

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - MAY 3

- 8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes Preaching
- 10:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes Preaching
- 11:15 Hand Chimes Rehearsal
- 11:15 Congregational Meeting (Stage)
- 11:30 Discipleship (Lounge)

MONDAY - MAY 4

- 10:15 Bible Study (Office)
- 6:30 Garden Club (Emmaus)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Bethlehem)
- 7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY - MAY 5

- 10:15 Linda Leads Worship at Liberty Hall
- 3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
- 6:30 Church Life (Karen Monteleone's house)

WEDNESDAY- MAY 6

- 10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting
- 7:00 Book Study on "The Shack" (Lounge)
- 7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)
- 7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY - MAY 7

- 10:00 AA (Library)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - May 8

SATURDAY - May 9

- 9:00 AA/Al-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)
- (CT Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Hartford)*

SUNDAY - May 10

- 8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
- 10:00 Worship & Baptism, Rev. Barnes preaching
- 11:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal

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 (note: no second "d"). Rev. Linda Barnes' email is 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.
JUNE/JULY CRIER deadline is May 17.**

CWS MOTHERS DAY CARDS

Looking for a meaningful gift to give the women in your life? There will be Mother's Day Blanket cards to support Church World Service available for \$5 after the 8:30am and 10am services. They will be available at coffee hour after the 10am service and in the narthex after the 8:30am service.

DEFENDERS BALL GAME FUNDRAISER

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd..." Baseball season is in full "swing" and the Fundraising Committee is again sponsoring a fun-filled trip to the Connecticut Defenders. Be a big "hit" with your family and treat them to the **Defenders (a San Francisco Giants affiliate) vs. the Portland Sea Dogs (a Red Sox affiliate), on Friday May 29th, at 6:30 p.m. at Dodd Stadium in Norwich.** We have good seating along first base line in Section 10. First come, first serve for best choices. **Tickets are \$8.00 each, and half of all ticket sales will benefit CFC.** Fireworks will also be on display that evening.

Tickets may be purchased from the Fundraising Committee or through the church office now through May 22. So "run" for your tickets and "catch" all the excitement! In case of inclement weather your ticket is good for any other home game. *The Fundraising Committee: Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell*

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

www.ColchesterFederatedChurch.org Phone 537-5189

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

May 3, 2009

8:30 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS (*prayerfully prepare for worship*)

PRELUDE Brother James' Air Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our Shepherd. We have everything we need.

All: **Sing praises to God who loves and protects us.**

One: God gives us strength and guides us in the right paths.

All: **Sing praises to God who loves and protects us.**

One: This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us.

All: **Sing praises to God who loves and protects us.**

One: Our love should not just be words. It must be love which shows itself in action.

All: **We come to worship God and be strengthened,
that we might go forth to love and serve others.**

*OPENING HYMN **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #387**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Let us confess before God our shortcomings, acknowledging God's goodness and mercy:

When we feel useless and despairing,

All: **you lead us back from the dark valley, O God,
and give us our confidence back.**

One: When we have no wish to join in, but try to go it alone,

All: **you lead us back to community, O God, and show us the
joy and satisfaction of working with others.**

One: When we refuse to meet a challenge, or get involved in a just cause,

All: **you lead us from the place of denial. O God,
and give us the courage to stand with the oppressed.**

One: When we neglect our life of faith and cannot find time for worship, prayer, or your Word

All: **you lead us back into faithfulness, O God, and enable us
to see our priorities as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, the good shepherd, forgives us
and leads us in the paths of righteousness.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

SERMON The Good Shepherd

*HYMN **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #172**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespass)

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (*tune of #591*)

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 **Accept these gifts we offer, O God. May they help to proclaim your Easter message to all people, a message of peace and hope, a message of love for all people, a message of forgiveness and new life. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and later sat at table with two of the disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: **This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the East and the West, from the North and the South, and gather about Christ's table.**

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.

*COMMUNION HYMN **I Come With Joy** **#507**

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 of all our days and years, 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 **Now Let Us from This Table Rise** **Insert**

BENEDICTION Loving Shepherd God, Like a father, you care for us; like a mother, you protect us. As we leave this place, give us new strength to do your will, guide us on our way. May we be blessed with your goodness and love, this day and all the days of our lives. Amen.

POSTLUDE The Singing Trumpet Paxton

*Indicates that all who are able may stand.

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BENEDICTION *(Form a circle around the sanctuary.)*

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SACRED DANCERS

We are looking for girls 4th grade and up to participate in the Pentecost Sacred Dance on May 31st. **No dance experience is necessary!** Please contact Kristen Poirier (423-7677) or Rev. Linda.

FLOWERS FOR MAY

Consider putting flowers or another type of decorative arrangement in the sanctuary as a way to honor a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Please contact Jude Bradstreet at 537-3810 if you are interested in providing an arrangement for an upcoming Sunday service during the month of May.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Save the Date: Saturday, June 6th

ANNE FRANK PROGRAMS AT LIBRARY

The following **free** programs are being held at the Cragin Memorial Library:

May 5 at 7:00pm – Film: The Last Seven Months

May 20 11am to 6pm – Reading: The Diary of a Young Girl

No advance registration is necessary.

STAGE CALL FOR ALL ACTORS, ACTRESSES AND STAGE HELPERS--- BOTH OLDER YOUTH AND ADULTS!

We are making plans now for our fall Mystery Dinner to be presented Sat., October 24 and a matinee on Sunday, October 25. We have a great “spooky”, mystery- comedy script which promises to be loads of fun. If you would like a copy of the script and would like to audition for a part, please speak with John Hathaway (537-3633) or Diane Capasso (228-8734). Auditions will be held the beginning of June. Cast will meet once during the summer, and begin rehearsals once a week for 7 weeks starting the beginning of September. Also, please let us know if you would like to help with set design, lights and sound, costumes or kitchen service. Thank-you!

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

“MIME’S” the Word!

Sometimes, church finances can be uncomfortable to TALK about, but just how are we doing with our pledges so far this year? In an effort to help keep the congregation educated on our financial status, we invite you to watch our church mime illustrate just where we are at! Throughout the year, our mime will point out further up-dates. We welcome you to take a closer look after service, and if you have any questions, please speak with Jen Clarke, Steve Bradstreet, or Tom Evans.

MOM’S GROUP

The Mom's Group will not be meeting on Monday, May 4th. Our next meeting will be Monday evening at 7 pm on May 18th at Liza Ringuette's house. All are welcome! We plan to discuss the final four chapters of our book, "What Eve didn't tell us"; however, it is not necessary to have completed the reading to join us. We welcome all! Please contact Liza Ringuette with any questions, 537-3424.

CFC SUPPLIES

CFC supplies continues to collect many items needed for the day to day running of the church. All items are gratefully appreciated and we thank you for your continued support. Items needed are paper towels, toilet paper, copy paper, cold cups, hot cups (not Styrofoam), plastic silverware, regular and decaf coffee. If you need a reminder, please feel free to pick a flower from the small bulletin board in the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Joann Riddell or Kerry Hathaway.

NIGHTWATCH TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Discipleship members and Sr High Youth Group members planning to attend the trip to New York must attend a meeting in the Lounge at 11:30-12:00 on May 17th.

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

Greeting today at 10:00 are Barbara Pennington and Martha Paty. Barbara and Martha were both part of the founders of "My Brothers Keeper" at Colchester Federated Church. This is a group of volunteers that make sleeping bags for the homeless. The original group was started in Pennsylvania by Rev. Tom Burlington's mother. Starting in 1992, this group meets each Wednesday from 10 to 2 in the Jerusalem Room. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.



Barbara has led an active life. She has worked for the Council of Churches when she lived in Hartford. She ran the Town Farm in Glastonbury and worked for Society for Savings. She has served as a Deacon, was President of Women's Fellowship for

several years, served on Mission and Witness, has been involved with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and is always helping at the Holly Fair. She is also a counter for the church bankers. We wish Barbara belated congratulations on her birthday celebrated earlier this week.



Martha worked at Hall's Hill School as manager of the lunch program. She is also a counter on Sunday mornings, loves helping out with the Holy Fair and volunteers at the Senior Center. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

The ushers this week are Mitch and Lori Koziol at the 8:30 service and Martin and Theodore Ball, Joey Bradstreet and

Now Let Us from This Table Rise 715

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1 Now let us from this ta - ble rise, re -
 2 With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, to
 3 To fill each hu - man house with love, it
 4 Then give us grace, Com - pan - ion God, to

newed in bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and
 spread the Word in speech and deed; we fol - low in the
 is the sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -
 choose a - gain the pil - grim way; and help us to ac -

rise a - gain, his self - less love has made us whole.
 steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
 gan to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.
 cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.