

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY - MARCH 1**  
8:30 Worship & Communion, Rev. Linda Barnes Preaching  
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11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 Discipleship (Lounge)  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal

**MONDAY - MARCH 2**  
10:15 Bible Study (Office)  
7:00 Mom's Group (Liza Ringuette's House)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

**TUESDAY - MARCH 3**  
10:30 Linda Leads Worship at Liberty Hall  
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)

**WEDNESDAY- MARCH 4**  
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)  
11:00 Staff Meeting (Office)  
6:30 Lenten Series (Lounge)  
7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

**THURSDAY - MARCH 5**  
10:00 AA (Library)  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY - MARCH 6**  
6:00 Scrapbooking Fundraiser (Stage)

**SATURDAY - MARCH 7**  
9:00 Deacon's Retreat (Jeannie Cullen's House)  
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)

**SUNDAY - MARCH 8**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes Preaching  
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11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 Jr. High Youth Group (Jerusalem)  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal  
11:15 New Members Meeting (Lounge)

**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](mailto:colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net) (note: no second "d"). Rev. Linda Barnes' email is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net). When no one is in the office, you are welcome to call Rev. Barnes on her cell phone at 334-6790.

**Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.  
APRIL Crier deadline is WEDNESDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> .**

"Render unto Caesar..."

As discussed at the Feb. 22nd congregational meeting, we still have about a \$2,000 - \$3,000 gap to close in the 2009 budget in order to avoid any potential job eliminations. One of the ideas discussed at the meeting was to pledge some portion of any income tax refund (or additional stimulus check) your family may be receiving this year to the church's operating budget, and to perhaps even consider a 10% tithe of that refund. If you feel called to do so, please contact our Asst. Treasurer Steve Bradstreet (you can also call him at 537-3810 or via email at [sbradstreet@snet.net](mailto:sbradstreet@snet.net)). Thank you!

**To date, we have heard from two families that have made this commitment, for an estimated \$600 in total.**

## **PAPER SUPPLIES NEEDED**

CFC Supplies is looking for a number of paper supplies. Most desperately needed are toilet paper and paper towels. Also, copy paper is an office supply that is used in large quantities. When shopping if you could pick up any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. There is a basket at the front of the church as well as reminders if you need one. Yes these small but essential items will help save the church money!

## **FOOD BANK NEEDS**

Colchester food bank is currently in need of rice, jelly and crackers. If you could help out with any of these items it would be greatly appreciated!

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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TOLLING OF THE BELLS *Prayerfully prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE            Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine            Fedak

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT            My Faith It Is An Oaken Staff

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: Come, Spirit: as healing and wholeness

UNISON INVOCATION

**God of all our days, You call us to love and serve one another and deepen our relationship with you. As we set off on this Lenten journey together enliven us with the beauty of your word unite us in a common purpose and create in us a burning desire to be your community of blessing for the entire world. Amen.**

\*HYMN    Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days            #81

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION **O God, we come to worship this morning, knowing that we have not done all**

**that you wished us to do. We have not been the people that you wished us to be. We have not lived in the loving ways that Jesus taught us. We forget that our actions can make a difference in our school, or job, or neighborhood. We are sorry that we have let you down, and ask for your forgiveness. Please give us strength to try again. Thank you God, for listening. Help us to listen to one another.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us live in joy as a forgiven people, with fresh commitment in our hearts, to make a new beginning for Christ's sake.

**People: May God bless our Lenten journeys. Amen**

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CHILDREN'S TIME It all started with "Faith"    Tracy Bausum  
*(Young children go downstairs for their classes)*

ANTHEM            How Firm A Foundation            Fedak

SCRIPTURE    Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15

SERMON            God's Loving Paths

\*HYMN            **O Jesus, I Have Promised            # 389**

JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY    **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
*(tune of #591)*    **Praise God all creatures here below.**  
                         **Praise God above ye heavenly Host.**  
                         **Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Luke wrote of our risen Savior, how at the table with two of the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In communion with all believers in every time, on every continent, across history and time, and in celebration of the beauty of the differences that link us in a common hope that all might be well, let us pray:

People: **In every season, may we be held together in Christ, through the blessing of this table where we celebrate the risen Christ in the sharing of this bread.**

Leader: This table is open for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to all who seek to share in the community of God's people.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and SHARING OF THE CUP

*This communion table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice. We invite you to hold each element until all have received them so that we may commune together.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen**

\*HYMN **In the Midst of New Dimensions** insert

BENEDICTION *(Please make a circle around the sanctuary.)*

POSTLUDE Fughetta Zundel

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\*COMMUNION HYMN    **Now To Your Table Spread            #515**

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## **EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE**

For the next month and then (at least) every Communion Sunday after we will have Equal Exchange products available after the 10am service. A representative from Mission and Witness will be present the first month and then it will be run on an honor system basis. Please stop by the table to see our variety of teas, coffee and hot chocolate as well as additional pamphlets on this topic.

