

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - August 31**  
9:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
10:00 Parking Lot Information Forum (Stage)  
*Blood Pressures Next Week After Each Service*
- Monday - September 1**  
\*\*\* HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\*  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - September 2**  
10:30 Pastor leads worship at Liberty Hall
- Wednesday- September 3**  
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)  
11:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Discipleship Family Meeting (Jerusalem)  
6:30 Adult Study Group (Lounge)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - September 4**  
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)  
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - September 5**  
7:00 A Place of Hope (Library)
- Saturday - September 6**  
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- Sunday - September 7 – RALLY DAY**  
8:30 Worship & Communion, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
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*Blood Pressures After Each Service*  
11:00 Congregational Meeting Parking Lot Vote (Stage)  
12:00 Discipleship (Lounge)  
7:00 Mom's Group (Lounge)

**OFFICE HOURS** You may reach the church administrative assistant (Tom Evans) at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Church office email is [colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net). (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net).

**Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon** each week.  
**OCTOBER Crier deadline is Thursday, September 18th**

### PARKING LOT – INFORMATIONAL FORUM TODAY

A congregational vote on the houses has been scheduled for Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There are information packets in the rear of the church. **Please pick one up and review the data before the vote.** An informational meeting is scheduled for today after the 9am service in the stage room to go over the information in this packet and answer any questions you might have.

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All are welcome. This meeting will focus on reviewing the vote and planning the next phase.

### A PLACE OF HOPE

A place of Hope is a new support group forming for those who have lost a friend or family member to suicide. This group will meet on the first and third Fridays at 7pm in the Library.

### LOOKING FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

We are looking for volunteers interested in leading the Jr. High Youth Group. It involves a few hours of your time each month with our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Meetings are held at the church and a variety of fun outings can be taken. Anyone interested in or needing more information should call Cheryl Anderson 267-7859 or email [candersono7@comcast.net](mailto:candersono7@comcast.net).

### DISCIPLESHIP - SEEKING MENTORS & STUDENTS

We are prayerfully seeking mentors and students for this year's class. Letters of invitation have gone out to the students that we are aware of. If you know of any youth who are interested and did not receive a letter, or if you are interested in being a mentor, please speak to Cheryl Anderson or Rev. Linda.

A family meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 7pm in the Jerusalem Room for all perspective students, family and mentors to get acquainted and answer any questions you might have.

Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor  
Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music  
Shirley Pugh, Today's Organist

August 31, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *During the Prelude, prayerfully prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us walk together in the presence of God.

People: **Let us praise God who listens, and loves us,**

Leader: who protects us and forgives us,

People: **and sends us forth to serve.**

Leader: Come let us worship God together.

\*OPENING HYMN **This Is My Father's World** #293

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God, when we do not see the needs of those around us.**

**Forgive us, God, when we do not hear their cries for help, for justice, for healing. Forgive us, God, when we do not use our voices to proclaim your good news, when we do not speak the truth, when we do not speak up for justice.**

**Forgive us, God, when we do nothing, feel hopeless, or wait for others to do what must be done.**

**Loving God, hear our cry; forgive us, heal us, lead us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

CHILDREN'S TIME God's Gold Medal Winners Tracy Bausum

SPECIAL MUSIC Morning Has Broken Rev. Barnes, flute

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:1-15 (p44); Romans 12:9-21 (p 922)

SERMON God's Surprising Call

\*HYMN **Faith of Our Fathers** #383

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY **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 (tune of #591)**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer these gifts to you, O God, that they may serve your purposes in the world. And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. Help us to live as your faithful children every day. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** #438

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

# Colchester Federated Church

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**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
**August 31, 2008**

## **PAPER SUPPLIES NEEDED**

With costs for everything increasing, one way you can help is by donating paper supplies – reams of copy paper, toilet paper, paper towels. You can drop these items off in the office anytime, or put them in the basket in the sanctuary on Sundays. Thank you for sharing this expense.

## **HOSPICE INFORMATION MEETING**

The Colchester Clergy Association is hosting an informational meeting on hospice care on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the lounge. Maureen Couchon, a Hospice Southeastern Connecticut Volunteer will be the speaker. This meeting is open to all. For more information, please contact the church office.

### **\*\*\* In Appreciation \*\*\***



**Greeting today** are Lori and Ed Hall. Lori is employed as an accountant for the State of Connecticut. She is the adult education satellite for the Ministry of Education, co-chair for the Ministry of Personnel and serves on the Mission of Pastor-Parish. She is also active in the Garden Club. Ed is a retired accountant. He has served as our church treasurer and has served as a mentor for our discipleship class two times. Ed and Lori have been married for 14 years. They have 3 adult children: Kevin Hall, David and Kim

Adamaitio. They enjoy playing golf and traveling.

**The Ushers** this morning are Mitch & Lori Koziol and Martin and Frank Ball.

**The flowers** for this Sunday are given by Karen Monteleone.

## **WARNING**

**The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet at a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:00 A.M. worship service for the following purposes:**

1. To vote on the following options for the church's two houses:
  - Leave both residential homes intact and consider using other space for additional parking.
  - Remove one residential house allowing that space to be used for additional parking.
2. To vote on the expenditure of, not to exceed 18K, for the following itemized energy efficient upgrades:
  - Replace gym windows with more efficient vinyl or aluminum double pane
  - Re-zone heating of church office and library to separate zones.
  - Replace (7) exterior doors with commercial grade metal insulated ones
3. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Mark E. Bosse  
Church Clerk.

**NOTE:** We will be having coffee and finger foods at this meeting. Donations of finger foods would be greatly appreciated.