

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - February 21
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship and Baptism, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
11:15 New Member Meeting (Lounge)
6:00 Lenten Series – Caring for Creation (Stage)

MONDAY - February 22
10:30 Bible Study (Office)
7:00 New Members Meeting (Office)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Gym/Emmaus)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY - February 23

4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Fundraising (Lounge)

WEDNESDAY- February 24

10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
6:30 Living the Questions (Lounge)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY - February 25

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - February 26

Sr. High Youth Group Sleepover (Lounge)

SATURDAY - February 27

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

SUNDAY - February 28

8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Dr. Beatrice Manning preaching
3:00 Ecclesiastical Council – Bea Manning
Reception to follow in Stage Room

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.

2009 Giving Statements / Envelope #'s

The 2009 giving statements are in the back of the church. Please pick yours up today. They are in alphabetic order.

YOUR NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER is written on your statement. Please take note of this number and write it on your check and/or envelope so that the counters will have an easier job. THANK YOU!

Lenten Series

Listed below is the schedule for our Lenten Series programs. Please note they are not all the same days or times. If you have questions, please see Tracy Bausum.

Caring For Creation

Sunday, 2/21/10, 6:00 p.m., Stage Room

Join us for a pot-luck dinner and family-based discussion with hands-on activities focused on Christian discipleship and ways to care for all of God's creation.

Sole to Soul

Wednesday, 3/10/10, 6:30 p.m., Stage Room & Gym

Join us for a potluck dinner, a brief program and the opportunity to walk a prayer labyrinth – whether you've never walked one or have walked 100, this is a journey that will touch your soul.

Walking The Cross

Sunday, 3/14/10, 2:00 p.m., Meet & End in Stage Room

Join us for this family activity based on the life of Jesus. We will offer outdoor rotation activities concluded with refreshments .

Seder Meal

Wednesday, 3/24/10, 6:30 p.m., Stage Room

Join us for this family program celebrating the elements and ceremonies of the traditional Jewish Passover meal.

Sharing Our Faith

Sunday, 3/28/10, 11:30 a.m., Stage Room

Join us for a potluck lunch as we share food and fellowship with our neighbors in faith from the Westchester Congregational Church.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor
Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

8:30 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *Prayerfully prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE Verdant Pastures on "God So Loved the World" Lewis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

CALL TO WORSHIP Mitch Koziol, Deacon of the Month

Leader: Who are we? To whom do we belong?

All: Who are we going to be, where will our journey take us?

Leader: As we begin our journey through Lent together, we are aware of all our questions. Yet we take heart, for God is with us.

All: Let us worship God, who is our strength and our help.

*HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days #81

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Loving God, we thank you for your love and care for all of creation, including each one of us. As we begin our journey through this Season of Lent, be with us as we ask important questions and seek to make choices that reflect your will for us. We confess that sometimes we try to journey alone, making choices that are not pleasing to you. Forgive us, and hold us close in your love. Forgive us, and give us the courage to follow your way. Amen.

God forgives as we confess and seek a new and better way. God will guide, and God will bless and give us strength, day by day.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE Psalm 91; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

SERMON Where is Our Strength?

* HYMN Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley #80

JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)
Leader: We thank you, God, that you are with us always. Your Spirit is in everything. Help us remember, how much you love us and how much you have done for us.

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OFFERING CALL 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

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

*HYMN **Be Not Dismayed, God Will Take Care of You** (over)

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE Olympic Theme

**Indicates, those who are able, please stand.*

Be Not Dismayed

(God Will Take Care of You)

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Civilla D. Martin, 1904; alt.

Ps. 91



1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath God's wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on God's breast, God will take care of you.



Refrain



God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE I'll Be Back by Tracy Bausum

Children go downstairs for Sunday School.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Cora Mary Rago

Questions of the Parents and Godparents

Question of the Congregation: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

Response of the People:

We promise our love, support, and prayers.

PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

PASTOR We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

ALL Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

*BAPTISM HYMN Child of Blessing #498

SCRIPTURE Psalm 91; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

CHORAL RESPONSE Seek Ye First

SERMON Where is Our Strength?

