

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - November 16**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching,
11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal
11:45 Chime Choir Rehearsal
12:00 Discipleship (Lounge)
- Monday - November 17**
6:30 Fundraising (Lounge)
7:00 Mom's Group (Liza Ringuette's House)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - November 18**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge)
- Wednesday - November 19**
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
6:30 Adult Study – Tex Mex (Lounge)
7:00 Yoga (Stage)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - November 20**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - November 21**
7:00 Jr High Youth Group Apple Crisp Sale
7:00 Family Program (Stage)
- Saturday - November 22**
9:00 Jr High Youth Group Apple Crisp Sale (until 3pm)
- Sunday - November 23**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
11:30 Congregational Meeting – Parking Lot Master Plan Vote
Jr High Youth Group Apple Crisp Sale (after each service)

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. (note: no second "d"). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net.

DECEMBER CRIER DEADLINE

DECEMBER Crier deadline WAS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th. If you have something for the December Crier, please get it to the church office for Monday morning. Thanks.

(The earlier date is because Tom is out of the office all of Thanksgiving week.)

2008 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to all those who have returned their pledge sheets and time and talent cards. For those of you who have not yet done this, please take a moment to fill them out and return them to the office, by mail or in the collection plate. This would be very helpful as the church is now planning their 2009 budget. Extra pledge sheets and time and talent cards are available in the narthex if you need them. Also, if for some reason you did not receive a campaign packet in the mail, please contact Tom in the church office. Your pledge is confidential, seen only by our church treasurers. Thank-you to everyone for sharing your gifts with us!

The Pledge Campaign Committee

CLEAN-UP BUCKET COLLECTION

We are continuing to collect items for the Church World Service Clean-Up Buckets.

In the month of **November** we will be collecting: **One Scrub Brush, One 12 oz. Bottle of Liquid Concentrated Household Cleaner (like Lysol)**

We are still in need of bug spray, 5 dust masks, work gloves, and empty 5 gallon buckets (with covers and handles). Please drop all items in the purple and green box in the narthex. Thank you

HOLLY FAIR

Just in case we missed saying "Thank You" to someone who helped in any way with the Holly Fair and the Goods and Services Auction – we say it now! Thank you so much for coming forward and making the day fun and rewarding for those who entered our church. The outreach will bring people back again next year. Joann Riddell, Carol Plecan and Diane Capasso

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts and use them by the power of your Spirit to spread your love throughout the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN Lord, You Give The Great Commission (vs. 1,4,5) #492

*BENEDICTION *(Please join in a circle in the center aisle for the benediction.)*

POSTLUDE Built On A Rock Lindeman

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8:30 am worship
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WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor

Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

November 16, 2008

10:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

During the Prelude, those gathered in the Sanctuary prayerfully prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Andantino

Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Senior Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has gifted us with a beautiful world, brimming with life.

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: God has given us breath to live, spirit to sing, and talents to share.

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: God loves us with a love that never ends

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: God has gathered us into this community of care and worship

All: We lift our hearts and voices in praise to our generous God!

INVOCATION **God of all creation, we come before you, We are humbled by the greatness of others and by your call of greatness to us. Grant us courage and wisdom to be faithful this day and every day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

#210

GUIDED PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: God has given us all many gifts. Sometimes we use them well, and sometimes we don't. Let us think of times when we have wasted the talents God has given us.
Let us close our hands into fists. As I say each line of the prayer, we will slowly open our fists. The first time I say "God, have mercy" and you repeat those words, unfold your thumbs. The second time, we will unfold our index fingers, etc. At the end of the prayer, we will lift our hands upwards as if offering a gift to God.

Leader: Loving God, sometimes we keep our talents to ourselves, and do not want to share them. God have mercy.

People: **God have mercy.** (*unfold thumb*)

Leader: Loving God, sometimes we are nervous or embarrassed to share our talents, afraid that others will laugh at us. God have mercy.

People: **God have mercy.** (*unfold first finger.*)

Leader: Loving God, sometimes we are unsure of what will happen if we step out in faith. God have mercy.

People: **God have mercy.** (*unfold second finger*)

Leader: Loving God, sometimes we are too stubborn to learn new ways of doing things and of serving you. God have mercy.

People: **God have mercy.** (*unfold third finger*)

Leader: Loving God, sometimes we just forget the many gifts, talents, and abilities you have given us. God have mercy.

People: **God have mercy.** (*unfold fourth finger*)

Leader: My brothers and sisters, our sins are forgiven. As forgiven people, let us offer God our hands (*lift hands, palms facing up*) as symbols of all the talents hidden within us. Use us, O God we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

BAPTISM OF Phoebe Rae Nantz (11/22/05), Alexander Zachary Nantz (12/22/07)
children of Torey Zahacefski and Mark Nantz

INVITATION AND QUESTIONS OF PARENTS

PASTOR Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations 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 ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

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

PRAYER AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PASTOR 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 these new members 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

Jesus Loves Me

#304

CHILDREN'S TIME

Don't Bury Your Talents
(Children go downstairs for their classes)

Tracy Bausum

ANTHEM

Sweet Is The Day

White

Sweet is the day with praise begun: it makes our work and pleasure one to come before you, God, and raise a song, a shout, a psalm of praise.

Sweet is your voice O Holy One, as you declare what you have done: you took the weight we bore away, to make our burden light this day.

