

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - September 14**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
9:00 Teacher Orientation and Breakfast (Emmaus)
10:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
12:00 Junior High Youth Group (Jerusalem)
- Monday - September 15**
10:30 Bible Study (Office)
10:30 Music Together Free Class (Jerusalem)
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - September 16**
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)
7:00 Diaconate (Lounge)
- Wednesday- September 17**
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)
6:30 Adult Study (Lounge)
7:00 Yoga (Stage)
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - September 18**
10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - September 19**
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 72 (Stage)
7:00 A Place of Hope (Library)
- Saturday - September 20**
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Library)
- Sunday - September 21**
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching
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12:00 Discipleship (Lounge)
6:00 Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting (Stage)
7:00 Mom's Group (Lounge)

NAME BADGES: Please try to remember to wear your name badges the next several weeks so Sara can get to know our names.

Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon each week.
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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.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Thank you all for voting last Sunday. **To summarize:** in a vote of 44 to 33 the decision was made to remove one house, in a vote of 50 to 15 the decision was made to remove the house closest to the church, and in a vote of 44 to 24 the decision was made to investigate the feasibility of building a new multipurpose structure somewhere on the two house lots at some point in the future.

The committee met this past Wednesday and drafted a plan to move forward.

Three key TENTATIVE dates to mark on your calendar are:

- **Saturday, September 27th** – Design Charrette to create a draft master plan. BSC will have a couple sample site plans developed from the likes and dislikes of our June 1st meeting to view along with sample materials.
- BSC will then take this and create one master plan and related detailed project cost estimate. This will be informally reviewed by various parties, such as planning and zoning. BSC will then incorporate those changes.
- **Saturday, October 18th** – Second Design Charrette to review the draft master plan and cost estimate and make final suggested changes. BSC will then create the final master plan. This plan will then be posted for review at the church.
- **Sunday, November 2nd** – Congregational vote on master plan.

We would like everyone who is able to attend these three key meetings. Your input is important to the success of this project. Watch for other announcements on the firming up of these dates. The next regular meeting of the committee is Wednesday, Sept 24th at 7pm.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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OFFERTORY There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Wood

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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

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*CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #281

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POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Thomson

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**10:00 a.m. Worship
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TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi is a gentle, meditative exercise system that relaxes and energizes the mind and body. This moving meditation alleviates stress, improves balance and circulation, increases flexibility and loosens & lubricates the joints. The gentle forms of this 800-year old Chinese martial art direct the life force, "Chi", to achieve radiant health, serenity and rejuvenation. Classes will be held Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 PM beginning September 9th in the Stage Room.

Fee: \$65 for 8 weeks. Presented by Silver Dragon Tai Chi & Qi Gong, LLC.

Call: George Hoffman @ (860) 742-5892 to register. Scholarship money is available through Donna Hathaway.

INFANT MUSIC CLASSES

Sing, Dance, Play Instruments, Laugh - Music and movement classes for children aged birth through five years and the adults who love them! Free Demo Class here at Colchester Federated Church on Monday, September 15th at 10:30am. RSVP Jennifer Zirbel at 537-1930 to attend. For more information, visit www.salmonrivermusictogether.com.

PROJECT SUNDAYS

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. 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.

We are also asking for donations for our craft projects. We are especially looking for:

- Wood Cutouts** - hearts, circles, and Christmas or Thanksgiving shapes
- Christmas Color Paints** - green, red, white, gold, silver or black
- Styrofoam Shapes** - balls, trees or wreaths especially
- Christmas Fabric Scraps** - doilies
- Clothespins** -- popsicle sticks -- frames -- card stock -- small clay pots
- Fabric Remnants** - muslin, felt, Holiday theme
- Fresh Foliage** - ivy leaves, boxwood and pinecones (from your yard)

CWS CLEAN-UP BUCKET COLLECTION

In September, Mission and Witness will begin to collect items for Church World Service(CWS) Clean-up Buckets. CWS provides these buckets and supplies to enable communities to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, or tornado. Because of the different chemicals included in these buckets, they are not shipped internationally. At this time there is a great need for these buckets.

Every month, from September through March, we will announce the two items to be collected that month. In the beginning of April we will put together the buckets to be on the delivery truck that transports these buckets from Middletown to Maryland. If you prefer to donate money instead of buying supplies please indicate Church World Service on your donation check and place it in the collection plate. Please place bought items in the green and purple box in the narthex. This month we will be collecting:

**25 oz. bottles of liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn) and
6-14 oz. bottles of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)**

Mission and Witness will buy the needed buckets. If you work in a restaurant that uses and recycles/gets rid of five gallon buckets with resealable lids and a handle please let us know. These are the buckets that are needed for this collection. Thank you

SAFE CHURCH ORIENTATION

Anyone who works with our youth or who would like to understand the policy better is invited to attend a brief orientation on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerusalem Room. If you are interested but unable to attend, please see Tracy Bausum for information.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are being offered by Michele Medeiros who has been teaching Yoga at the library and now is moving to our Stage room on Wednesday nights at 7pm starting on September 17th. Cost for a class is \$10. All levels are welcome. If you would like additional information contact Michelle at 237-9044. Scholarship money is available through Donna Hathaway.

Please check your craft supplies for any extra items you may have to donate and bring them to church. We will have a silver box in the narthex to collect items thru the end of September. (please carefully wrap any fragile items). We thank you in advance for your donations of items and or creative talents.

If you have any questions, you may contact: Jude Bradstreet, Karen Monteleone, Renee Misbach or Jeanie Cullen. Thanks !!!

PLEASE HELP UNITE A FATHER AND DAUGHTER

A coworker of Barbara Bosse, Rosie Cortez-Rivera, is looking for some home goods for a father for which she is trying to reunify with his 10 year old daughter. He has an apartment but needs a bedroom set for his daughter, kitchenware such as dishes, glasses, utensils, pots and pans, curtains, curtain rods, etc. If you have any of these items that you could donate, please contact her directly. Rosie Cortez-Rivera 885-2509

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



Greeting today is the Dooley Family.

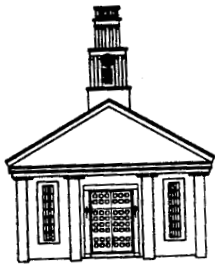
The Dooleys make Colchester their home. Nancy has been a lifelong member of CFC, John for 20 years. John is a Letter Carrier for the USPS right here in Colchester. He is active with the Bell and Adult Choirs. Nancy has been a purchaser for GBR Systems Inc. in Chester for 10 years. Nancy is active with the Garden Club. Together they help lead the Sr. High Youth Group. Siobhan is a Sr. at Bacon Academy where she is actively pursuing Cultural Studies and she plans to major

in Anthropology next year in college. She is an avid comic book collector. Patrick is a Sophomore at Bacon and is active in Cross-Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track. He is very active in Boy Scout Troop 72 and is working to attain the rank of Eagle Scout in the coming year or two. Both are very active teaching and

volunteering in the church's Education program as well as Sr. High Youth Group. As a family they enjoy hiking, camping and time at home with their dogs Betty, Buster and their cat Zippy.

The Ushers this morning are Mary Tomasi at 8:30 and Steve and Jesse Bradstreet at 10:00.

The flowers this morning are provided by Shelly Hirsch.



My church

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!