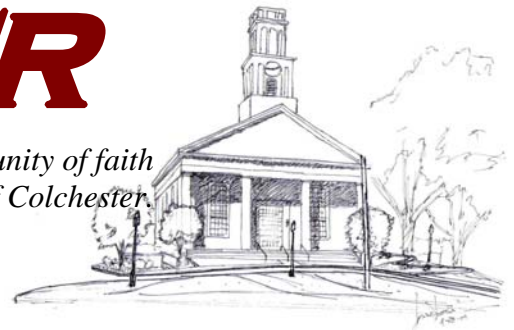


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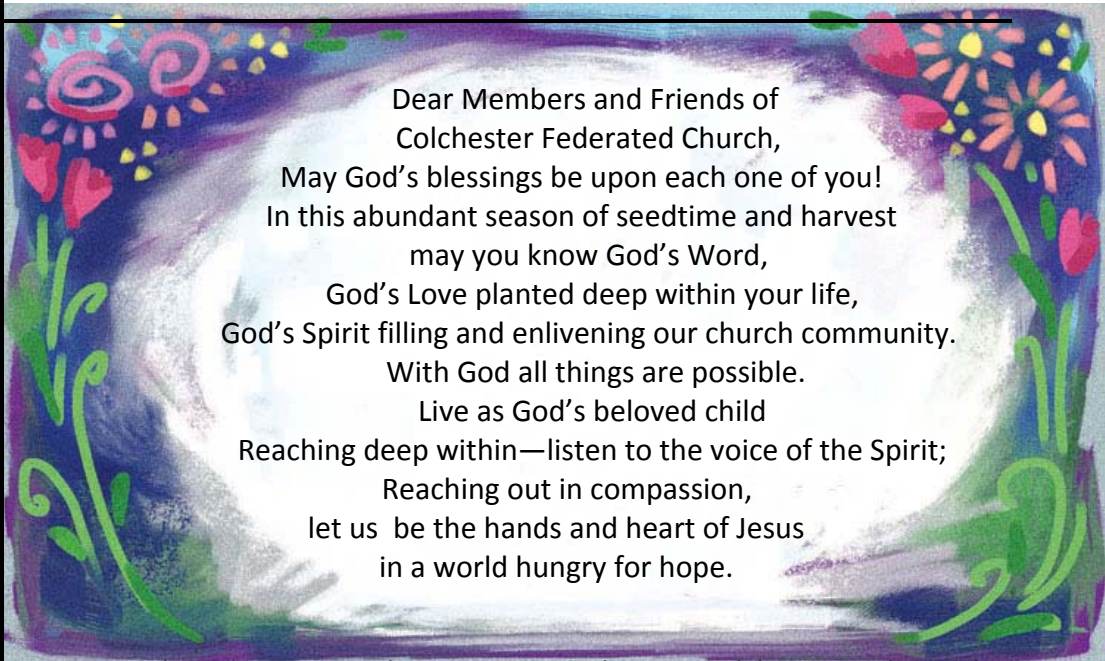
- **Summer Worship Hours – 9 a.m.**
- **Annual Church Tag Sale... Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
- **Save a Flower... Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

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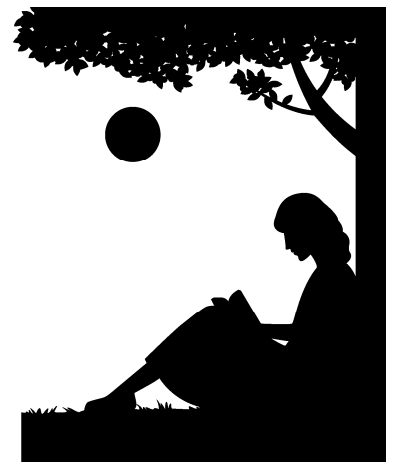
Dear Members and Friends of
Colchester Federated Church,
May God's blessings be upon each one of you!
In this abundant season of seedtime and harvest
may you know God's Word,
God's Love planted deep within your life,
God's Spirit filling and enlivening our church community.
With God all things are possible.
Live as God's beloved child
Reaching deep within—listen to the voice of the Spirit;
Reaching out in compassion,
let us be the hands and heart of Jesus
in a world hungry for hope.