## **CLEAN-UP BUCKET COLLECTIONS**

WE ARE IN OUR LAST MONTH OF COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CLEAN-UP BUCKETS. We need your help to attain our goal to make 30 clean-up buckets for Church World Service! This month we are collecting

**7 Sponges per bucket-assorted sizes and  
24 bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)**

We are still in much need of the following collection items :

**50 Clothespins per bucket  
Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft  
50-78 oz Box of Dry Laundry Detergent  
Cleaning Towels (reusable like Easy Wipes)  
Scrub Brush  
12oz bottle of Liquid Concentrated Household Cleaner  
(like Lysol)  
Scouring Pads  
Latex Gloves  
5 gallon buckets with a handle and lid**

Please place the items in the purple box in the Narthex. Thank you. We appreciate everything you have brought in.

## **HEIFER PROJECT**

We will be selling alternative giving cards for the Heifer Project during Lent. The cards begin at 5\$ a piece. If you are looking to give something besides candy for Easter think about stopping by our Heifer Project table.

We are also going to be offering Heifer Hope Honey to buy for your use at home for 7\$ a bottle. This is a new item offered by Heifer and you are getting it at cost. The Heifer table will be next to our Equal Exchange Table at coffee hour throughout Lent.

“Heifer Hope Honey is a premium blend and comes from both small-scale farming projects right here in the United States as well as our project participants in Honduras and does several things. It gives some of our partners an area to showcase their product in areas of the world that they would otherwise be unable to as well as giving them the opportunity to sell their product to earn more income.

Your purchase of this honey provides a market for these project participants and proceeds help fund projects that enable struggling families worldwide to lift themselves out of poverty.” [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) We hope to see you there.

## **SOLD OUT!**

Many thanks to all who purchased our Chili Lunch on February 22. We sold out! We hope you enjoyed the food, and we appreciate your support. Special thanks to **Nancy Bray, Joan Frantzen and John Clarke** for their extra help with this fundraiser. Together we raised \$312.95 to support our operational fund. Thank-you all! *The Fundraising Committee: Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann riddell*

## **OGHS Live!**

During Wednesdays in Lent, *OGHS Live!* will allow you to hear live up-dates and interact with ministries funded by One Great Hour of Sharing.® Rev. Alan Coe , Minister for Disaster Recovery in the South Central Conference, New Orleans, will be the featured speaker on March 4, 2009. For details on how to participate, visit <http://www.ucc.org/oghs/resources/oghs-lenten-programming.html>

### \*\*\* In Appreciation \*\*\*



**Today's greeters** are Mark and Lorraine Tierney and their daughter, Michelle Neri Lorette. Michelle is a sophomore at Bacon Academy. She enjoys pole vaulting, texting, and attending Camp Wightman. Lorraine is a speech language pathologist at the middle school in Colchester.

She runs, scrapbooks, and plays the piano in her spare time. Mark works for Pratt and Whitney at the Middletown Engine Center. He loves to run, fly kites, and work on his '59 Chevelle. As a family, they enjoy traveling and camping.

**The ushers** at the 8:30 service are Mitch and Lori Koziol and Martin and Theodore Ball and Joey Bradstreet at 10:00.

A hearty thank you to all who are contributing to the vitality and well-being of our church! Each contribution is essential, a sign of faithfulness and blessing. I am grateful to you. We are grateful to one another. We are grateful for each pledge and financial contribution. We are grateful to the ministries, missions, and committees who are working so hard to balance our budget. A huge thank-you to everyone!

We also celebrate last evening's dinner and all who made it possible. We thank John Sawchuk for the idea, and John and Steve Fedus as head cooks, Jeannie Cullen for organizing the dining room, Pat Korenkeiwicz as music director, the Irish musicians, David Nelson—and everyone who helped make this a fun and successful event!

# In the Midst of New Dimensions

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*— Rush, 1985; alt.*

*Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14*

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,  
 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self- seek-ing schemes,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.

## Refrain

Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.