

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - October 25**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Barnes preaching
10:00 Worship, Sara Offner, Bea Manning, Cheryl Anderson preaching
11:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal
2:00 Murder Mystery & Dessert (Stage)
- MONDAY - October 26**
10:30 Bible Study
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage/Jerusalem/Gym/Emmaus)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- TUESDAY - October 27**
4:00 Tai Chi (Stage) New Session and Time
- WEDNESDAY- October 28**
10:00 My Bother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
1:30 Weekly Construction Status (Library)
6:30 Living the Questions, Lori Hall's house
6:30 Fundraising (Lounge)
7:00 Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- THURSDAY - October 29**
10:00 AA (Library)
5:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- FRIDAY - October 30**
- SATURDAY - October 31 – SET CLOCKS BACK!**
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- SUNDAY - November 1 Heritage Sunday**
Message at both services will be on the history of our church
8:30 Worship and Communion
10:00 Worship and Communion
11:00 Jr Choir Rehearsal
11:15 Potluck luncheon—all invited

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.

Stewardship Pledge Campaign: “New Love, New Mercy”

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing during worship some personal faith stories, readings, and music based upon Lamentations 3: 21-24 (see bulletin insert). You will also be receiving in the mail our budget narrative, reflecting the stories of our church, its ministry, missions, and our hopes for the future. We ask that you take time to pray about and invite God's direction as you consider how you will give in response to God's great love and mercy.

Special thanks to Tom Evans for all his time and direction in putting together this year's narrative.

The Stewardship Pledge Campaign Committee: Diane Capasso, Jim Caronna, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell

Holly Fair

Please start research for recipes – Candies, Pastry, Breads, Pies, Special Dessert Bars – Brownies always welcome. The Baked Goods Booth will be glad to start accepting your donations on Friday afternoon, Nov 13th.

Deli will be right next door and they have food that can be divided into containers for sale. For example: Lasagne, Macaroni/Cheese, Baked Beans (home made please), Soups/Stews, Fresh Applesauce, or any dish you would like to offer that can be transported in smaller containers. Also very popular are Quiche, Pickles, Jellies, Applebutter, Horseradish, and Flavored Vinegars. New ideas welcome. If possible, bring items that need re Fridgeration early Saturday morning. Speak to Joann Riddell or Carol Plecan if Saturday is not convenient.

Have YOU heard?! There's a GHOST

HAUNTING CFC and she needs your help!

Bring family and friends TODAY to “POLTER-HEIST”—
our Spooooky Mystery-Comedy

Lots of “howling” fun for adults and children!
Treats and Prizes too!

Matinee today at 2:00 p.m. with Pie & Ice Cream Dessert

Tickets available after service & at the Door

Adult ticket: \$12.00/Children: \$6.00

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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

October 25, 2009

8:30 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *(Prayerfully prepare for worship)*

PRELUDE Toccata and Fugue in D Minor Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Lillian Lavech

PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

CALL TO WORSHIP *Deborah Howard, Deacon of the Month*

Leader: People of God, raise your voices in praise!

All: I will give thanks to you gracious God, with every part of my being – my voice, my heart, my mind!

Leader: Look! We see our friends gathered together here! And new friends we have yet to meet. All are your children.

All: We come to you, holy God, with awe and wonder at all the marvelous things you have done and can do. You are loving and faithful and wise; you will be with us forever.

Leader: True wisdom comes from you, merciful God! We can trust in what you ask us to do, for your laws of love and justice will last forever!

All: We will try to do your will, remembering the promises you have made to your people.

Leader: We praise you for the wonderful things you have done.

All: Your praise endures forever. We praise you, holy God, this day and every day. Amen.

*HYMN **Praise My Soul the King of Glory #478**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God, when we do not see the needs of those around us. Forgive us, God, when we do not hear their cries

for help, for justice, for healing. Forgive us, God, when we do not use our voices to proclaim your good news, when we do not speak the truth, when we do not speak up for justice. Forgive us, God, when we do nothing, feel helpless, or wait for others to do what must be done. Loving God, hear our cry; forgive us, heal us, lead us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through everything, you love us, and when we are truly sorry, you forgive us. Life is new again! How happy we are to be reconnected with you and each other and all of creation!

All: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

SERMON Take Heart

*HYMN **Amazing Grace #280**

INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRAYER

Leader: Lead us from death to life,

People: **from falsehood to truth.**

Leader: Lead us from despair to hope,

People: **from fear to trust.**

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PRAYER FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

**Through these gifts, may the lonely find friendship;
through these gifts, may the sick find hope;
through these gifts, may those who suffer find comfort;
through these gifts, may the powerless gain confidence;
through these gifts, may God's love be spread in our world.**

*HYMN **What a Covenant** **Insert**

BENEDICTION *(Please join in a circle around the sanctuary.)*

POSTLUDE **Allegro** **Stanley**

**Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

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Leader: Come let us gather to worship God together. Let us listen for God's word that we might put down our roots and drink deeply from the river of God's love and wisdom.

All: **Let us listen for God's word to us, and find joy in responding to it.**

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Sara Ofner

(cover eyes) Forgive us, God, when we do not see the needs of those around us. *(cover ears)* Forgive us, God, when we do not hear their cries for help, for justice, for healing. *(cover mouth)* Forgive us, God, when we do not use our voices to proclaim your good news, when we do not speak the truth, when we do not speak up for justice. *(sit on hands)* Forgive us, God, when we do nothing, feel helpless, or wait for others to do what must be done. *(hold out hands, palm up)* Loving God, hear our cry; forgive us, heal us, lead us. Amen.

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STEWARDSHIP TABLEAU

Lamentations 3:21-24

CHILDREN'S TIME The Hummingbird Tracy Bausum
Children go downstairs for Sunday School.

ANTHEM Psalm 1:1-3a Like a Tree Women's Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-13, Sara Ofner;
Matthew 13:14-23 Bea Manning

SERMON

Cheryl Anderson

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

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Goods And Services Silent Auction

AT THE HOLLY FAIR! The Fundraising Committee will again be sponsoring a Goods and Services Silent Auction at the Holly Fair on Sat., Nov. 14th. We know that some of you may like to work on a special painting, craft, woodworking or other creative project for this event and realize that this involves some time and planning. Also, be thinking about any service you may like to offer such as holiday baking, holiday music, babysitting, spring gardening or cleaning---these services have been very much appreciated in the past!

Please speak with anyone on Fundraising if you would like to make a donation to the auction. Proceeds will support the ministry and missions of the church. Thank-you!

The Fundraising Committee: Diane Capasso, Jen Clarke, Pat Culhane, Kerry Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, Carol Plecan and Joann Riddell

November 1st Pot Luck – All Saints Day

Please join us for an All Saints Day potluck luncheon immediately following the 10am service. The deacons will be providing some food and in the spirit of pot luck, are asking that anyone having a last name starting with A to Z to bring any dish or dessert of your choice!

*** In Appreciation ***



Greeting today at 10am is Carol Bagshaw and her children. Carol is a stay-at-home mom who sells Mary Kay cosmetics part-time. She enjoys reading and watching and playing sports. Her son Ian is in the 7th grade at Wm. J. Johnston. He plays the trumpet and likes to read and play sports.

His sister Kyra likes gymnastics, playing soccer and sewing. She is in the 5th grade at JJIS. As a family, they enjoy the beach, cookouts, and visiting science museums and aquariums.

The Usher today at 8:30 is Lynne McCune, and at 10 Gordon Archambault and Jim Caronna.

The flowers this week are given by the St. Louis and Miskell families in loving memory of Larry Miskell.

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What a Covenant

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
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 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.