Worship continues in the summertime here at Colchester Federated Church with one service only at 9:00 a.m. It's an opportunity to sing and pray and hear the Word of God in a simpler setting. (The 8:30 and 10:00 people get a chance to say hello to each other at 9:00.) We're grateful to individual musicians who bring special music to grace our worship. And please, continue to bring much-needed food for the Colchester food pantry.

Remember that to love and serve God with our whole heart—gives foundation and blessing to our days, helps to put the aches and aggravations into perspective, and is a most precious gift to nurture in our children.

"Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time." Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper. Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray—even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for God.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Linda U. Barnes



July Worship Services



INDEPENDENCE
Day

July 3 Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion,
Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching
Scriptures: Genesis 24:34-67
Sermon: Chosen Journeys

July 10 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching
Scriptures: Genesis 25:19-34; Isaiah 55:10-13
Sermon: A House Divided

July 17 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching
Scriptures: Genesis 28:10-22; Isaiah 44:1-8
Sermon: Place of Blessing

July 24 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching
Scriptures: Genesis 29:15-30; Romans 8:26-39
Sermon: Weaving the Future

July 31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
Tracy Bausum leading worship and preaching
Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31





Launch Microsoft Office Outlook.Ink

The Church Life Ministry would like to thank the members of the Garden Club for coordinating the Sanctuary flowers during the Summer and the Fall. If you are interested in donating flowers for a particular weekend, please contact the appropriate person below in order to make arrangements. The flower schedule for the Sanctuary is as follows:

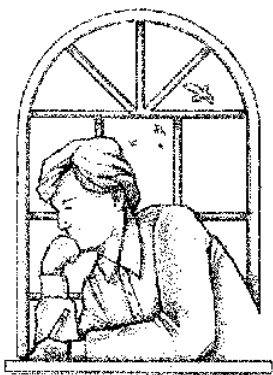
Month	Name	Phone	Email
July	Nancy Dooley	860-537-2979	jonansipat@yahoo.com
August	Diane Capasso	860-228-8734	amston1@sbcglobal.net
September	Nancy Bray and Shelly Hirsch	860-537-4728 860-537-5131	amifox55@hotmail.com croshelly@sbcglobal.net
October	Pat Culhane	860-537-1202	tvculhane@yahoo.com
November	Avis Hull	860-537-2094	Avis.hull@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to supply flowers or some other type of decoration for a special occasion or remembrance, please contact the appropriate person listed above. Also, please advise Susan Skoglund in the Church Office as to how you would like the notice to read in the bulletin.



July 3	9:00	Gerry Carron Tom St. Louis
July 10	9:00	Frank Ball Jim Caronna
July 17	9:00	Steve Bradstreet Joey Bradstreet
July 24	9:00	Mitch and Lori Koziol

We are still in need of some folks to serve as ushers. This is not a complex responsibility, but one that needs to be fulfilled every week. If you are interested, please speak with Jim Caronna, Pastor Linda, or any of the ushers.



In our thoughts & prayers

There are Church members and friends who need our prayers, cards or a telephone call. If you should know one of these people, please send a card or call; if you know someone in need of spiritual help, please tell the Pastor.

Those sick or recovering:

Fran Brouillet
Amy and Karl Ferling
Marion Fletcher
Emily Grundy
Gail Joslin
Betty and John Koes
Laura Koziol
Jan Labella
Nancy Schurr

Our friends in Nursing and Convalescent Homes:

Mark Bosse's mother Eleanor (Florida)
Bob Fletcher (Apple)
Paulette Sharp (N. Hampshire)

- We give thanks for our new office manager Susan Skoglund and pray that God's blessings may be upon her and all of us as we serve together in your church.
- We pray for children and families, that these days of summer may offer opportunities for praising God in the beauties of nature, for knowing and sharing God's love, and for growing in faith and maturity.
- We pray for all who teach and nurture children, and for our ministry of Christian education, in this time of transition.
- We give thanks for the Hospice organization, and pray for all who are nearing the end of this life, and those who care for them.

