

## Lenten Series

### CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY - March 21**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching  
10:00 Worship, meditation by Kristen Marquardt  
11:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 Communion Class  
11:30 Jr. High Youth Cookie Making

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

**TUESDAY - March 23**  
4:00 Tai Chi

**WEDNESDAY - March 24**  
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)  
6:30 Seder Meal (Stage)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

**THURSDAY - March 25**  
10:00 AA (Library)  
5:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY - March 26**  
Easter Fair Setup

**SATURDAY - March 27**  
9:00 AA/Al-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)  
11:00 Easter Fair (until 2pm)

**SUNDAY - March 28 – Palm Sunday**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching  
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11:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 Pot Luck with Westchester Church

**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).

Our next Lenten Series programs are listed below, this Wednesday evening and the following Sunday. If you have questions, please see Tracy Bausum.

#### 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.

### ANNUAL EASTER FAIR!

**SAT., March 27th ~~~ 11 A.M.---2 P.M.**

**FUN for all the young and “young at heart!”**

**Featuring:** *Easter Egg Hunt, Games throughout the gym, Egg Dyeing, Decorating Easter Cookies, Crafts, Live Animals,*

*Pizza Lunch with the Easter Bunny,*

*Bake Sale and Novelties for your child's Easter Basket.*

There will be a nominal fee for games, crafts and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the CFC Youth Mission Trip this summer, and our church. If you would like to donate a package of plastic eggs or bag of wrapped candies (like Hershey's kisses), please put these in the box in the narthex. If you would like to donate a dozen hard-boiled eggs, or bake sugar cookies, brownies, or a specialty item please speak with Tracy Bausum (537-4550), Diane Capasso (228-8734) or Pat Culhane (537-1202). Donations are very much appreciated!

### Jr High Youth Group –Today!

We will be traveling to Joyce Moore's home to make Easter Cookies for the homebound members of our church. We will car pool from the church at 11:30. Each student is asked to

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus Andrew Clarke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: **A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and follow.**

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and the crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree..

People: **A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.**

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we--like the woman anointing Jesus' feet with fine ointment--have to offer.

People: **A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.**

Leader: Let us worship with humility, faithfulness and hope.

\*OPENING HYMN **Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said** *insert*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O God, you lavish the universe with life, poured out from the bounty of your blessedness.

People: **You share the aroma of your holiness with all creatures great and small.**

Leader: We thank you for Jesus, who poured out his life that we might have the priceless gifts of salvation, forgiveness and mercy.

People: **We confess O God, that while you lavish us with unconditional love, we have not always shared that with others.**

Leader: On the feet of those who hate us,

People: **how often have we poured the aroma of love?**

Leader: With those who have hurt us,

People: **when have we shared the fragrance of forgiveness?**

Leader: On those who war with us.

People: **when have we spread the perfume of peace?**

Leader: On those who are harsh with us

People: **have we lavished the scent of gentleness?**

Leader: We confess, O Creator, that in our humanness,

People: **we have not always dared to share your love with others. Forgive us, and pour your love into our hearts, that our souls will become fountains of the precious gifts that flow from your grace. Transform our good intentions into holiness, that we may bless others with love.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON The God of overflowing mercy has forgiven all our sins. As we have gone out weeping, God pours upon us never-ending grace. Know that you are forgiven, and come back to God with shouts of joy!

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

SERMON Lenten Journey

\* HYMN **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** #81

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND THE 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

**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** God Whose Giving #422

**\*BENEDICTION** *(Please gather in the center aisle.)*

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary in A minor John James

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written by her mother Henrietta Bradley Russell Dupre.

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT What Does the Lord Require?

CALL TO WORSHIP Ted Sanford, Deacon of the Month, Leader

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

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SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hear this good news: God is not far away! Call out to God, who always listens, who is merciful and forgiving, who gives us new life.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Sermons We See" Tracy Bausum  
(Children go downstairs for Sunday School.)

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER

Leader: The church is a family of people with varieties of gifts, united by the Spirit revealed in Jesus. It is the people of God, with diversity of needs, ideas and visions—trusting in the love of our Creator God, inspired by the Spirit, living in the words and deeds of Jesus.