* HYMN **Be Not Afraid** Choir sings verse, congregation refrain:
**Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest**

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*HYMN **Guide My Feet #354**

BENEDICTION *(Please gather in a circle around the sanctuary.)*

POSTLUDE Olympic Theme
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**Worship
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First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2010**

Bottle & Can Collection

Hi (from Dylan Bausum) - I am collecting bottles and cans to raise money for my Eagle Project. I hope to build six portable collection containers for Colchester Social Services. These containers can be placed at buildings and businesses around our community and will have changeable signs that let people know what is needed - personal hygiene items, food, school supplies, etc.

There will be a large box in the Stage Room for you to leave the cans and bottles. I can also pick them up at your house (860-537-4550). Thank you for your support, Dylan Bausum, Life Scout, Troop 72

Flower Power Fundraiser!

Want to beautify your yard this spring? Warmer weather will be coming, and the **Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bulb and plant sale now through February 28th**. Flower catalogs and order forms are available after service and in the church office. You are welcome to take a catalog home to look at. Bulbs are ordered through Flower Power Fundraising Co., which is located in Burlington, Vermont. Once ordered, your bulbs and plants will be delivered to your home directly from the company in time for the spring planting season. 50% of the funds raised will support CFC. If you would like to help sell to friends, family or at your job, please speak with Kerry Hathaway (873-1022) or Diane Capasso (228-8734).

“To ensure that everyone has a great gardening experience right from the start, Flower Power Fundraising offers only the finest, best-quality bulbs and plants available from growers in Holland and the U.S. We’re so confident in the quality of our products that we offer an unconditional, 100% money-back guarantee.” *flowerpowerfundraising.com*.

Military Whist is Back~~~Sat., March 13th!

Join us for an evening of great fun! For those who haven’t played, Military Whist is an easy-to learn card game, similar to set-back. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. in the Stage Room for snacks, dessert and fellowship. Game will start at 6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to play cards with everyone in the room, enjoying friends and meeting new people. You will also have the chance to win game and raffle prizes. The cost is \$5.00 per person, with proceeds benefiting the missions and ministries of the church.

Bring family and friends! This evening is open to the community. Just ask the youth and adults who went last year about the “good deal” of fun they had! *Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee*

Are you interested in a Fall Mission Trip to New Orleans?

Mission and Mission trips have been a large part of this congregation’s life for as long as one can remember.

For the past five years a group of willing, skilled, and unskilled members of our community have been traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana to help in the continued need to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. We have gutted a house and we have helped rebuild six other homes and one Church.

The need there is still great. If you are interested in going on a Mission trip to New Orleans in late October or early November 2010 please contact Rev. Linda or Donna Hathaway.

Peace and Health,
Donna

Colchester Federated Church
Easter Flowers
Orders taken thru March 14, 2010

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



Greeting today are Mitch & Lori Koziol. They are both very active in the life of Colchester Federated Church. Together they serve as ushers. Lori is always busy doing tasks around the church. She enjoys knitting and helps make sleeping bags for My Brothers Keeper. Mitch,

owner of Mitchell Machine Screw Company in Glastonbury has served as a mentor for the discipleship class five times. He now serves as a deacon. Mitch and Lori have two children and three grandchildren. They enjoy flying kites, hiking, bicycling, kayaking and mountain climbing. They are also loyal members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ushers today are Mary Tomasi at 8:30 and Jim Caronna and Allison Capasso at 10.

Flowers today are in memory of Kerry Hathaway's father, Lowell McRae and her mother, Betsy McRae, who was born on this day.

Flowers today are also In memory of Nancy Bray's Mom and Step-Dad, Rita and Harold Radziewicz; for all the love, happy childhood memories and wonderful family times. We miss both of you very much!

_____ Pick up at the church after Easter services

_____ Donate to home-bound after Easter services

Please mark quantity and choice of each flower:

Lily	_____	6.5" Pot	\$13.50	_____	8" Pot	\$20.50
Daffodil	_____	6.5" Pot	\$9.50	_____	8" Pot	\$13.50
Tulip *	_____	6.5" Pot	\$9.50	_____	8" Pot	\$13.50
Hyacinth *	_____	6.5" Pot	\$9.50	_____	8" Pot	\$13.50

* requested color _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Memorial:

Please make checks payable to the Colchester Federated Church at time of order. Orders may be placed in offering. For further information, please contact a member of Church Life - Jeanie Cullen 537-1085, Karen Monteleone - 537-5580, Renee Misbach -537-9118, or Jen Mitchell -460-6443. Flowers will be purchased at Ballek's of E. Haddam.