

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday - May 25 ** Summer Worship Schedule Begins ******
9:00 **Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching** (One service only)
Bake Sale on Church Lawn during Memorial Day Parade

Monday - May 26 – Memorial Day - Office Closed
No Bible Study

7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday - May 27

Wednesday May 28

10:00 **My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)**

6:30 **Parking Lot Committee (Jerusalem)**

7:00 **Safe Church Meeting (Emmaus)**

7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

Thursday - May 29

10:00 AA Meeting (Library)

7:00 **Senior Choir Rehearsal**

Friday - May 30

Junior High Youth Group Retreat – Camp Wightman

Saturday - May 31

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Sunday - June 1

9:00 **Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching**
Blood Pressures after Service

10:00 **Parking Lot Design Review (Stage)**

7:00 **Mom's Group (Lounge)**

7:00 Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (Library)

OFFICE HOURS You may reach the church administrative assistant (Tom Evans) at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours this week are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Church office email is colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net. (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
July Crier deadline is FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH.

MOM'S GROUP

The Mom's Group will continue its discussion on Eckhart Tolle's Book, "A New Earth" on Sunday, June 1st at 7pm in the lounge. We will be reading chapter 4 entitled "Role Playing: The Many Faces of the Ego." Come explore with us the power of the present moment to deepen our connection with God and bring peace and joy to our daily lives. Everyone is welcome to join us! If you are not able to get to the reading, feel free to come along anyway. If you just want to see what this book is all about, we encourage you to drop in. You will undoubtedly be glad that you carved out some time for yourself. You can call Liza Ringuette with any questions at 537-3424. Peace and joy to you!

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE JUNE 7TH The Garden Club is holding it's annual plant sale on Saturday June 7th from 9am to 2pm. We need HELP!! If you are thinning out your gardens, please pot those extra plants and hold them until you can drop them at the church for the sale. If you have extra pots, please drop them off now so we can use them for the sale. All sizes are needed! You can drop the pots near the double doors on the side of the church. Drop off of plants would be appreciated on June 5th and 6th from 5 to 7 pm at the church. Someone will be there to accept these. Please try to label your plants and keep them watered so they stay healthy and happy. We also need volunteers to help label and price plants. You can volunteer on the 5th or 6th from 5 to 7pm or on the 7th early in the morning 7 to 9 am to help set up. All hands are welcome!!!

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME. TAKE ME OUT WITH THE CROWD!"

Looking forward to some summer fun for the whole family? **How about a Conn. Defenders baseball game in Norwich?** Tickets will be available starting Sunday, June 1st for a **Friday night game on August 8th**. We have good seating along the first base line in sections 9 and 10. The Defenders (a San Francisco Giants affiliate) will be playing the Portland Sea Dogs (a Red Sox affiliate). Fireworks will also be on display that evening. Tickets are \$8.00 each, and half of all tickets sales will benefit CFC. Come, join in the fun, and as the song goes. . . "*Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks. I don't care if I never get back!*" Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee

SHORELINE RINGERS SPRING CONCERT in our sanctuary June 13th @ 7 pm.
More information to follow. Mark your calendars.

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
May 25, 2008
9:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE Fantasia on "God of Our Fathers" Koury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT Seek Ye First

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We enter this worship, fragrant with the scents of God's creation.

People: **Draw us closer to you, O God.**

Leader: We enter this worship with our minds filled with the pictures of our lives.

People **Draw us closer to you, O God.**

Leader: We enter this worship with concerns on our heart and tensions on our bodies.

People **Draw us closer to you, O God.**

UNISON INVOCATION

Merciful Creator, we breathe in your Spirit. We fill our nostrils with the smell of your creation. We fill our eyes and ears with the sights and sounds of your beauty. We touch the tenderness of those whom you have given us to share life. And so we gather now to worship you. We offer you praise and thanksgiving with our breath, our senses, our singing and our silence. Amen

*OPENING HYMN **Shall We Gather at the River** Back of Bulletin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of joy and abundance, we bring to you our fears, our worries, and what we feel we have done wrong. *(Pause.)* 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. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

CHILDREN'S TIME "Don't worry ~ be happy!" Tracy Bausum
(Children leave for their activities.)

