

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - October 19**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
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11:10 Project Sunday (Stage)
11:30 Discipleship (Lounge)
1:00 Crop Walk – Town Hall (Registration 12:30)
7:00 Mom’s Group (Lounge)
- Monday - October 20**
10:30 Bible Study
10:30 Music Together (Jerusalem)
6:30 Refugee Resettlement (Lounge)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - October 21**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
7:00 Diaconate
- Wednesday- October 22**
10:00 My Brother’s Keeper (Jerusalem)
3:30 Music Together (Jerusalem)
7:00 Yoga (Stage)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - October 23**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - October 24**
11:00 Flu Clinic (Stage)
7:00 Slime Time Family Program
- Saturday - October 25**
3:45 a.m. Mission Trip leaves for New Orleans
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- Sunday - October 26**
8:30 Worship, Bob Williams preaching
10:00 Worship, Bob Williams preaching
11:00 Project Sunday (Stage)
11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal
11:45 Chime Choir Rehearsal

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
NOVEMBER Crier deadline is Today Sunday, October 19th

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.

PLEASE NOTE: While the office is not officially open on Fridays, Tom is very often here working and is more than willing to help with anything you need. Be aware, however, that if you leave a voice mail or an email in the office on a Friday, it may go unanswered until Monday if he is not in on that particular Friday.

Today begins our 2008 Pledge Campaign: “The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger”: (Psalm 11:24).

During the next few weeks we will be sharing some of our own church story and how YOUR generosity has made a difference in the lives of people in our congregation, in our community, in our nation and in our world. We hope you will have the chance to reflect and appreciate all that we have been able to accomplish together, and to prayerfully reflect on your giving for the upcoming year.

Soon you will be receiving a campaign packet in the mail. Our “budget narrative” is new this year, and we hope you find it informative and inspiring. We thank all the ministries and missions of CFC for contributing to the narrative, and especially to Tom Evans for all his hard work and time in editing and pulling it all together! We ask that you please return the pledge card, and time and talent card by November 9th in the offering plate or in the mail. We thank-you for sharing your gifts with us!

The Pledge Campaign Committee: *Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Melanie Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Pat Moon, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell*

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Linda U. Barnes, Pastor
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Mission and Stewardship Sunday
October 19, 2008
10:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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

PRELUDE Moderato and Allegretto from "Sonatina" Cundick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS &

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Melanie Hathaway

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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INVOCATION **We come to this place O God, at your invitation. You welcome us all, and challenge us to welcome one another in Christ's name. Help us to recognize in each person here the wonderful greatness that you perceive and to celebrate each one as a child of God. Amen.**

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backs on people, we ignore them, we shut them out. Forgive us, God, and help us to be – and act – more like Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON God loves us and has chosen us to be God's own. Be assured that you are forgiven, and that you/we are loved as God's own children.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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CHILDREN'S TIME CROPwalk Marycia Malloy
(Children wait to go downstairs until after anthem.)

ANTHEM Walk Together Children Hogan

BAPTISM for Liam Goodine, son of Ryan and Jennifer Goodine

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

QUESTION OF THE CONGREGATION: 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 one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

Response of the People: **We promise our love, support, and prayers.**

PRAYER AND ACT 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 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 **Jesus Loves Me** #304

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33:12-23 (p 70); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p 959)

SERMON Living Messages

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

CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen (tune of #591)**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION **O Holy God, 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.**

BLESSING AND DEDICATION of New Orleans Mission Trip Participants
Please form a circle around the sanctuary with mission trip participants in center.

*CLOSING HYMN **Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant** Insert

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29

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VISIONING UPDATE

The final design charrette was held yesterday to create the master plan to be voted on. The site plan will be displayed for review as soon as it is received from BSC.

Education has been working on their proposal for creating an endowment fund for the two new education positions. Copies of that proposal are available in the Narthex for review.

Sunday, November 2nd – While a Congregational vote on the master plan and education endowment had been scheduled for this date, we have decided to hold a **Congregational Forum** on Nov. 2nd after the 10:00 a.m. worship—an opportunity to listen to one another, to share thoughts and feelings about where we've been and where we're going. The master plan will be available for review and discussion. The congregational vote on the master plan will be scheduled for a later date.

CROP WALK - TODAY

It is still not too late to sign up for the CROP Walk! We are walking at 1pm TODAY with registration beginning at 12:30. If you realized you would like to walk today please see any member of Mission and Witness for a pledge sheet: Pat Culhane, Kelly LaCoss, Pat Moon, Karen Wheeler, Frank Ball, Avis Hull, or Marycia Malloy. If you would like to make a donation/pledge to the CROP Walk touch base with anyone whose name you see hanging on the wall of our sanctuary. Please keep all of the walkers in your prayers today as well as the Colchester Food Bank, Church World Service, all of the people who are touched by these services, as well as all of the people who need these services but have not been reached yet. Thank you!

