

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - June 29**
9:00 **Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching**
7:00 **Mom's Group and Book Study on "A New Earth"**
Blood Pressures Next Week
- Monday - June 30**
11:00 **Bible Study**
6:30 **BBQ (Burgers, Bibles & Questions) – Koziol Home**
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - July 1**
- Wednesday July 2**
7:00 **Parking Lot and House Discussion continues-- (Jerusalem)**
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - July 3**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
- Friday - July 4** *Happy Fourth of July!*
- Saturday - July 5**
Stage Room Floor Refinishing
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- Sunday - July 6**
9:00 **Worship & Communion, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching**
10:00 **Tag Sale Item Drop-off (Jerusalem)**
Blood Pressures After Service

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.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
AUGUST Crier deadline is Tuesday, July 22nd.

MOM'S GROUP – TODAY!

Come join the Mom's Group as we further our discussion on Eckhart Tolle's new book, "A New Earth". We welcome new faces and new perspectives! We'll be reading Chapters 5 & 6; however, if you are unable to get the reading feel free to come along anyway. Our readings and get togethers have helped us to become more aware of the impact of defining ourselves by our thoughts, beliefs and the various roles we play in life. Through this awareness we begin to release ourselves from this limiting behavior so that we may experience a deeper communion with God and an abundance of joyful peace. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. Feel free to call or email Liza Ringuette with any questions: elizabethringuette@sbcglobal.net, 537-3424

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR BALLGAME!

Looking for some affordable family fun, not too far from home? Tickets are on sale NOW through July 27th for a **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, 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!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held at 11:00 a.m. in the pastor's office. On June 30th we will be discussing: Genesis 24:34-57; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. All are welcome.



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!

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

www.ColchesterFederatedChurch.org Phone 537-5189

Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor

Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

June 29, 2008

9:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.

All: ***(Turn to the person beside you and say "Welcome to our worship.")***

One: Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

All: ***(Turn to someone else and welcome them.)***

One: Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's children will be blessed by God.

All: **All are welcome here! Let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** #150

PRAYERS, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: **Sometimes, O God, it seems as though we're all alone, like nobody cares. Sometimes we hear others laughing at us, hurting our feelings, making us feel unimportant or worthless. Yet you have promised always to be with us. Help us to remember that promise, and to be strengthened by it.**

Leader: God works in us, through us, and with us:
to heal the pain we cause one another
when we turn away, when we shove aside,
when we do not listen, when we do not share,
when we judge one another, when we reject one another.
God works in us, through us, with us:
to be the faith that makes all things well.

Leader: As we confess our sins, God forgives us and works with us to heal our hurts and those of the world. Rejoice in the holy one.

People: **Rejoice in the steadfast love of God. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Barnes
(Children go downstairs for their activities.)

SPECIAL MUSIC Entr'acte G. Bizet Rev. Linda Barnes, flute

SCRIPTURE Genesis 22:1-14 (p 15-16); Matthew 10:34-42 (p 791-92)

SERMON Struggling with Difficult Passages

*HYMN **Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God** #333

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CALL TO OFFERING

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)**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **We offer these gifts to you, O God, that they may serve your purposes in the world. And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. Help us to live as your faithful children every day. Amen**

*CLOSING HYMN **Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated** verses 1-3 #391

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Handel
**Indicates that all who are able may stand*



“A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES.”

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

According to an Arabian proverb, “A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one’s heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.”

That’s why it’s so important to have Christian friends. We can share the good and bad, confident that our friends won’t judge us as a result. Instead, true friends celebrate our successes and encourage us during disappointments.

As the Bible says, “A friend loves at all times” (Proverbs 17:17, NRSV).

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9:00 a.m. Worship
June 29, 2008

HYGIENE KITS FOR CWS

We will be collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service beginning today through the end of July. According to Church World Service, in the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. 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

Please place each Hygiene Kit into a plastic bag.

Church World Service is assisting victims of natural disasters in various ways in numerous states in the United States, in China, and in Myanmar, as well as, their regular assistance all over the world.

There will be a basket placed in the Narthex to collect the Hygiene Kits. 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 so 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.

CHURCH TAG SALE~~~SAT., JULY 12th~~~9 am—1pm!

If you have items for the sale, you may drop them off in the Jerusalem Room at the following times. Note that we do not take clothing or any broken items.

Sunday, July 6th—right after church

Monday through Thursday evening, July 7-10: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Large furniture items will be accepted ONLY Saturday morning,
July 12th by 8 a.m. in front of the church.

If you would like to help with pricing, or help on the day of the sale please speak with anyone on Fundraising. We would appreciate it. We were very fortunate last year to have a large church participation with this event, and hope to see many of you again this year along with some new faces.

REMEMBER: Come and shop! Bring family and friends. There will be something for everyone! Proceeds will support CFC and the fall mission trip to New Orleans.

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee:

*Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway,
Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are getting a group together to help at a Habitat for Humanity Southeastern CT worksite at the end of August. The volunteers must be over 16 to be on a worksite. There is a training session required before being allowed on a worksite that can be taken the second Saturday of every month. Habitat for Humanity will send a trainer out to our church on a weeknight if there is a group of people interested (even if small). The training session runs about one hour. Please let us know if you are at all interested so we can plan the training. Contact Marycia Malloy at 537-0849 or maryciapt@hotmail.com. There will also be a sign up on the table in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE Friday Nov.14-Sat. Nov. 15 at Camp Wightman for a Retreat on "Faith and Ethics in Daily Life" co-led by our student pastor for next year Sara Ofner and Beatrice Manning, member of CFC and on the path to ordination.

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



Greeting today are Jennifer Mitchell and her son Zachary. Jennifer has lived in Colchester for 8 years. She joined the Colchester Federated Church last year. She is a Contract Assistant for Pratt & Whitney. She enjoys scrap booking, genealogy, going to concerts, to the beach and local baseball. Zachary will be going into first grade in the fall. He loves Superheroes and just playing.

The Ushers this morning are Jim Caronna and Dylan Bausum.

The flowers on the pulpit are in memory of John and Nancy **Dooley's** grandson Ethan Scott Collins.

Thank you to all who bought Father's Day Tool Cards. Over \$100 was raised for Church World Service. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you to Marycia Malloy for providing activities for the children today.