ANTHEM Seek The Lord

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 29:8-16 (p 572); Psalm 131 (p 500); Matthew 6:24-34 (p 787)

SERMON Seeking God's Way

HYMN **How Great Thou Art** verses 1 & 2 #467

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

OFFERTORY Variation on "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" Janzer

*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 **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** #564

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Stanley

**Indicates that all who are able may stand*

Shall We Gather at the River 522

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
 2 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den
 3 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the
 vide a robe and crown. mel - o - dy of peace.

riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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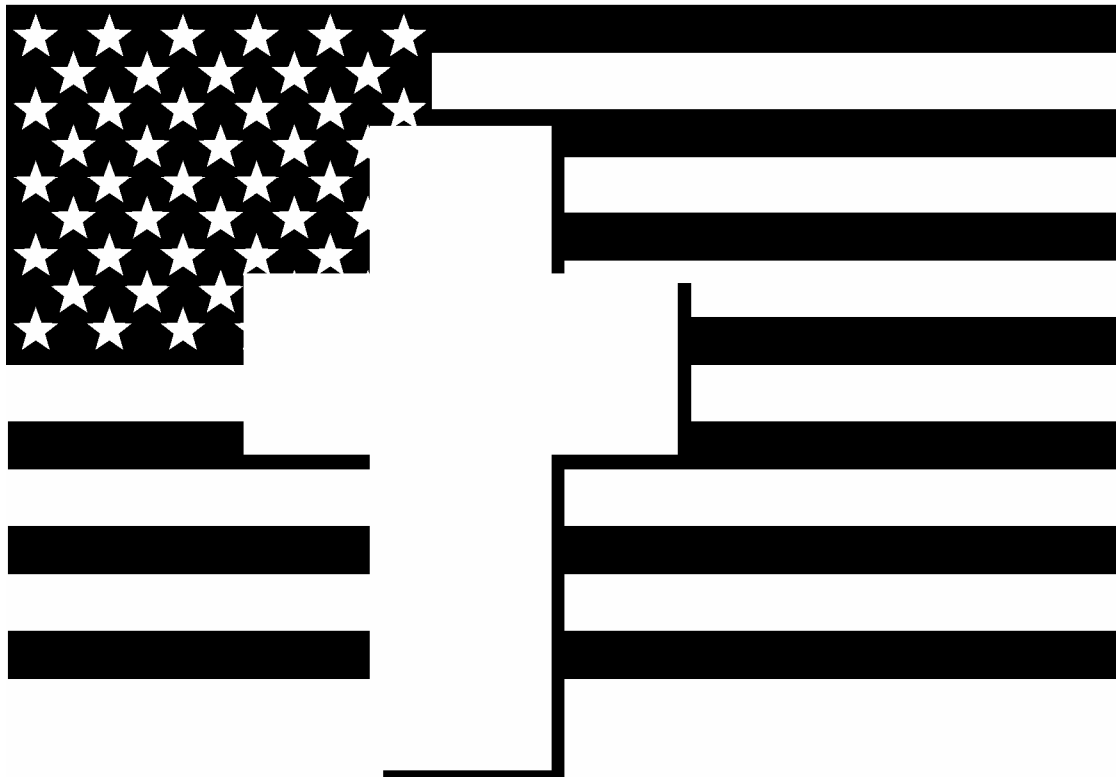
9:00 a.m. Worship
 May 25, 2008

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

Greeting today is David Kallander. David attended Miami of Ohio and received a PhD from Ohio State. He is a Toxicologist for the State of Connecticut, Department of Health. He has lived in Colchester for three years and recently became a member of our church. David enjoys hiking, backpacking and woodworking. He also enjoys helping with repairs around the church.

The Usher this morning is Jim Caronna.

MEMORIAL DAY



**Colchester Federated Church
2008 Vacation Bible School
August 18 – 22, 2008**

Preschool thru 5th grade; Monday – Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon
Registration donation request: Preschool - 5th Grade \$12 per child; Family cap \$30

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*To register your child, please fill in the form below and return to the Colchester Federated Church office by **August 1, 2008**. For more information, contact VBS Director, Tracy Bausum, at 537-4550 or tbausum@yahoo.com.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of child: _____ Age: _____
(Must be 3 by 12/07)

DOB: _____ Grade completed 06/08: _____

Allergies: _____

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I give permission for my child to be photographed and possibly have his/her photo and first name printed in the local newspapers: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Emergency contact person/phone: _____

Does your child attend church school? Yes No If yes, where? _____

Would you like to volunteer in some way? Yes No If yes, fill out **Be a VBS Volunteer** below.

Please mail registration form with donation request (listed above) to: Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main Street, Colchester, CT 06415. Checks should be made payable to: *Colchester Federated Church*. **Thank you!**

Be a VBS Volunteer!

I would like to help in the area(s) that I have

marked below:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Tour Stop Leaders:

- Asteroid Alley (Games)
- Deeper Space (Music)
- Shooting Star Drive-in (Snacks)
- SuperNova SuperMart (Crafts)
- Theater of the Galaxies (Bible Drama)
- Wonder U. (Science)

Tour Hosts/Teen Guides: (accompany children to activity stations)

- Red Racers (Kindergarten)
- Aqua Astros (1st/2nd grades)
- Orange Orions (3rd grade)
- Silver Sonics (4th /5th grades)

- Blast Off! Preschool Program** (Leaders stay with group all day)
- Registration Committee** (Greet & sign children in each day)