

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - July 27**
9:00 **Worship, Bob Williams preaching**
Blood Pressures Next Week
- Monday - July 28**
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - July 29**
7:00 **Personnel**
- Wednesday- July 30**
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - July 31**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
- Friday - August 1**
- Saturday - August 2**
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- Sunday - August 3**
9:00 **Worship & Communion, Rev. Bob Wright preaching**
Blood Pressures After Service
- 7:00 **Mom's Group (Lounge)**
7:00 Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (Library)

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. (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net. Rev. David Minnick is on call for pastoral emergencies while Rev. Barnes is on vacation. Call the church office for his contact information.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
SEPTEMBER Crier deadline is Thursday, August 21st

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, money, and/or food items to our food drive at Stop and Shop. We raised \$320 and collected 283 food items for the Colchester Food Bank.

Many thanks from Mission and Witness: Pat Culhane, Marycia Malloy, Avis Hull, Karen Wheeler, Kelly LaCoss, Pat Moon, and Kaylin Brennan

HYGIENE KITS FOR CWS

Currently, there is a tremendous need for Hygiene Kits. These simple kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Please consider putting some of these together in plastic bags and leaving them in the box in the Narthex. We will be collecting them through August 3rd. A Hygiene Kit consists of:

1. One hand towel (16"x28")
2. One washcloth (no fingertip or bath towels)
3. One wide tooth comb
4. One nail clipper (no metal files/emery boards)
5. One bar of soap
6. One toothbrush (no toothpaste)
7. 6 Band-aids

There is also a two dollar shipping charge for each Hygiene Kit as well as a shipping charge for us to send the kits to Church World Services, Maryland collection center. If you would like to donate money instead of a kit please write Hygiene Kit on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate.

HABITAT HELPERS WANTED!!

It is not too late to sign up for a Colchester Federated Church Habitat workday. It will be held Saturday August 16th and we need workers! The workday is from 8:30-3:30 in New London. **There will be a training day in the stage room at the Colchester Federated Church on August 5th at 7pm.** This will last about one hour. A training session is required before helping at a workday. If you can't make this training day there are training sessions every second Saturday of the month in New London. If you can't make it on the 16th but are interested in participating in the future please come to the training day on the 5th as this will be the only training day held at the church. Please call or email Marycia at 537-0849, maryciapt@hotmail.com.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR BALLGAME!

Looking for some affordable family fun, not too far from home? TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO GET YOUR TICKETS for the **Connecticut Defenders baseball game on Friday, August 8th, 6:30 p.m. at Dodd Stadium in Norwich.** We have great seating behind home plate and along the first base line. Fireworks will also be on display. Tickets are \$8.00 each, and half of all proceeds will benefit CFC. In case of bad weather, your ticket is good for another game of your choice. Come,

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

www.ColchesterFederatedChurch.org Phone 537-5189

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

July 27, 2008
9:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE In The Garden Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O people of God!

People: **Be glad and rejoice with all our hearts!**

Leader: The LORD has taken away our punishment, He has turned back our enemy.

People: **The LORD is with us; never again will we fear any harm.**

Leader: He will take great delight in us,

People: **He will quiet us with His love, He will rejoice over us with singing**

All: **Let us worship God**

*OPENING HYMN **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty** #489

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Loving and merciful God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

SPECIAL MUSIC Eja, Eja! (Eja is Latin for Joy) Lightfoot Women's Chorus

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p 795)

SERMON Mr. Robert Williams, Guest Preacher

*HYMN **Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above** back of bulletin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Moderato Grovlez

*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

Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich. Yet you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. Accept this offering as a token of gratitude for all you have done. Use it, we pray, to spread your reign to the hearts of people everywhere. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN **O Worship the King** #476

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Invention in D minor Bach

**Indicates that all who are able may stand*

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above 46

1 Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove and keeps his court be - low;
 2 Cel - e - brate th'e - ter - nal God with harp and psal - ter - y,
 3 God, in whom they move and live, let ev - ery crea - ture sing,

praise the ho - ly God of love, and all his great-ness show;
 tim - brels soft and cym - bals loud in this high praise a - gree;
 glo - ry to their Mak - er give, and hom - age to their King.

praise him for his no - ble deeds, praise him for his match - less power;
 praise him, ev - ery tune - ful string; all the reach of heaven - ly art,
 Hallow - ed be his name be - neath, as in heaven on earth a - dored;

him from whom all good pro - ceeds let earth and heaven a - dore.
 all the powers of mu - sic bring, the mu - sic of the heart.
 praise the Lord in ev - ery breath, let all things praise the Lord.

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9:00 a.m. Worship
July 27, 2008

join in the fun and “root, root, root for the home team!”

Please see Joann Riddell, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan or Diane Capasso for tickets. Thank-you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Aug 18th – 22nd

It's not too early to sign up for VBS. There are registration forms at the foot of the stairs on the education bulletin board as well in the office. This is for preschool through 5th grade. It's a great experience for the children as well as the volunteers. If you would like to help in any capacity, fill out the bottom part of the registration form or talk to Tracy Bausum. The kids would love to have you help out!

2nd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Second quarter giving statements are in the Narthex. These were reprinted due to missing detail contribution data. If you already picked up your statement, there is an updated statement for you in the tray. Sorry for the error.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE BAG SUPPER ON THE GREEN!

Special thanks to those who baked and to **Rev. Linda Barnes, Jeannette Brennan, Jen and John Clarke, Joan and Nels Frantzen, Shelly and John Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Marycia Malloy, Liza Ringuette and Karen Wheeler for helping in the kitchen and/or serving on the green.** We enjoyed a good time, even in the heat! \$231.00 was raised to support our church home. Thanks to all those who purchased a bag supper and we hope you enjoyed the music. *Diane Capasso*

JAZZERCAMP – Aug 25th to 29th

Grace Couture will be offering a week of Jazzercamp this summer from 9am until noon for children ages 6 -10. The week of fun will include exercise, dance training, cheerleading, nutrition education, fun and games, healthy snacks, a Jr. Jazzercise t-shirt and a performance Friday at noon. Single day participation and sibling discounts are available. Please contact Grace Couture for additional information and to register. 537-2647 couture5@comcast.net

Prayer request

According to the weather reports, it is our understanding that it is 122 degrees in Iraq right now -- and the low will be 111! Our troops need our prayers for strength, endurance, and safety. If it be God's will, give these men and women the strength they need to prevail.

'Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands.. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world. *(This prayer request was sent to us by Ingrid Hearn, whose house we worked on in New Orleans last October.*

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

Greeting today is Shirley Pugh. Shirley graduated from Fredonia State Music College. She has three children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. She sings in the church choir, plays in bell and chime choir and is a substitute organist for local churches, including Colchester Federated Church.

The Ushers this morning are Mitch and Lori Koziol.

Work to do

God hath work to do in this world; and to desert it because of its difficulties and entanglements, is to cast off his authority. It is not enough that we be just, that we be righteous, and walk with God in holiness; but we must also serve our generation, as David did before he fell asleep. God hath a work to do; and not to help him is to oppose him.

—John Owen