

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday - November 23
8:30 **Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching**
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11:15 **Congregational Meeting –**
 Parking Lot/Education Endowment Fund Vote
 Sr High Youth Group Apple Crisp Sale (after each service)

Monday - November 24
10:30 **Bible Study (Office)**
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday - November 25
7:30 **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Ahavath Achim Synagogue)**
Those wishing to sing in a combined choir meet at the synagogue at 6:45.

Wednesday-November 26
OFFICE CLOSED
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)

Thursday - November 27 – Have a blessed THANKSGIVING day!
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday - November 28
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - November 29
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)

Sunday - November 30
8:30 **Worship, Sara Ofner preaching**
10:00 **Worship, Sara Ofner preaching, Baptism of Timothy Clarke**
11:30 **Hanging of the Greens**

OFFICE HOURS For this Thanksgiving week, the office will only be open Monday and Tuesday 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Our church administrative assistant Tom Evans is out of the office all next week. **Announcements for the bulletin are due in the office by Monday noon.** Church office email is colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net. (note: no second “d”). Email for Rev. Linda Barnes is Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net. *When the office is closed, you are welcome to call Rev. Barnes for pastoral emergencies on her cell phone at 860-334-6790.*

2008 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to all who helped with our Pledge Campaign this fall! Special thanks to Jen Clarke, Lee Fedus, Melanie Hathaway and Cheryl Letendre for their moving and eloquent faith testimony, and to Carol Plecan, Liza Ringuette and Ted Sanford for sharing some of the letters of gratitude that have been written to our congregation. We greatly appreciate all those who have returned their pledge sheets and time and talent cards. **40 Pledges have been received to date totaling \$54,770.**

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 as soon as you are able.

This would be very helpful as the church is now planning their 2009 budget. If for some reason you did not receive a campaign packet in the mail or misplaced yours, there are some in the narthex or you can 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!

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

Did someone say Apple Crisp??

Yes! The Senior High Youth Group is sponsoring an Apple Crisp Sale Friday November 21st through today Sunday, November 23rd. We are selling all sizes of servings. The recipe is from Dolores Sawchuk, so you know it is yummy! We thank those who helped cook, and who bought apple crisp Friday and Sat. Today is your last chance—buy some delicious apple crisp downstairs in the stage room following each service this morning. All profits will go toward our trip to Nightwatch in New York at St John the Divine in June 2009.

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 2008
8:30 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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

PRELUDE Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Koury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 100)*

One: Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship God!

All: Let the whole world shout praise to God!

One: We know that the one who made us is God!

We are God's people, and God is our shepherd.

All: Let the whole world shout praise to God!

One: Give thanks and praise to God as you gather to worship.

All: Let the whole world shout praise to God!

One: For God is good! God's love and faithfulness last forever!

All: Let the whole world shout praise to God!

Leader: Are we ready to love and serve God?

UNISON INVOCATION

You who created us and sustain us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters—a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, our friend and our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN **We Gather Together** **#559**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: I was hungry...

Two: and we said, "There just isn't enough food to go around."

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: I was thirsty...

Two: and we kept making acid rain and poisoning the rivers.

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: I was a stranger...

Two: And we kept our distance, afraid you would take our jobs.

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: I was cold and scared...

Two: and we pulled our coats closer to ourselves and walked away.

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: I was sick...

Two: and we said, "You should take better care of yourself."

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: I was in jail...

Two: and we thought you should rot there forever.

All: Forgive us, God, when we ignore your Christ

One: Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers and sisters you do so unto me."

Two: When we turn to God with honest and open hearts, God forgives us, and lets us start again. So be assured that our sins are forgiven, our strength and faithfulness renewed.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 (*p 481*); Matthew 25:31-46 (*p 807*)

SERMON Reigning Compassion

*HYMN **For the Fruit of All Creation** **#553**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

#555

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Broughton

**Indicates that all who are able may stand*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Followers of the Lamb (Shaker) Dietterich

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There will be no Sunday School or Nursery care next week, 11/30/08,
so that our teachers and volunteers may worship and celebrate with their families.
The Nursery care room will be available for families to use.

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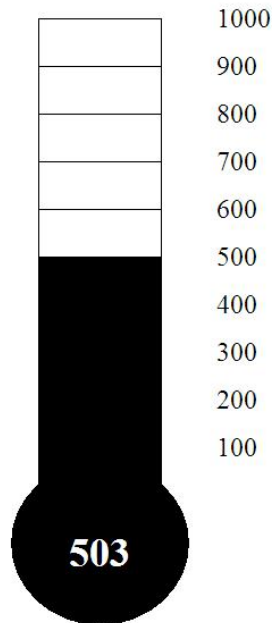
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**10:00 a.m. Worship
November 23, 2008**

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU!

The Fundraising Committee would like to say **“A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU”** to all who donated goods and services to our Silent Auction at the Holly Fair this year! We heard several wonderful compliments about the beautifully hand-crafted items, and the great variety of gift items, gift certificates and services. We truly appreciate everyone’s talents and extra effort for this event. We had more bidders and bids than last year, and congratulations to all who won. Thanks also to **Karen Delzell, Barbara McKelvey, and Pat Korenkiewicz** for helping us run the room on fair day. We raised a total of \$1,693.25 to help support the ministry of missions of our church. Thank-you all!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK CHALLENGE



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

WE'RE OVER HALF WAY THERE! Last week we collected 94 food items between both services, bringing our total to 503 items! Let's keep it going because we still need to average about 100 items per week to reach our goal of supplying 1,000 items to the Colchester Food Bank before Christmas. 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: According to US Department of Health and Human

Services guidelines for 2008, a family of four with an annual household income of \$21,300 is considered to be living ABOVE the poverty line!

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 bit helps. THANKS!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join The Ministry of Church Life after the 10:00am Worship service on November 30th for the hanging of the greens. We will be decorating the sanctuary for the season of Advent. This is a wonderful way to start your holiday season. We hope that you can join us for this fun annual tradition. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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



Greeting today is Dolores Sawchuk, her youngest son Walt (Corky), and his two children, Cameron & Olivia. Dolores has been attending Colchester Federated Church since 1933. She has been active in Sunday School, Women's Fellowship, Stewardship, Church Life, Bell Choir and Banking. She is a Deacon Emeritus. Corky grew up in Colchester Federated Church. He now lives in West Chester, Ohio. He is a sales representative for Chick Packaging. He is active in sports and his

church. Cameron is an avid soccer player, enjoys golf and is in 7th grade. Olivia loves her dancing lessons and is in the 2nd grade.

The Ushers this week are Mitch and Lori Koziol at the 8:30 service and Steve Bradstreet and Frank Tomlinson 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.