People: **It is the Spirit of caring for one another, of forgiving, of helping each other, of love revealed in the life and death of Jesus.**

New Member: *I want to share in that Spirit.*

Leader: We see the Spirit of openness to the world and to all people as our sisters and brothers, of continual searching and learning—of affirming our belief, and asking God to help us where we falter and fear. The stirring toward growth and renewal takes many forms. Do you promise, as much as you are able, to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship and work of this local church as it serves the community and the world?

New Member: *I promise, with the help of God.*

UNISON PRAYER: **We rejoice, O merciful God, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that Kristen has been moved to join with this congregation of faith. Keep her steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

Deacon: Let us, the members of Colchester Federated Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. We welcome you with joy into the life of this church.

People: **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE    Isaiah 43:16-21

ANTHEM                    Peters Denial                    Alfred Fedak

GOSPEL READING        Matthew 16:13-20

CHORAL RESPONSE      Seek the Lord                  Senior Choir

MEDITATION "My Name is Peter"    Kristen Poirier Marquardt

\* HYMN                    **Were You There?                    #102**

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bring an item to share for lunch.

## **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. The only date available in Oct. 2010 is Oct. 23rd thru Oct. 30th. I have reserved that date for a group of 12. If you are interested please let me know, SOON. Thanks. Peace and Health, Donna

## **Book Study – The Alchemist**

Lori Hall is organizing a book study at her home. We had a great time Tuesday night - lots of laughs and good discussion. We decided to do The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho next. We'll meet at her house again on 3/30 at 7:00. It's a very short book - shouldn't take long to read. Ed read it at one sitting. Hope you can make it! Please let Lori know so she knows how many to plan for. There may be a copy of the book in the office if someone would like to borrow it.

## **Flower Power Thanks!**

Many thanks to all those who ordered bulbs and plants from Flower Power, and for asking your co-workers and family! Your orders have been sent, and you will receive everything in time for the spring planting season. We raised **\$879.50** to help support the ministry and missions of our church.

Thank-you and enjoy your plants! Kerry Hathaway and Diane Capasso

## **Women's Fellowship Meeting**

Women!! Please join in the Women's Fellowship gathering on Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm in the lounge for an evening of paper crafts. Joan Frantzen will be leading us in the art of paper folding. Refreshments will be served and we look

forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please call Nancy Dooley @ 537-2979.

## **Potluck Lunch with Westchester**

Next Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a pot-luck lunch with members of the Westchester Congregational Church, in our Stage Room at 11:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to share some good food and conversation with our neighbors in faith. Everyone is welcome!

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## **Thanking Donna**

On Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> at our 10:00 worship service (along with our Earth Day emphasis) we will honor Donna Hathaway for her many years of faithful work leading our Parish Nursing program. Not only was Donna well prepared and certified, she brought her personal sensitivity, skill and compassion—plus her infectious sense of humor. She is concluding her service as our parish nurse on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are very grateful for Donna's work among us, and know she has helped to give us a solid foundation for continuing The Mission of Wellness work in our congregation.

## **Save the Date: Davida's Retirement Party**

The Rev. Dr. Davida Crabtree is retiring from her position as Minister of the CT. Conference UCC, effective May 15, 2010. There is a retirement celebration May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Old State House in Hartford. All are welcome.

## **Save the Date: Spring Congregational Meeting**

Our spring annual congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a pot-luck lunch. This will be an opportunity to hear of the work of our Ministries and Missions, and to see who will be serving on those ministries in the coming year. It also is an opportunity to hear updates

on financial matters.

## **Save the Date: Mother Daughter Banquet**

Our annual Mother Daughter Banquet will be on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> in our church gym at 6:00 p.m. All women of the church and community are welcome. We always have a good time. A delicious dinner will be served by our church men. Watch for details in the coming weeks.