Sweet is your word, like honeycomb: the blessing tasted by your own, when, from the rock of daily care, you bring the sweetness that you share.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 90:1-17 (page 476); Matthew 25:14-30 (page 806)

SERMON

Extravagant Opportunity

*HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#422

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY

My Delight Is In the Lord

Powell

*DOXOLOGY **Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)**
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)
Give Thanks, Give Thanks

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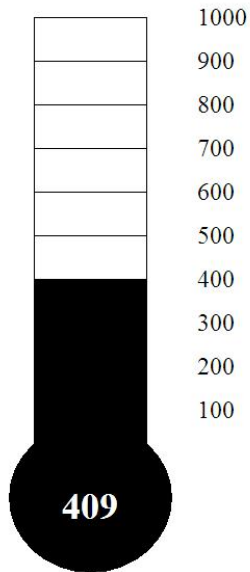
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10:00 am worship
November 16, 2008

Did someone say Apple Crisp??

Yes! The Senior High Youth Group is sponsoring an Apple Crisp Sale Friday **November 21st** through Sunday, November 23rd. We will be selling all sizes of servings. The recipe is from Dolores Sawchuk, so you know it is going to be yummy! Please stop by the church to pick up your desert! Pick up is Friday evening 7 to 9 pm, Saturday from 9 to 1 pm and Sunday after each service downstairs in the stage room. All profits will go towards our trip to Nightwatch in New York at St John the Divine in June 2009.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK CHALLENGE UPDATE



Help us meet our goal of 1,000 items by Christmas!

A BIG THANK YOU to our youth for donating \$58 worth of tips from their work at the Holly Fair to the Food Bank Challenge. In addition to those funds, last week we collected 124 food items, bringing our total to 409 items! Remember, we need to average about 100 items per week to reach our goal of supplying 1,000 items to the Colchester Food Bank before Christmas, so keep up the great work! Collection bins are located at both main entrances to the church.

Anything you can provide is always welcome, but the items most needed are protein sources (like dry or canned beans, tuna, soups/stews, peanut butter, rice), 100% juice products, and paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels). Thanks to everyone for your continued support. Let's keep up the good work toward our goal of providing this precious gift to those in need in our community!

Hunger Fact: A survey of food pantry and soup kitchen clients in Connecticut revealed that:

- 42% had to choose between paying for food or utilities*
- 34% had to choose between food or paying rent*
- 30% had to choose between food or medical care*

MOM'S GROUP

The Mom's Group has changed its meeting time! We will now meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of the month at Liza Ringuette's house in Colchester (9 O'Connell Road, directions below). We will meet at 7pm for a relaxing, laid back gathering with coffee or tea and snacks. We welcome all moms, new and experienced, to come on out! Take some time to rejuvenate yourself and be a part of a supportive community of mothers. If you want to bring a friend who you think may enjoy this get together, that is welcome! And certainly, if you are running late, that is never a problem. Our first meeting at this new time will be tomorrow evening. Please feel free to call or email Liza with any questions (537-3424, elizabethringuette@sbcglobal.net). We hope to see you!

BOTTLES/CANS FOR GERRY

As most of you know, Gerry Caron is recovering from back surgery at Gaylord Hospital (50 Gaylord Farm Road, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203 284-2455). You probably also know that part of Gerry's income is collecting bottles and cans. We want to continue that for him while he is recovering and have a jar in the office for you to deposit receipts from cans and bottles you return to the store. Please clean out your pantries, garages and basements and return those empties. Every little bite helps. THANKS!

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



Greeters today are Frank & Jeannette Tomlinson. Frank is retired from United Technologies as an Aeronautical Engineer in the Marketing Department. He is an avid reader who enjoys computers, Tai Chi and building HO model trains. Jeannette, retired Guidance Counselor for Bacon Academy, enjoys going to lunch with friends, the opportunity to have a flower garden and to read. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, on the Ministry of Personnel, on the Ministry of Stewardship and on Pastor-Parish. Frank & Jeannette have been married for over 4 years. Frank has a grown daughter and Jeannette has a grown son. Together they enjoy short trips, walking and playing bridge.

The Ushers this week are Mary Tomasi at the 8:30 service and Lynne McCune and Jim Caronna at the 10:00 service.

The flowers this morning are provided by Avis Hull.

WARNING

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet at a special congregational meeting called by the Diaconate to be held Sunday, November 23, 2008 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Parking Lot Committee regarding design and allocation of funding for construction of a church parking lot.
2. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Ministry of Education for the establishment and funding (in addition to the \$27,000 allocated in a congregational meeting on March 30th, 2008) of a Children and Youth Educational Endowment Fund to help fund the positions of Christian Education Coordinator (CEC), Youth Resource Leader (YRL), and future educational programs and positions for children and youth.
3. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Ministry of Stewardship regarding expenditures for improvements to church properties as previously presented to the Members in forums held by the Ministry.
4. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2008, by
Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk

Colchester Federated Church Christmas Poinsettia Sale

orders taken thru Nov. 30, 2008



_____ Pick up at the church after Christmas services

_____ Donate to home-bound after Christmas services

Please mark quantity and choice of color(s) : Red _____

6.5" potted plant - \$10.95 White _____

7.5" potted plant - \$20.50 Pink _____ Marble _____

8" potted plant - \$27.50

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Memorial: _____

Please make checks payable to the Colchester Federated Church at time of order. Orders may be placed in offering. For further information, please contact a member of Church Life - Jeanie Cullen 537-1085, Karen Monteleone - 537-5580, Jude Bradstreet - 537-3810, Renee Misbach -537-9118, or Rosemary Bosse – 537-2808. Flowers will be purchased at Ballek's of E. Haddam.