- We pray for all who are in need, and for those whose eyes and hearts may be opened to help.
- For all who grieve.
- For peace in our world—that all may know God's peace which passes all understanding, keeping our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God."
- Our prayers continue for those joys and concerns offered during our worship services.
- For the children who are baptized and dedicated and for their families—that all may grow in grace and love.
- We give thanks for our church's summer programs, Camp Wightman and Silver Lake. May God's guidance and blessing be upon all lead and participate in these wonderful opportunities for Christian community.

What a
Friend
we have
in Jesus

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please call Rev. Barnes or the church office. We'd much rather be told twice, than be unaware and not able to respond with care. Thank you.



Greetings from the Ministry of Stewardship

So far this year, pledged income is right on target. We are doing everything possible to keep all expenses to a bare minimum, and we are very grateful to the folks that donate the many paper goods that are needed to keep the church running. We ask that as the summer months come upon us, when traditionally, pledge and paper good donations fall off, please do your best to stay up to date. Please try to remember the church when you are shopping and pick up some extra cups, paper towels, or toilet paper, and we can always use copy paper.

We've had few responses to our request for parishioners to receive *The Crier* via e-mail instead of U.S. mail. Unfortunately, the amount of newsletters currently sent via e-mail is not even close to the number we would like to see. E-mailing is a very easy way any (actually, most) folks can really help reduce church expenses. Over \$1,000 is spent per year on bulk mailing fees and copying expenses. We could reduce this cost significantly if everyone (that really means everyone) with e-mail would request an *e-Crier*. Of course, we understand that some people do not have computers. But, the number of non-computer households versus those folks who have computers is rather low, and we encourage all computer-using parishioners to sign up for *The e-Crier* as

soon as possible. Please send requests to colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net.

Also, if you do have a computer but are not all that familiar with using e-mail, we would be happy to assist you and/or set up a new, free e-mail account for you. Please just call any member of Stewardship for assistance.

Please attend our "Save a Flower, Pull a Weed" event coming on July 16th.

Have a great summer!

Jim Caronna, Chair

2011 Giving Status

As of May 31, 2011:

Pledged:	\$44,204.17
Received:	\$42,517.50
Difference:	(\$1,686.67)

96%

A Plea from the Counters

The counters are having to take extra time each week due to people who give by check and not including their envelope number on their checks. This requires them to look up each number, as the donations get entered by envelope number, not name. This is to protect the anonymity of donations. If you do not know your envelope number, please check your latest giving statement, call the church office, or you can also look it up on the list at the rear of the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Members Event



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

On June 12, 2011, Colchester Federated Church was fortunate to induct new members into our Church family. They are:

Donna and Jason Duckworth, 15 Hi Lea Farm Road, Colchester, CT, 860-531-9236, donnaduckworth72@yahoo.com. Both Donna and

Jason grew up in Rhode Island, both being of the Catholic faith. They are joining Colchester Federated as a UCC members.

Mary Kerrins, 452 Amston Road, Colchester, CT, 203-915-8060, marykerrins@gmail.com. Mary grew up as a Catholic, but was a long-time member of North Guilford UCC church. She is joining CFC as a UCC member.

George and Laurel Aronstamm, 11 Granite Court, Colchester, CT, 860-537-3038, aronstamm@yahoo.com. Laurel grew up in the Catholic faith, while George was a Methodist. They were members of the Buckingham UCC church in Glastonbury for over 30 years, and are joining our church as UCC members.

Greetings From The Mission of Wellness

Summer is finally here after a cold snowy winter. Summer is a time for activities such as picnicking and swimming and while it can be fun, summer does include some heat-related problems of which to be aware. The following is information about heat-related injuries and what you can do to prevent them.