## **Good Friday Gospel Vigil**

Spread the word! This year in observance of Good Friday, we are going to try to have the Gospels being read continuously in the sanctuary from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 9 hours to read all four Gospels from the beginning of each through the Death of Jesus. In lieu of a set service, this will give congregants and members of the community an opportunity to come and worship on Good Friday whenever and for how ever long they are able. We are looking for at least 2, and as many as 6, individuals (adults as well as kids who are old enough to be proficient readers) per hour to handle the reading duties. Even if you cannot stay for an entire hour, if you can dedicate any time to helping with the reading, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping with the reading on Good Friday, please contact Tom St. Louis at (860) 537-6314 or at [t\\_stlouis@yahoo.com](mailto:t_stlouis@yahoo.com). Remember, even if you can't help with the reading, please stop by to hear the Word and join us in worship.

## **CFC Easter Cards!**

Beautiful CFC Easter Cards and All-Occasion Cards will be available to order **TODAY** following the 10 a.m. service at coffee hour. Sample cards will be displayed. The Easter selection is \$5.00 for a set of 4 cards and envelopes. The all-occasion cards are \$10.00 for a set of 8 cards and envelopes. You may also order individual cards for \$1.25 each in any quantity that you wish.

Many thanks to Tom Evans for creating these beautiful cards with the uplifting Easter message for our church! If you have further questions, please speak with Tom or Joann Riddell.  
*Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee*

## **Thank You, Card Players!**

It was a “dark and stormy night” on March 13, but many of you ventured out to play Military Whist and we appreciate it! We hope you enjoyed all the fun, fellowship, and meeting new people. Special thanks to **Michael Welch** who led the game and kept us on the move from table to table. Many thanks also to **John and Nancy Dooley and the Women’s Fellowship** for providing six extra card tables for the church. Thank-you to **Julie Clarke and Emma Wink** for volunteering their time for child-care so that parents could have a special night out; to all who helped with set-up and clean-up and to those who baked. Congratulations to all our game and raffle winners! After expenses, we raised \$177 to help support the ministries and missions of our church. Thank-you all!

*The Fundraising Committee: Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp and Joann Riddell.*

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



**Greeting today** is the Sanford Family. Ted and Sue have lived in Colchester for 8 years. Ted is a special investigator for DCS. Sue is a stay at home mom. They both teach Sunday School. Luke is 10 years old and is in 4th grade . He plays soccer and baseball and likes to draw. Jeremy, 6, likes everything - including music, dancing and soccer. As a family they like to hike, camp and ski and enjoy being outdoors with nature.

**Ushers today** are Mitch & Lori Koziol at 8:30 and Mark & Lorraine Tierney at 10.

**The flowers today** are given by Nancy Dupre Schurr in loving memory of her mother Henrietta Bradley Russell Dupre who died 20 years ago March 22nd.

## Letter to the Congregation - revised

### Your Ideas Are Important!

The future of our Christian Education Program will be back on the table next year. Why worry about that now?!!

We have a wonderful influx of young families coming to CFC. The parents of those children have jumped in to teach Sunday School, volunteer in the Nursery, serve on Ministries, work with the teens, and even help at the Tag Sales and Holly Fair fund raisers.

It is our responsibility as a congregation to support the advisors, our Christian Education Coordinator and our Youth Resource Leader, to keep this momentum going. When the economy is stable and the church is flourishing, we might have the budget to do this. However, it has been difficult in the last several years to even meet our budget without support for CE included. Three years have been covered by \$27,000 from the gift fund we were fortunate enough to have received.

We welcome all ideas on how to move forward. One suggestion has been to establish a permanent fund for this purpose; Memorial Donations and Gifts for any occasion could be a wonderful help. Another idea is to add a special line on our annual pledge card for CE support---week/month/year or even a one-time donation.

**We would truly appreciate your ideas, and would like to meet Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the lounge after the 10 a.m. service to discuss your thoughts.** If you can't make this meeting, you may leave your suggestions in the office with Tom or send them to Carol Plecan at 214 Lake Hayward Rd., 06415 or hand them to me [Carol] while in church. It is our hope to be able to present a plan for CE support at the May annual meeting, and possibly vote on a commitment to support this plan. The Ministry of Stewardship and our Diaconate are in support of this endeavor, and would like to add the CE positions as a line-item to our budget.

The future of any church is always in the hands of the young. Please let us be sure to take care of them now so they will be here to take care of the next generation.

Thank you. Carol Plecan

Take Up Thy Cross 415

1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst  
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak  
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy  
4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the  
spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy  
fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.  
cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)  
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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