

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:30 & 10:00** Worship, led by Rev. Linda Barnes with Tom Evans Preaching
- 11:00** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:30** Jr. High Youth Group Bowling Outing
- 5:30** Crusaders Baseball Exercise (Gym)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

- 10:30** Bible Study (Rev. Linda's office)
- 11:30** Free Community Lunches (Stage Room)
- 6:00** Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts (Jer.-Stage Rooms)
- 7:30** AA (Library)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 11:30** Free Community Lunches (Stage Room)
- 4:00** Tai-Chi (Stage)
- 6:30** Holy Lands Trip Group Meeting (Lounge)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 10:15** My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem Room)
- 11:30** Free Community Lunches (Stage Room)
- 3:30** Crusaders Baseball Exercise (Gym)
- 7:00** Visioning Mtg (Office)/Youth Glee Club (Stage)
- 7:30** AA (Library)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 10:00** AA (Library)
- 11:30** Free Community Lunches (Stage Room)
- 7:00** Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00** Basketball (Gym)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- 11:30** Free Community Lunches (Stage Room)
- 12:00** AA (Library); 7:00 A Place of Hope (Library)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

- 9:15** AA/AI-Anon (Library/Jerusalem/Stage)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:30 & 10:00** Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes Preaching
- 11:00** Annual Financial Mtg. & Pot Luck (Stage)
- 11:00** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30** Crusaders Baseball Exercise (Gym)

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

The flowers in January are given by **Evelyn Plecan**.

Our ushers today: **Mary Tomasi** is our 8:30 a.m. usher, and **Frank Tomlinson** is our 10 a.m. usher.



Greeting today are **Michael McPherson and Jennifer Mitchell, along with Zachary and Olivia**. Jennifer and Michael are childhood sweethearts who reunited after 20 years and were married in 2010. Jen is currently co-chair of the Ministry of Church Life and Mike is on Stewardship and is also an honorary member of Church Life for all the help he gives us at our events. Zak and Livi, both in 4th grade, love playing Legos, spending time in New Hampshire, and playing in the gym after church.

Community Lunches

Free community lunches are available this week, Mon.–Fri., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., here in our Stage Room. All are welcome!

Jr. High Youth Group Bowling

A bowling outing will be held today, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Fee is \$15, including lunch and bowling. Please see Jim or Cheryl Caronna if you haven't turned in your permission slip and fee.

Children's Safety after Worship

Due to the limited amount of response for volunteers in the gym after worship, and for the children's safety, from now on, if your child is in the gym, it will be necessary for you to be in there to watch them. Thank you.

Supplies for My Brother's Keeper

My Brother's Keeper has a desperate need for wool fabric and materials (cloth) to make sleeping bags. The group can also use XL or large sweatshirts, as well as men's ties, travel-size soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hats, gloves or mittens, and men's socks. The apparel can be clean and gently-used. My Brother's Keeper appreciates any donations and welcomes anyone to drop by the Jerusalem Room on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Blood Drive on February 10

The Red Cross has scheduled a Blood Drive to be held on Fri., Feb. 10, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the Church gym. To schedule a donor appointment: 1) call 1-800-448-3543; 2) go on-line at www.bloodct.org; 3) sign-up on the posted sheet on the bulletin board in the Stage Room; or 4) Susan Skoglund can schedule appointments on-line with the Red Cross' new Blood Drive Management System. So, if the last option is easier for you, e-mail (colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net) or call with your preferred time, and Susan will book it for you and then send an e-mail confirmation or call you back. Walk-ins are welcomed, but there could be a waiting time. Please note that the Red Cross does not schedule appointments via phone on the day of the drive—Susan can add your name to the in-house sign-up sheet on that day.

If anyone from the Congregation is interested in volunteering some time that day to assist at the Drive, contact Karen Partington at 860-537-4270 or Cheryl Letendre at 860-537-6516. Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods for the Drive as well. For more info, contact Cheryl Letendre.

Summer VBS Planning

Dear Congregation, The Ministry of Christian Ed. has started planning for this summer's VBS program. There have been suggestions on how to run a safe, exciting program, and the core of a safe program is VOLUNTEERS. The program needs at least 15 adult volunteers; excited youth volunteers are also needed. For many years, the VBS Director has been the CE director; however, Tori Lankerd will be unavailable to run this year's daily program, as she will have a new baby. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual/individuals to be involved in a leadership role with our youth for a short-term commitment. Our program typically runs the third week of Aug., 9am-12pm, Mon.-Fri. Tori will develop the program but feels it would be great if the individual running the week has input. Thanks for considering this great opportunity to become involved with the future of our church--our children. **Without committed volunteers the program will not run this year. Volunteers are needed to ensure time for planning. Contact Tori or any member of CE with your interest.**

Thank you, The Ministry of Christian Education

Food Bank Needs

The Colchester Food Bank has requested various donation items from the area churches and asked that January donations from CFC parishioners be jelly and mustard.

Soup Kitchen Thanks

Thanks the Wink Family--Donna, Chris, Emma, and Taylor--for volunteering to prep and serve breakfast at St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen this past Saturday, January 14.

Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in the Stage Room, followed by a Pot Luck Lunch. Please join us!

WARNING

The United Church of Christ membership of the Colchester Federated Church is hereby warned that the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 22, 2012, for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act on the reports of the church officers.
2. To elect officers for the ensuing year.
3. To discuss and act upon any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Marycia Malloy, Clerk

WARNING

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet for the Annual Financial Meeting to be held Sunday, January 29, 2012 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act upon the Budget presented by the Ministry of Stewardship for the year 2012;
2. To hear and act upon the Financial Reports for the year 2011; and
3. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2012,

by Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2012
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah Handel
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INTROIT Help Us Accept Each Other

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strength that never shakes. Hear your people in prayer, in
song, in laughter and in love! Teach us at church, at home,
in our schools and in every moment of work. Day and night
we are your people. Amen.**

OPENING LITANY OF THE EVERYDAY CHRISTIAN

Tom Culhane, Deacon of the Month, Leader

One: How simple, how close is the Spirit of our God. It is all
around us, in everything that God has created:

All: **Warm cats, lively children, wise seniors, delicious
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strength and love.

All: **Creator God, Mother and Father of all people
everywhere,**

One: We are always in your presence, encountering the Holy.

All: **Help us be fully aware of your presence in this moment.
Amen.**

* HYMN **All Creatures of Our God and King** #455
Verses 1, 4 and 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We come to this place O God, at your invitation. You
welcome us all, and challenge us to welcome one another in
Christ's name. We confess that we sometimes fail to
recognize in each person the wonderful greatness that you
perceive, and to celebrate each one as a child of God.
Forgive us when we fail to show your love.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God hears our prayers, and is ever more ready to
forgive than we are to ask. Receive God's forgiveness and
renewing love!

People: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM Jesus in the Morning

CHILDREN'S STORY Answering the Call by Tori Lankerd
(Children go downstairs for Sunday School)

ANTHEM We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 Tom Evans

SERMON On Kindness Tom Evans

*HYMN **Help Us Accept Each Other** #358

JOYS & CONCERNS

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespass/es)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sinfonia from Cantata No.156 J. S. Bach
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*RESPONSE **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Gracious God, we offer
our gifts and ourselves. Take us and use us as you would
see fit. Inspire us to give our whole lives to you. Teach us
your way. Show us opportunities for love and service. We
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN **We All Are One in Mission #435**

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

POSTLUDE Kim Lewis

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

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*HYMN **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind vs. 1-4 #345**

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