What are Heat Injuries?

Heat injuries can really creep up on you, so please take a moment to understand what heat injuries are, how to recognize and prevent them. There are several different types of heat injuries:

- Heat cramps are common with physical exertion. They usually affect the calf or hamstring muscles.
- Heat syncope is fainting due to heat/dehydration.
- Heat edema is swelling of the hands or

feet from heat. People sometimes get this condition when initially exposed to hot weather.

- Heat exhaustion usually entails a body temperature of 101 to 104, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and fainting. It is important to recognize and treat heat exhaustion immediately.
- Heat stroke is very serious. A person's temperature rises over 104 degrees and he or she has an altered mental status. Fifty percent of those with heat stroke die from

it. There are two types of heat stroke: Exertion induced; with profuse sweating; and classic, in which the skin is hot and dry. Classic heat stroke; builds up over days and is most common in infants and in the elderly. It is a true emergency.

Heat injuries can occur at any age. Sports and physical activity are generally beneficial for adults, adolescents, and children. Nevertheless, heat injuries are among the leading causes of sports-related deaths. Populations at a higher risk include:

- Babies and small children
- People with a prior history of heat injuries.
- People who are taking medications such as antihistamines, Ritalin, thyroid hormones, some colic medicines, bed-wetting medicines, diuretics or laxatives
- People who have underlying illnesses such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis, vomiting, diarrhea, bronchitis, or a variety of skin disorders.

How Can You Prevent Heat Injuries?

Hydration and air circulation--two very simple steps everyone should be attentive to during the blazing days of summer. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

Drink plenty of water throughout the day during hot weather. If you wait until you feel thirsty, your body has already become dehydrated. Don't wait, just drink..

If you're exercising (think swimming, playing at the park, sports), drink plenty of water before you begin and every 20 minutes during. Water is fine for exercise up to an hour, but electrolyte solutions are better for exercise that is more strenuous.

When you're on the go (or even just playing in the yard), keep cold, bottled water on hand. Forget about single-use bottled water and opt for a stainless steel bottle you can re-fill over: have two for each person - one that you're drinking from and

one cooling in the fridge. Don't forget to grab them even for car rides and running errands. It's always good to have water on hand.

The members of the Mission of Wellness hope the above information is helpful. Please have a fun and safe summer.

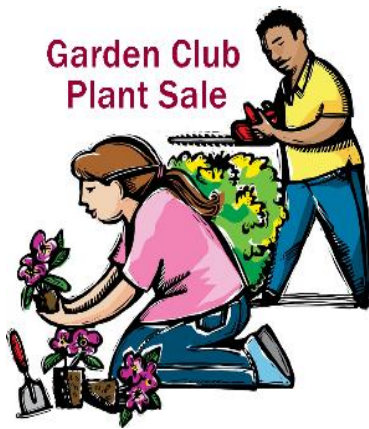
Cheryl Letendre RN Parish Nurse Source: Web MD



Our new Church office hours are 9:00 to 2:30 Monday through Friday. I will still be taking Friday as my day off, but our office manager Sue Skoglund will be in on Fridays. When I am not in the office, you are welcome to call me at home, 860-537-3552. You may also call my cell phone, 914-441-6790. [Note: This is a new cell phone number, as I am now on a family plan with my daughter Julia. If you are calling my cell phone from a land phone, I'll be glad to call you back to avoid extra expense. From a land line, it's better to try the church and home numbers first.] You are also welcome to email lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net. I do check email several times a day.

From July 11-15, I will be on study leave at the Craigville Colloquy, near Centerville, Cape Cod. I will have my cell phone and will check emails, but I will not be back in town until Friday afternoon. I will be taking 2 vacation weeks this summer--July 30 to Aug. 13--and Rev. Karl Ostberg will be on-call for pastoral emergencies. His parsonage number is 860-267-0480. My family from Ohio will be visiting the 1st week of my vacation, and during the 2nd week, I will be on Star Island and unavailable until the return boat early Saturday, Aug. 13. Cheryl Anderson will be leading worship on Aug. 7 (but I haven't listed her as on-call contact for church emergencies, since she is doing Clinical Pastoral Ed. at St. Francis Hospital this summer, and also preparing for her wedding; but I'm sure she would respond to a phone call if she is available.

