



Celebration of Black History Month

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. This is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing we will be free one day."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Senior Pastor -

Rev. Dr. Linda U Barnes

Worship Leader -

Cheryl Anderson

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Scriptures

Matthew 11: 28-29

Daniel 3:19-30

Isaiah 40:1-11

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Hymns

Prelude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Introit: This Is The Day

Opening Hymn:
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 464

Jr. Choir Anthem:
This Little Light of Mine

Sr. Choir Anthem:
Walk Together Children

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 404

Offertory:
Holy Holy from "American Mass"

Closing Hymn:
Amen 299

Postlude:
Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Announcements

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank-you to all for your generous contributions and support of CFC. Since our January financial meeting, we have received 6 new pledges and six up-dated pledges. The total amount pledged is \$127,974. Some highlights are:

- \$112,158 has now been pledged to Operations
- 81 pledging units (4 more than 2008), 17 new
- Average pledge is about \$1,569, a little over \$30/week.

REMINDER: Another church financial meeting will be held Sunday February 22nd following the 10 a.m. service to discuss up-dates and consider a second budget proposal. We would encourage you to attend, and would appreciate your thoughts and ideas. If you have questions, 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.

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.

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). Thanks

Today's greeters are Robert, Renee, Jakob and Catherine Misbach. They live in Colchester and have been attending Colchester Federated Church since 2001. They enjoy spending time together camping, playing games and having movie nights. Jakob is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Colchester Elementary School. He is a Cub Scout, loves soccer and basketball and enjoys working on his HO train hobby with Robert. Catherine is 4 years old attending Colchester Cooperative Nursery School. She likes ballet, gymnastics, coloring and playing with her baby dolls.

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

Today the church is facing issues that threaten to tear denominations apart. One of the most divisive of these issues is that of Gay and Lesbian people and the church. Should they be accepted? Fully included? Excluded? Condemned?

At the heart of the issue is the Bible. What does the Bible really say about homosexuality? And how do we, as faithful Christians, navigate these stormy waters? "For the Bible Tells Me So" is a film that deals with this very issue. This critically acclaimed documentary includes interviews with some of the most respected Christian leaders and biblical scholars with their thoughts on the subject. It also gives an inside look at several families who have had to deal with the issue in their own lives.

The Wednesday night study group invites all who are interested in learning more about this issue to a screening of "For the Bible Tells Me So" on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm. We will gather in the lounge for soup, bread and fellowship, watch the film, and have some time for discussion afterwards. All are welcome to attend!

If you wish to learn more about the film or watch a preview, check out the website at:

<http://www.forthebibletellsmeso.org/indexa.htm>

Warning

Whereas, at the Annual Financial Meeting of the Colchester Federated Church held on January 25, 2009, it was voted to call a Special Meeting for February 22, 2009 to further discuss and act on matters concerning the 2009 budget; Now therefore, the members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet on February 22, 2009 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

1. to hear and act upon reports and recommendations of the Ministry of Stewardship regarding a budget for the year 2009;
2. to consider and act upon the budget for the year 2009;
3. any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2009.

Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk