

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - May 11 – Mother’s Day**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
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11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal
- Monday - May 12**  
11:00 Bible Study – Pastor’s Study  
6:30 Adult Study - DVD and discussion on Paul (Lounge)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - May 13**  
6:45 Ministry Meetings
- Wednesday May 14**  
10:00 My Brother’s Keeper (Jerusalem)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - May 15**  
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)  
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - May 16**
- Saturday - May 17**  
8:45 New London Association UCC Breakfast and Spring Mtg  
Ledyard Congregational Church
- Sunday - May 18**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
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11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal  
7:00 Mom’s Group & Book Study on A New Earth

**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](mailto:colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net). (note: no second “d”). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net).

**Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon** each week.

**June Crier deadline is TUESDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS MORNING’S SERVICE OF WORSHIP

We are glad you have chosen to join us. If you are new to the area or looking for a church home, we hope you will fill out the information card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Ask about nursery care, Sunday school, youth groups, choir, and adult education opportunities. For further information, please speak with a member of the congregation or Pastor Linda Barnes. Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship following the 10:00 am service.

### DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS AT 11AM

There is a daytime Bible study, Mondays at 11am, focusing on the scriptures that will be read in worship the following Sunday. These lectionary readings are the same scriptures read in many Christian churches, both Protestant and Catholic. They are arranged in a three-year cycle, and arranged to cover most of the major scriptural topics during that time.

Readings for Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> are: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20. We use background study resources from the Whole People of God curriculum--and also relate the scriptural word to our own lives.

### ADULT EDUCATION – ECLIPSING EMPIRE DVD SERIES ON PAUL

Our 12-week DVD series continues Monday night with our 11th session focusing on Icons in early Christianity and today. We start at 6:30 by sharing soup and bread. It’s not necessary that you attend every session. We hope you will join us. Speak to Lori Hall or Rev. Linda with any questions.

### A SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY GIFT

Church World Service offers an alternative gift for that special woman in your life. This gift helps provide warmth and shelter for people in the United States and all over the world. The gift is a Church World Service blanket.

With a donation of \$5 Church World Service can purchase such a blanket. You then receive a very nice card to give to that special woman in your life to let her know that you purchased a blanket in her honor.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Blanket Gift Cards will be available after each service.

- Ministry of Mission and Witness

**GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE June 7** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Save the date!**

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

PRELUDE Come, O Spirit Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

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GOD AND CHURCH PROGRAM RECOGNITION SERVICE  
for Theodore Ball, Dylan Bausum, and Matt Benjamin  
John Dooley, Church Counselor

READINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

UNISON PRAYER (Let us pray) **Lord, your Son has called all of us into the adventures of learning and serving. Here today we celebrate a milestone as three among us have answered that call in a special and intentional way.**

**We thank you for Matthew, Dylan and Theodore and for this moment of joyous celebration. We rejoice in this accomplishment knowing that it is only one step in the total journey of learning and serving. Continue to challenge all of us to give ourselves to the task of learning and serving, that your kingdom may become a reality in and through our lives. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Happy Birthday to Us  
(Children leave for their classes.)

ANTHEM Come Holy Spirit

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR KEEGAN AMORE ALDERUCCI

QUESTIONS OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

DEACON: Christ calls us to make disciples of all people and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE **We promise our love, support, and prayers.**

PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED, We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

**ALL Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

BAPTISM HYMN                      **Child of Blessing**                      **Insert**

SCRIPTURE                      Acts 2:1-21 (p 885); 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (p 933)

SERMON                      Life-Giving Spirit

HYMN                      **Spirit of the Living God**                      **#322**

JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY  
Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" arr. Hal H. Hopson      Bell Choir

\*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  
**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 witness in Christ's name and on Christ's behalf in our living each day. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      **Every Time I Feel the Spirit**                      **#315**

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE                      Fanfare                      Wirsz

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## **NEW LONDON ASSOC UCC BREAKFAST AND SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sat. May 17**, at the Ledyard Congregational Church 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. including program by Rev. Day McAllister, Assoc. Conf. Minister for Youth.

## **DONATIONS FOR PEACHTREE APARTMENT FIRE VICTIMS**

If you would like to make a donation the victims of the Peachtree Apartment complex victims in Norwich, the following are the only items being accepted at this time:

- Furniture
- Non-perishable food items
- Water

You may drop these items off at the former Bob's Discount Furniture in Norwichtown. If you have any questions, please call "Robert" at 860-917-3253

**LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR 4 WEEKS** to host one of Mercedes Amella's Spanish Exchange students this summer. She teaches English at private schools in Spain. Mercedes has been bringing students aged 12-20 over from Spain since 1992. I have been involved hosting with her and with other agencies for 6 years, and have taken over as the American coordinator. I am a special education teacher in Marlborough, an active church member at Quaker Hill Baptist Church, and a Girl Scout Leader here in Montville.

The students typically arrive around June 23, and stay about 4 weeks depending on flight costs, leaving around July 24th. This program is a live with you program. They do whatever you would normally do with your family. If you work and your older kids hang out, then that is what your host child can do with them. They learn a lot more English hanging out and chatting.

I have a 15 year old girl that was here last year, she is afraid of dogs and cats so she needs to be with a family that does not have pets like these. There is another boy who is allergic to cats. He is 18 and was here last year as well. There are also 3 girls aged 16, 16 and 17 and two boys, one is 17. I do not have the details on the other boy as yet.

At this stage, I know there will be a Boston and a New York trip, as well as possible group outings to a ball game, play and shopping. We may be doing some different things while in these cities, and I welcome your suggestions. We meet at Norwich or Groton Wal-Mart as our group meeting place. If you are interested please call me or email me. Thank you! Louise Plack, [lplack@snet.net](mailto:lplack@snet.net), 859-2896, 367-1158

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

**Greeting today at 10:00 is the Baseler Family.** Both Caryn and Richard are Science Teachers at Bulkley High School. Richard enjoys fishing and Caryn enjoys singing in the choir when she finds time. She also enjoys taking her students on inner-city outings. Emily is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at William J. Johnston School and loves to sing and dance. She hopes to be a counselor at Parks and Recreation Day Camp this summer. She wants to be a teacher when she graduates college. Sarah is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Jack Jackter Intermediate School. She likes to dance and enjoys being outside. She wants to be an animal trainer. She was pleased to meet the animal trainers when they visited Sea World recently. Both Emily and Sarah play the chimes and sing with the junior choir. As a family they love to spend time in Maine.

**The Ushers** this morning are Mary Tomasi at the 8:30 service and Harry Hendriks and Steve Bradstreet at the 10:00 service.

**The flowers this morning are given by Deb Howard** in honor of Wildred Marvin and Cecelia Rogers and in memory of Martha Marvin and her Grandmothers Alice Rogers and Celia Marvin.

## Child of Blessing, Child of Promise 677



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!  
3 Child of joy, our dear-est treas-ure, God's you are, from God you came.  
4 Child of God, your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

