

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday - February 1

- 8:30 Worship & Communion, Beatrice Manning preaching
- 10:00 Worship & Communion, Beatrice Manning preaching
- 11:15 Learn about Colchester Federated Church membership (Lounge)
- 11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 Discipleship

Monday - February 2

- 10:15 Bible Study (Office)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
- 7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday - February 3

- 3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
- 7:00 Ministry of Stewardship and Finance
- 7:00 Women's Fellowship, CPR Program (Lounge)

Wednesday February 4

- 10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
- 5:00 Sacred Dance rehearsal
- 6:30 Study Group Last session for Tex Mix stories (Lounge)
- 7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)
- 7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

Thursday - February 5

- 10:00 AA (Library)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Friday - February 6

Saturday - February 7

- 9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)

Sunday - February 8

- 8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
- 10:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching, Boy Scout Sunday
- 11:15 Mission Trip Exploration of Ideas (Lounge)
- 11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal

OFFICE HOURS You can reach the church office manager 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 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.
March Crier deadline is WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UP-DATE

Below is a summary of the Pledge Campaign as of January 30th. Thank-you to all who have contributed!

- 77 pledges received (final 2008 number was 77)
- 13 new pledging units
- Total amount pledged: \$122,802 (2008 total commitments were \$132,130)
- Average pledge is \$1,595/year; (\$1,716 in 2008). Average weekly pledge is a little over \$30.

As many of you know, we are facing an unprecedented projected budget deficit of \$42,309. Several suggestions were proposed at the January 25th financial meeting for cutting expenses and increasing income. **A second letter was recently mailed concerning this significant deficit and pledging.** We hope you will take the time to read it carefully, and prayerfully consider helping out if you are able. If you have questions or did not receive the mailing, please contact the church office at 537-5189.

The ministries are reviewing their pieces of the budget and will be communicating any additional changes to Stewardship. There is another congregational meeting scheduled for February 22nd after the 10 am service to review all the changes and vote on the updated budget. If you have specific questions regarding the budget, please feel free to contact Tom Evans, treasurer, Steve Bradstreet, assistant treasurer, or Jim Caronna and Tom Culhane, co-chairs of the Ministry of Stewardship.

CHILLY? HOW ABOUT SOME CHILI?

COLD this winter??? Warm up to Soup! The Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring a **"Chili and Cornbread Lunch" on Sunday, February 22nd from 11:30 a.m.----1:30 p.m.** You may eat in or take out, with take-out also available following the 8:30 service for those attending. Menu will include: Chili, cornbread, beverage and dessert. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Lunch will be open to the public, so encourage friends, family and neighbors to come! Proceeds will benefit the church. If you would like to help, please contact Diane Capasso (228-8734). Thank-you.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

www.ColchesterFederatedChurch.org Phone 537-5189

Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor

Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany~ UCC Women's Week

February 1, 2009

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Sketch Schumann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT (10:00 a.m. only) Spirit Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Spirit: as healing and wholeness

All: **Come, Spirit: as life-giving food**

Leader: Come, Spirit: as hope in oppression

All: **Come, Spirit: as all that is good.**

Leader: Come, Spirit, come and be a new reality.

All: **Come: banish sexism, racism and all forms of oppression**

Leader: Come: wash away its wounds

All: **Come: break the bread of freedom**

Leader: Come: declare a holy day.

All: **Come, Spirit: you are the victory**

Leader: Come, Spirit: you are the grace

All: **Come, spirit: you are the reason**

This gathering is a holy place. Come, Spirit, Come!

*OPENING HYMN All People That On Earth Do Dwell #220

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice, we long for peace. We long for harmony in our lives; at home, at church, in our community, and in all the world. We long for serenity and courage in the midst of struggle. We long to commit ourselves to each other's growth. We long for the day when we may be love's dwelling places.

Yet we confess that we often act from fear; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Through your mercy, show us how to walk in love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a loving and forgiving God. When we see how we fall short of God's vision for us, God understands; God forgives and is always ready to inspire us and guide us to become more like Jesus in all we think and do.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:00 a.m. only) Jonah Beatrice Manning
(*Young children go downstairs for their classes*)

ANTHEM (10:00 a.m. only) I Will Glorify You, Jesus Mengel

SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-11 (p 753)

SERMON Jonah: Prophet to the Assyrians Beatrice Manning

*HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other Back cover

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(*inclusive paraphrase by Parker Palmer as printed below*):

Heavenly father, heavenly mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days—come swiftly mother, father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is all in one. Amen

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

Generous and loving God, we thank you for your goodness to us. We open our hands and hearts to share your blessings with others. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

#513

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Luke the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In communion with all believers in every time, on every continent, across history and time, and in celebration of the beauty of the differences that link us in a common hope that all might be well, let us pray:

People: **In every season, may we be held together in Christ, through the blessing of this table where we celebrate the risen Christ in the sharing of this bread.**

Leader: This table is open for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to all who seek to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The God of new beginnings and each new year be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts with gladness people of God!

We lift them up to God, with our empowered creativity, celebrations, and dreams!

Let us give thanks to God for our families and friends, and those around the world.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the furthest shore and star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for the moon and the sun, the air and the water. We thank you for this earth, for each cell that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation, and especially for Jesus Christ whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior to call forth the mission of your church in the world.

We thank you for your wisdom that empowers your people. We take courage from the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst; and the faithful men and women in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs and saints, with all the women and men in our lives who nurture faith and leadership today, and with the company of heaven, we give glory to you:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again."

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us at this table that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in one another.

Through this bread and this cup we participate in the body of Christ, and in new life in each year, for every one, sister, brother, across the globe:

That we might share your light, together.

Christ our Light in every season.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and SHARING OF THE CUP *This communion table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice. We invite you to hold each element until all have received them so that we may commune together.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One of all our days and years, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen

*HYMN

There Is A Wideness In God's Mercy

#298

POSTLUDE

Andante

Homman

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.

John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.

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February 1, 2009

SACRED DANCE BEGINS

Our first Sacred Dance rehearsal will be on the 4th of February in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. We will be planning and beginning our first dance for Palm Sunday. All girls in 5th grade and older are welcome. We will also be starting a cherub dance group soon for participation on Easter Sunday. More information will be following. If you have questions, call Rev. Barnes or call Kristen Poirier at 423-7677.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – CPR PROGRAM

The next Women's Fellowship program will be on February 3rd at 7pm. Donna Hathaway will help us learn CPR following the viewing of the DVD on this important technique. Please join us for this program. Refreshments and companionship will be served in the lounge.

PAPER SUPPLIES NEEDED

CFC Supplies is looking for a number of paper supplies. Most desperately needed are toilet paper and paper towels. Also, copy paper is an office supply that is used in large quantities. When shopping if you could pick up any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. There is a basket at the front of the church as well as reminders if you need one. Yes these small but essential items will help save the church money!

MOM'S GROUP

The Moms Group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at Liza Ringuette's house (9 O'Connell Road in Colchester. You can call for directions (537-3424), or just pop in, we meet at 7pm!). In the coming weeks, we'll be meeting to discuss the book, "What Eve Didn't Tell Us: Sex, Casseroles, and a Life of Faith". A brief description: "This humorous, yet compelling first-person look into the lives of two women explores the complexities of continually balancing marriage, work, parenting, and self in ways that our mothers and grandmothers could not have imagined." This book is not too lengthy and we'll plan to read this book in sections to help those of us with limited time to sit down and read (isn't that all of us?). Also, the laid back format of this book allows for the opportunity to do a quick skim right before we meet if you don't have the time to read during the week, or if you simply forget to do the reading! If you are interested in ordering a book, please contact Liza Ringuette by February 13th, so that we can begin our discussions in March. The cost will be around \$9.60. And, of course, while we wait for our books to come in, we'll continue to meet for friendship and laughs. We hope you'll join us! Please feel free to call or email with any questions, 537-3424, elizabethringuette@sbcglobal.net.

MISSION TRIP 2009

Adults and youth, age 16 or above with a parent or guardian, are invited to join us on Feb. 8th after the 10am church service to discuss a possible trip this summer or early fall. Any questions please see Donna Hathaway or call her at 367-9238.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS

As most of you know during the winter months the demand for blood by our local hospitals is great and because of the weather - donations are down. The Red Cross has asked us to help once again. We will be hosting another blood drive on **Friday, Feb. 6th in the Gym.** (1-5:45) Please take this opportunity to give blood and help others. You can register to give blood by calling 1-800-448-3543 or go on line at www.bloodct.org. We also need baked goods for that day. If you can help please call Donna at 367-9238.

VALENTINE FAMILY FAIR

Families, save the date: Saturday February 14th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. we will have a Valentine Family Fair with crafts, games, a bake sale and a pizza lunch. This will be held in the Stage Room. Nominal costs for activities will help support our church. Please see Tracy Bausum, Diane Capasso, or Pat Culhane with questions or to help out.

CLEAN-UP BUCKET COLLECTION

We are continuing our goal to make 30 clean-up buckets for Church World Service. This month we are collecting

**18 Cleaning Towels (reusable like Easy Wipes)
50-78 oz Box of Dry Laundry Detergent**

We are still in much need of the collection items from November and December:

**Scrub Brush
12oz bottle of Liquid Concentrated Household Cleaner (like Lysol)
Scouring Pads
Latex Gloves**

Please place the items in the purple box in the Narthex. We also are continuing to collect 5 gallon buckets that have handles and lids. Thank you. We appreciate everything you have brought in.

FEBRUARY 22ND-- "A DAY OF HEALING"

Join us for worship on Sunday, February 22nd as we celebrate God's amazing capacity to heal— not only physically-- but mentally, emotionally, and spiritually as well. God heals us not only as individuals but as communities as well. We will pray for healing in our own lives, in the lives of our communities, and in the world.

DIABETICS FYI

If you are Diabetic you may qualify for a free One Touch Ultra Mini meter. It can fit in your purse and comes in six colors. Call 1-866-497-0173

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



Greeting this morning is the Sanford family. Ted is a special investigator of DCS. He serves as a deacon. Sue is a child dietician for TVCCA. She is on the ministry of education and teaches Sunday School. Luke, 9, is in third grade at Jack Jackter. He plays soccer and baseball and likes to draw. Jeremy, 5, is in kindergarten. He likes everything including music, dancing and soccer. As a family they like to hike, camp and ski and enjoy being outdoors with nature.

The Ushers this week are Mary Tomasi at 8:30; Martin and Theodore Ball and Joey Bradstreet at the 10:00 service.

