

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - APRIL 26**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes Preaching
10:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes Preaching
11:15 Hand Chimes Rehearsal
11:30 Discipleship (Lounge)
- MONDAY - APRIL 27**
10:15 Bible Study (Office)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - APRIL 28**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)\
6:15 Look-back over the year with Sara Ofner (L)
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge) Discipleship Faith Papers
- WEDNESDAY- APRIL 29**
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
7:00 Parking Lot mtg. w/Historical Commission
7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - APRIL 30**
10:00 AA (Library)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- FRIDAY - May 1**
7:00 Sr. High Youth Group (Gym/Jerusalem)
- SATURDAY - May 2**
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)
6:00 Mother Daughter Banquet (Gym)
- SUNDAY - May 3**
8:30 Worship & Communion, Rev. Barnes preach
10:00 Worship, & Communion, Rev. Barnes preach
11:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal
11:20 May Congregational Meeting (Stage)
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal
12:00 Discipleship (Lounge)

OFFICE HOURS You can reach our office manager Tom Evans at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am–3:30 pm. Email is colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net (note: no second "d"). Rev. Linda Barnes' email is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net. When

no one is in the office, you are welcome to call Rev. Barnes on her cell phone at 334-6790.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
June Crier deadline is May 17.

DEFENDERS BALL GAME FUNDRAISER

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd..." Baseball season is in full "swing" and the Fundraising Committee is again sponsoring a fun-filled trip to the Connecticut Defenders. Be a big "hit" with your family and treat them to the **Defenders (a San Francisco Giants affiliate) vs. the Portland Sea Dogs (a Red Sox affiliate), on Friday May 29th, at 6:30 p.m. at Dodd Stadium in Norwich.** We have good seating along first base line in Section 10. First come, first serve for best choices. **Tickets are \$8.00 each, and half of all ticket sales will benefit CFC.** Fireworks will also be on display that evening.

Tickets may be purchased from the Fundraising Committee or through the church office now through May 22. So "run" for your tickets and "catch" all the excitement! In case of inclement weather your ticket is good for any other home game. *The Fundraising Committee: Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell*

SACRED DANCERS

We are looking for girls 4th grade and up to participate in the Pentecost Sacred Dance on May 31st. **No dance experience is necessary!** Please contact Kristen Poirier (423-7677) or Rev. Linda.

FLOWERS FOR MAY

Consider putting flowers or another type of decorative arrangement in the sanctuary as a way to honor a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Please contact Jude Bradstreet at 537-3810 if you are interested in providing an arrangement for an upcoming Sunday service during the month of May.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor

Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Serenade Haydn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Ofner, Leader
One: Walking along the road, fishing, eating a meal; in the ordinary, everyday things, the disciples met the risen Christ.

All: Jesus is present among us.

One: Everything written in the law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms has come true. We do not need to feel alone or confused. Jesus will always be with us.

All: Jesus is present among us.

One: Jesus loved his disciples and we believe that Jesus loves us, too!

All: Jesus is present among us.

One: Let us praise God on this wonderful day!

All: Amen! Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sara Ofner, Leader
All: **Holy God, You are like a mother, teaching and challenging us to be the best we can be. You are like a father, delighting in us and offering us all that you have.**

One: Help us to open our minds that we may hear what Jesus is telling us; open our hearts to hear what the Spirit is saying. Help us discover the new possibilities that you lay before us.

All: **Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth, that we may do your work, as Christ's Body, here on earth. Help us to be like Christ, that we may experience holiness in your creation and in each other. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN We Walk By Faith #399

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the Word of Life, which you have given us from the beginning of creation.

We thank you for giving us the ability to share that life fully.

All: **Even though we love you, sometimes we say things that hurt others. We are your people, but sometimes we forget others. We try to follow Jesus, but we don't always act as Jesus would. We are sorry. Forgive our wrongdoings, and help us to be loving and kind.**

One: Our sins are forgiven! Not just our sins, but everyone's sins! This is the Good News!

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

RECOGNITION AND PRAYER FOR SARA OFNER

Unison Prayer: **O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we have walked together in the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Sara in worship, fellowship, leadership, learning, and service. We pray that Sara will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as she continues her studies at Yale and her journey in ministry. May your blessings be upon her now and always. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 4; Luke 24:36b-48 Sara Ofner

SERMON Christ Among Us Rev. Barnes

*HYMN Joy Dawned Again Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Life-giving God, you have walked beside us, nurtured and taught us from the beginning of human history. We celebrate our life with you.

All: **For you love us, and we are your children.**

One: Compassionate God, you brood over the world. The nations bicker and fight each other, sometimes preferring easy wars over hard conversations about peace. We pray for lasting peace and understanding.