PROJECT SUNDAYS – FALL FOLIAGE PINS THIS WEEK

Church Life would like to invite you to attend project workshops each Sunday during October immediately following the 10 am Church Service. We will meet in the Stage room from 11 am to 1 pm. Shelly Hirsch will be with us this Sunday to help us make fall foliage pins. Please join us for what ever amount of time you can. Feel free to bring your own project and join us for fellowship if you like. We will be offering projects for most ages. The craft items produced will be donated for sale at the Holly Fair on November 8, 2008. Thank you to all who have donated items. It is truly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact: Jude Bradstreet, Karen Monteleone, Renee Misbach, Jeanie Cullen, or Rosemary Bosse.

FIVE DUST MASKS and ONE PAIR of WORK GLOVES

is what we are collecting for the Clean-Up Buckets in October. We collected 26 soaps and 9 bug sprays last month. Our Goal is to be able to send 25-30 Clean-Up Buckets to Church World Service! Thank you for your generosity!

GOODS AND SERVICES SILENT AUCTION AT THE HOLLY FAIR NOV 8th!

Do you have a special talent or hobby? Would you like to put together a theme basket? Would you like to donate a service, tickets to a special event or a holiday item? These are just a few ideas for donations to our Silent Auction. Your contribution would be very much appreciated! Please contact anyone on the Fundraising Committee: *Jeannette Brennan, Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan or Joann Riddell. Thank-you!*

HOLLY FAIR BOOTHS

We are looking for a **variety of candies** to enhance the Baked Goods booth at the Holly Fair on November 8th. If you could share a "special recipe", we will print an insert sheet for the bulletin so more people can share in the candy making. See Nancy Dooley or Carol Plecan. **Gifts to Go**, a new booth, is Tracy Bausum's idea. Please see her if you have containers/fillers she can use. **Home Décor** will be joined with **Gifts** again this year and both Donna Wink and Joan Frantzen will appreciate your donations, ideas and supplies. Also, anyone who is unable to do crafts, but would be able to donate money for supplies would be a great help. See any of the booth chairs, Joann Riddell or Carol Plecan.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT GUEST AT MEETING OCT. 20

On Monday October 20th at 6:30 p.m. Chris George and Husham, an Iraqi refugee resettled in New Haven 6 months ago, will be meeting with us to provide cultural background and additional information on the resettlement program. If you would like to be part of our church's committee working to help resettle a refugee family, please contact Lori Hall, Barb Bosse, Sara Ofner or Rev. Barnes.

HOSPICE CORE COURSE

Sponsored by Hospice SECT and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 8:00 am to 3:30pm
Register by October 29, 2008 by calling Anna McGuirk 860-442-0711 ext. 2741

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

Hundreds of thousands of people in Connecticut are at risk of severe hunger each year. Colchester is no exception and with the current economic crisis, more people than ever are expected to utilize food banks this year, as they are forced to choose between food and things like heat and medicine.

The Ministry of Gifts and Leadership is teaming up with the Ministry of Mission and Witness to challenge our congregation to supply 1,000 items to the Colchester Food Bank between now and Christmas. If each person attending service brings one item each week for the next 9 weeks, we will be able to reach that goal.

So, when you are grocery shopping each week, throw an extra item in the cart for each person in your family to bring to service. Or when you are eating breakfast on Sunday morning, go to the cupboard and grab some items to bring along. Get the kids involved by having them make sure there is one item for each person and putting it in a bag.

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 in advance for your help with achieving our goal and providing this precious gift to those in need in our community.

ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Hartford Visiting Nurse Association will be offering a Flu Shot Clinic on October 24th in the Stage Room. The clinic will be open from 11am until 12 noon for church members and from 12 noon to 2 pm for everyone in the community.

The cost will be \$32 for Flu shots and \$57 for Pneumovax, to be paid in cash or check. Medicare, Med Blue, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Connecticare, Health Net and Oxford insurances will be accepted. Sponsored by the Mission of Wellness, Parish Nurse

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

Greeters today are members of the Ministry of Mission and Witness. Co-chairs are Pat Culhane and Marycia Malloy, members are Avis Hull, Pat Moon, Kelly LaCoss, Karen Wheeler, Frank Ball, Michelle Neri-Lorette, and Kaylin Brennan. We provide for the congregation to participate in special mission offerings and service through local and global opportunities. The congregation has been very generous sharing time, talent, money, and resources for our mission work.

We help support numerous local missions including various soup kitchens, food and fuel banks, homeless shelters, transitional living facilities, social service and disability programs, family support and education facilities, ministry and chaplaincy programs, retreat centers, and Habitat for Humanity.

We are especially blessed to have the "Prayer Shawl Ministry" that creates shawls to comfort those in times of need and "My Brother's Keeper" (the sleeping bag ministry) who have several very dedicated women who meet weekly to sew sleeping bags for people that are homeless around the state.

Today is our annual CROP Walk and we are also collecting different items every month this year to provide much needed clean-up buckets for Church World Service!

The Ushers this week are Mitch Koziol at the 8:30 service and John Dooley and Jim Caronna at the 10:00 service.

The flowers this morning are provided by Pat Culhane.

Congratulations to the Wednesday Sewing Ladies for meeting their goal of knitting 100 baby sweaters which they contributed to Church World Service. They have helped to provide warmth to the most vulnerable of God's children.