

CONGREGATIONAL CRIER



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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

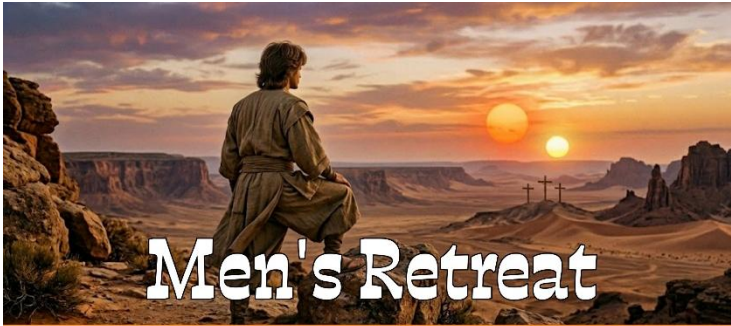
We have headphones to assist you in hearing the service. Please let an usher know, and they will set you up with a pair.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

Soup Kitchen Contribution

Our monthly food donation is Dutch egg noodles or elbow macaroni.

The Mission Board extends sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and faithful support that makes all our outreach efforts possible.



Men's Retreat

Reel Faith: The Hero's Journey with Jesus

Iconic sci-fi and fantasy film moments
blend with thoughtful conversation,
scripture, and personal reflection.
*Uncover the sacred journey unfolding
within and around you.*

Details:

Nov. 20 -22

Wisdom House, Litchfield, CT

Cost: \$175/\$220/\$300

Financial Aid Available

Info & Registration:

<https://bit.ly/FEAMensRetreat>



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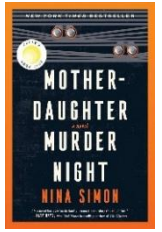
The Third Annual Fairfield East Association of the SNEUCC's Men's Retreat is happening November 20th – 22nd at Wisdom House in Litchfield, Connecticut. Join men from across the state in an exploration of the spiritual journey of Christian faith through the lens of science fiction and fantasy films. With thoughtful conversation, scripture, and personal reflection, Rev. Todd Shipley will connect moments from several films that uncover the sacred journey unfolding within and around us. For more information, contact David McKinnis at DavidMcKinnis@optonline.net or sign up at <https://bit.ly/FEAMensRetreat>.

Today is Name Tag Sunday!

Inside your bulletin should be a name tag. The ushers have additional name tags. Please wear a nametag during worship and coffee hour so we can help our neighbors learn our names! Markers are in the pew.

Book Group

The September book is *Mother and Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon.



We will meet in the parlor on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00pm.

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.

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!

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).

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: _____