

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - MAY 24**
9:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
- MONDAY - MAY 25 – OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Bethlehem)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - MAY 26**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
- WEDNESDAY- MAY 27**
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
7:00 Parking Lot (Stage)
7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - MAY 28**
10:00 AA (Library)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- FRIDAY - May 29**
5:30 Historical Room Meeting
6:30 Defenders Ball Game
- SATURDAY - May 30**
9:00 AA/Al-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)
- SUNDAY - May 31 - CONFIRMATION**
9:00 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching

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.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
AUGUST CRIER deadline is July 15th.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

following the 9 am service on June 14th. As we celebrate the graduating high school seniors of our church, The Diaconate invites everyone to a picnic brunch. Those who are able are asked to help by bringing a dish to share (breakfast or lunch items).

PLANT SALE! SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

The Garden Club will be holding its 5th annual Plant Sale on Sat., June 6th from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Stage Room. A wide variety of healthy perennials, as well as some annuals, container pots, and indoor plants will be for sale at very reasonable prices. If you would like to contribute some plants to the sale, please drop them off Thursday evening, June 4th from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. or Friday, June 5th, anytime between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. All contributions are very much appreciated! Also, if you have any pots that you would like to get rid of, please drop them off by the double doors at your earliest convenience. Our gardeners could use them! For more information, contact Pat Culhane (537-1202). Thank-you!

GARDEN CLUB OUTINGS!

The Garden Conservancy of Connecticut will be sponsoring their “Open Days” program this summer. All are invited to visit some of the outstanding gardens and estates in our state. The Garden Club has obtained tickets for the following dates and places this summer.

Sunday, May 31st: visiting 2 gardens in Litchfield County

Sunday, June 21st: visiting 2 gardens in Stonington

Sunday, June 28: visiting 2 gardens in Hartford County

We plan on carpooling from church right after service, and also stopping for lunch. If you would like to join us on one or more of these trips, or would like more information, please speak with Nancy Dooley or Pat Culhane. Cost of the trip is just for your lunch. For more information on Connecticut's Open Days, you may also visit their website:

<http://gardenconservancy.org>

HIKING CLUB

Are you interested in hiking? We are forming a hiking club here at CFC. We do not have an agenda and need your input. Join us in the Jerusalem Room on Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm for our first meeting to gather ideas. See you there! Questions? Call Nancy Dooley @ 537-2979.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

www.ColchesterFederatedChurch.org Phone 537-5189

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

Memorial Day Week-end
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2009

9:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *Prayerfully prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.

INTROIT The Traveler Early American Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of Eternal life and truth,

We gather in this holy place to worship you.

All: We are happy because we follow your way!

One: We listen to your Word, sing songs of praise and ask you to hear our prayers.

All: We are happy because we follow your way!

One: We try to hear and obey your commandments and the ways you want us to live.

All: We are happy because we follow your way!

One: We are like trees rooted in good soil and bearing good fruit.

All: We are happy because we follow your way!

One: You guide us and protect us all the days of our lives.

All: We are happy because we follow your way!

Thanks be to you, O God. Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Eternal Truth, help us to continue to look for signs of new life in our midst: in cities and in the fields, on streets and country roads, in mountains and in the lakes, in the

trees and in the wind, in the faces and in the lives of everyone we meet –in all these things we see the signs that you, God, are always with us. We pray in the name of the risen and ascended Christ. Amen

*OPENING HYMN Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #482

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of joy and abundance, we bring to you our fears, our worries, and what we feel we have done wrong.

All: Receive these concerns on our hearts and surround us with your goodness that we may trust in you and live more fully with one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Everywhere we go, God is there. Everything we need, God seeks to provide. When we become aware of our sin, God is there and God forgives. Rejoice in the goodness God offers us.

All: God knows us, and God loves us. Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

In the World but Not of the World Tracy Bausum
(Children may go downstairs for activities.)

ANTHEM Credo (see end notes) Marshall

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1, John 17:6-9 Lori and Mitch Koziol

SERMON Guided in Prayer

*HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #356

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Will Bow and Be Simple Paxton

*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 **You fill our hearts with joy, O God. You offer us guidance and judge the earth with fairness. You bless our lives with abundance. Accept these offerings as a portion of our lives dedicated to you in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**

*HYMN **God of the Ages #262**

BENEDICTION (Join together in a circle around the sanctuary)

POSTLUDE Fanfare Lemmons
**Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

Bulletin Notes: The words from this morning's anthem, Credo, are from an inscription found on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, France. It was a cellar where Jews were hid during WWII. Imagine a group of very frightened people, in fear of their lives, hiding in a damp, dark cellar and yet these words of hope were written on the walls...

"I believe in the sun even feel it is not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it."

The Scripture verse Mark 9:24 was also inscribed on the wall. This verse speaks to both their faith and their fear.

"Lord, I believe. Help thou my unbelief."

Composer Jane Marshall has incorporated the reading of A New Creed from the United Church of Canada, read by Rev Linda, to further illustrate their faith and hope in the midst of fear and unknowing.

The piece ends with both sections (I believe in the sun... and Lord, I believe...) being sung together, illustrating the ongoing struggle that occurs between faith and our lives.

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**9:00 a.m. Worship
May 24, 2009**

HELP NEEDED WITH HISTORICAL ROOM

Anyone interested in sorting through the historical room is welcome to come on Friday May 29th at 5:30PM. Contact Deb Howard to volunteer or if you have questions.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK

On June 2nd (Tuesday) at 6:00 pm the Women's Fellowship will hold a pot luck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish for dinner and enjoy sharing it with other women of our church. We plan to discuss the path the fellowship will take in the future.

ALL GOLFERS (or golfer wannabees)

are invited to participate in the 3rd annual Silver Lake Golf Tournament, Tuesday, June 9, 2009, Lyman Orchards Golf Club, Middletown, CT.

7:30 a.m. Registration begins; Driving Range open

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Shotgun start – Scramble format

2:00 p.m. Luncheon, Raffle and Awards Ceremony

Cost: \$150.00 per person. Checks made payable to: Silver Lake Conference Center

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

The usher today is Jim Caronna.

The Greeters today are John and Evelyn Barr. John served in the US Navy for 7 years. He met Evelyn when he was stationed in Groton with her brother. They were married on June 2, 1951 (58 years ago). John enjoys gardening and is Deacon Emeritus. Evelyn loves to paint and is a counter for the church bankers. They are enjoying their great grandson.



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*