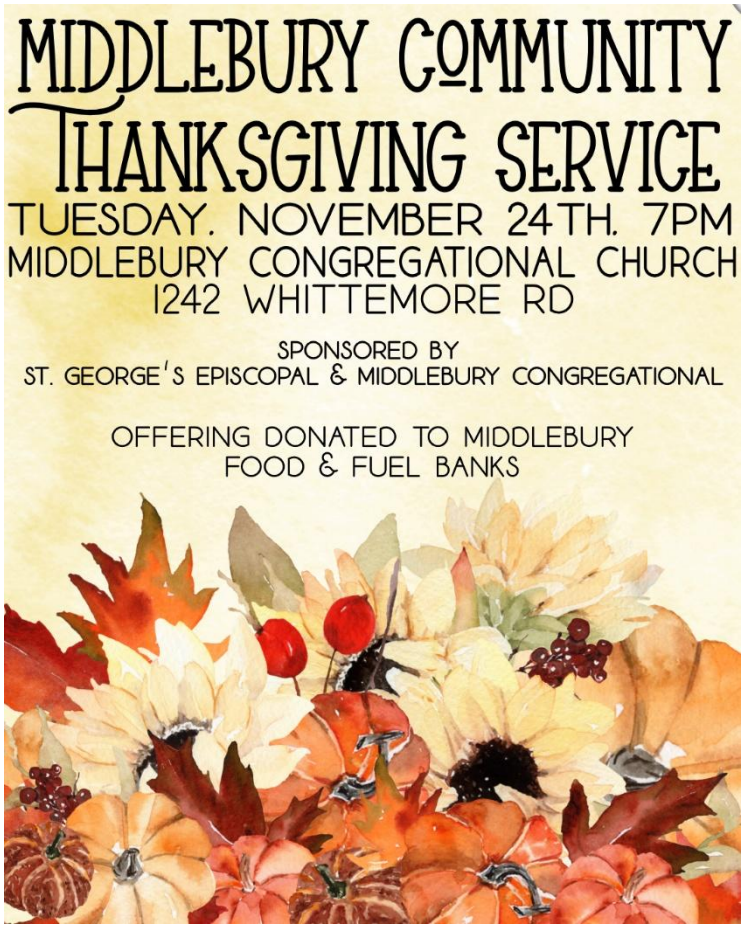
Hearing Assistance

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 donation for November is Canned chicken
December: Instant potatoes

Holiday Giving
Food items are being collected for Thanksgiving baskets for two Middlebury families. Please purchase two of the items listed, one for each family. The sign-up sheets is posted outside the kitchen. Items are due in church on Sunday, November 22nd.



NEW This Advent! Come As You Are

Whatever this season holds for you, there is room here. Beginning November 29, we'll have some quiet offerings in the Narthex to help you pause and connect with God throughout Advent:

- **Light a Candle –** Light a tealight for yourself, someone you love, our community, or the world.
- **Leave a Prayer** – Write a prayer on a blank card and place it in the prayer box in the Narthex. Collected prayers will be offered to God in community prayer after Advent (individual prayers will not be read aloud). Blank cards are available in the pews and in the Narthex.
- **Take a Prayer** – Take a weekly prayer card for yourself for someone you think would be blessed to receive one.

We hope these simple practices offer a meaningful moment of connection throughout Advent.

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).

Back to Basics: Adult Education Series 2026-2027

For each confirmation class for our teenagers, we typically have another adult to help, and over the years I've noticed adults often seem to get just as much from confirmation class as our teenagers. So, this year when we don't have a teenage confirmation class, I've decided to lightly adapt the curriculum for grownups. Learning is a lifelong endeavor after all. You are welcome to come to all the classes or just the ones that interest you. If you've got a Bible, definitely bring that with you!

The confirmation curriculum we've been using has two main components. The first is classes and the second is reading the gospel according to Luke so we get a full sense of Jesus' life in order. Each class will have a time to check in on how things are going with reading Luke according to the schedule. If you don't read Luke ahead of the class, don't worry; everything else will be read and discussed during the class.

Schedule

11:30am on Sundays in the Parlor

11/29: God the Holy Spirit (read Luke 5-6)
12/13: Worship (read Luke 7-8)
1/10: The Bible (read Luke 9-11)
2/14: Saints and Gifts (read Luke 12-14)
2/28: Ministry & Service (read Luke 15-16)
3/14: Baptism (read Luke 17-18)
4/11: Spiritual Life/Prayer (read Luke 19-20)
4/25: Death and Resurrection (read Luke 21-22)
5/16: Life in the Church (read Luke 23-24)

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.

The Deacons are working on a new initiative, for which we need to assemble the birthdays of all of our members. Could you please update yours in Breeze or fill in below and hand in to the ushers. Also note if you do NOT want your birthday recognized.

Name:_____

Month / day of birth: _____/_____

If you do NOT want it recognized, please check here: ___