All: **For you love us, and we are your children.**

One: God of the poor, we live in a wealthy world full of sunlight, clean water, and good food. Many go to bed hungry and thirsty and fearful of the dark. We pray that all may eat and drink until satisfied, and sleep undisturbed.

All: For you love us, and we are your children.

One: Hope-bringing, joy-giving God, you call us to live meaningful lives full of love and delight. We pray for those who are sick, lonely, suffering, and in prison, that their hearts may be lifted up and they may be comforted.

All: For you love us, and we are your children.

One: God, our mother and father, you sent your Child, Jesus to be our brother and teach us your Way. We pray for the church, for one another, and for ourselves, that we may be your hands, your feet, your heart, and your voice.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespass)

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *(tune of #591)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly Host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people. Amen.

*HYMN **Thine Is The Glory** # 122

BENEDICTION *(Join together in the center aisle)* Sara Ofner

POSTLUDE Invention Bach

**Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Mausteller, Leader

One: In the streets, in the busyness of our daily life, we encounter Christ

All: **and our lives are changed.**

One: At home, with family and friends, or on our own, we encounter Christ,

All: **and our lives are changed.**

One: In unexpected places, and in times of prayer, we encounter Christ,

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One: Bring your changed lives. Come to this place, and let us worship.

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VOLUNTARY Amazing Grace Chime Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME A Special Thank You

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(Children go downstairs for their classes)

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lord of the Dance Rutter

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BENEDICTION *(Join together in a circle around the sanctuary)*
One: New life burst from the tomb, as a butterfly bursts from its cocoon. We're blessed with new life, new hope, new possibilities. Let us go forth from here, knowing that God is always with us. Let us go forth with love and joy bursting forth from us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the holy and risen One.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

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ANNE FRANK PROGRAMS AT LIBRARY

The following **free** programs are being held at the Cragin Memorial Library:

May 5 at 7:00pm – Film: The Last Seven Months

May 20 11am to 6pm – Reading: The Diary of a Young Girl

No advance registration is necessary.

STAGE CALL FOR ALL ACTORS, ACTRESSES AND STAGE HELPERS--- BOTH OLDER YOUTH AND ADULTS!

We are making plans now for our fall Mystery Dinner to be presented Sat., October 24 and a matinee on Sunday, October 25. We have a great “spooky”, mystery- comedy script which promises to be loads of fun. If you would like a copy of the script and would like to audition for a part, please speak with John Hathaway (537-3633) or Diane Capasso (228-8734). Auditions will be held the beginning of June. Cast will meet once during the summer, and begin rehearsals once a week for 7 weeks starting the beginning of September. Also, please let us know if you would like to help with set design, lights and sound, costumes or kitchen service. Thank-you!

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

“MIME’S” the Word!

Sometimes, church finances can be uncomfortable to TALK about, but just how are we doing with our pledges so far this year? In an effort to help keep the congregation educated on our financial status, we invite you to watch our church mime illustrate just where we are at! Throughout the year, our mime will point out further up-dates. We welcome you to take a closer look after service, and if you have any questions, please speak with Jen Clarke, Steve Bradstreet, or Tom Evans.

CFC SUPPLIES

CFC supplies continues to collect many items needed for the day to day running of the church. All items are gratefully appreciated and we thank you for your continued support. Items needed are paper towels, toilet paper, copy paper, cold cups, hot cups (not Styrofoam), plastic silverware, regular and

decaf coffee. If you need a reminder, please feel free to pick a flower from the small bulletin board in the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Joann Riddell or Kerry Hathaway.

***** In Appreciation *****



Greeting today are the Maustellers. Lenny has worked at Millstone Power Station for 16 years, where he is a shift manager. Susan has served in a number of volunteer capacities, including on the Mission and Witness Ministry. She has been homeschooling Ben, aged 13,

for the last two years. Scouting has been an important activity for the family. Ben is a Boy Scout and Lenny is a leader in Troop 72. A favorite family activity is camping on the Cape where they enjoy fishing, biking, photography, exploring coastal wildlife and the beach. They are excited to be hosting a Japanese boy this summer.

The ushers this week are Mary Tomasi at the 8:30 service and Jim Caronna and Gordon Archambault at 10:00.

WARNING

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet for the Annual Election Meeting to be held Sunday, May 3, 2009 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

1. To hear the annual reports of the officers, Ministries and Missions of the Church for the year 2008-2009.
2. To elect officers for the year 2009-2010.
3. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Mission of Finance Advisory regarding allocation of income from our investments, as voted on at the Annual Financial Meeting of January 25, 2009.
4. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Ministry of Stewardship regarding projects to be funded from the remainder of the \$13,000 voted from the Gift Fund at the Special Meeting of September 7, 2008.
5. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2009, by
Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36-37

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.