Rev. Linda Barnes



MANY THANKS FROM THE CFC GARDEN CLUB!

Many, many thanks to all who helped to make our annual Plant Sale such a big success this year. Special thanks to those who brought in plants and garden items: **Rev. Linda Barnes, Evelyn and John Barr, Ralph and Diane Capasso, Barbara Close, Pat and Tom Culhane, Jeannie Cullen, John and Nancy Dooley, Lori Hall, Avis Hull, John Knutzen, Lillian Levech, Jean Ohlmann, Carol Plecan, Evelyn and John Plecan, Sue Sanford, and Sylvia Wheeler.** All OF your contributions offered a wide variety of healthy plants and garden “extras” that our customers really appreciated! We also thank those of you who came to shop and all who donated pots. Together, we raised \$1,086.81 to support the ministries and missions of the Church. Any leftover plants were donated to Cragin Memorial Library for its plant sale—a win-win for everyone!

Happy planting to all! *CFC Garden Club*



(Here is an information note about an upcoming seminar that is available.)

Dear UCC Friends,

Men around the world are waking up to an evolutionary call from within (and breaking free of the outdated conventions of the past) to redefine

authentic masculinity -- with heart & spine -- at this critical time in history.

I'm delighted to announce that I will be joining men's movement pioneers and evolutionary spirituality leaders such as Bill Kauth, Ken Wilber, Thomas Hubl, Terry Patten, Craig Hamilton, and others in a groundbreaking men's summit that is reshaping the conversation about what it means to be an evolutionary man in the 21st century.

[“The Way of the Evolutionary Man”](#) summit is a dialogue between some of today's most inspiring thought leaders about the emerging challenges and opportunities facing men at the leading edge of evolution.

This FREE week-long summit is being hosted by my dear friend and colleague, Academy for Evolutionaries founder, Craig Hamilton.

Each day of the summit, you will receive access information to listen to two hour-long webcast teleseminars with two of today's leading evolutionary spirituality leaders.

In addition, you'll have the opportunity to interact with other men after the calls based on the questions and practices developed around the content discussed that day, to help deepen engagement and inquiry.

If you feel the call to step into a more authentic expression of who you are as a man, then I invite you to register today for this FREE groundbreaking event. Register at <http://integralenlightenment.com/evolutionaryman>

The world needs your authentic masculine presence, insight, and passion.

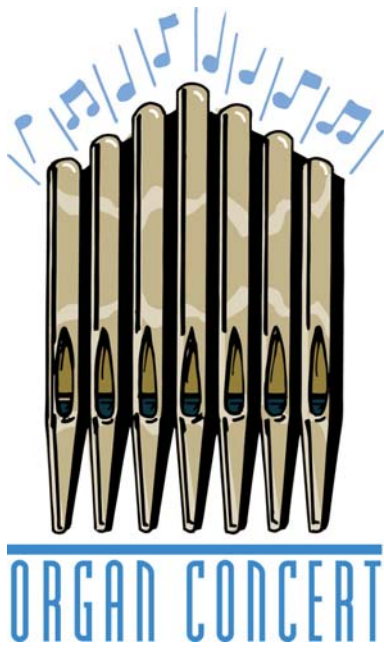
Yours for a just and health future for all,

~ Reverend Michael Dowd

(michael@thankgodforevolution.com)

Michael Dowd, The Great Story, 5246 Mutiny Bay Rd.,
Freeland, WA 98249; phone: 425-760-9941; email:
Michael@TheGreatStory.org ; website:
<http://TheGreatStory.org>

Derek Waldron, organist/pianist at First Congregational Church of Lebanon, will perform a recital on Sunday evening, August 7th at 6:00PM with a “finger food” reception to follow.



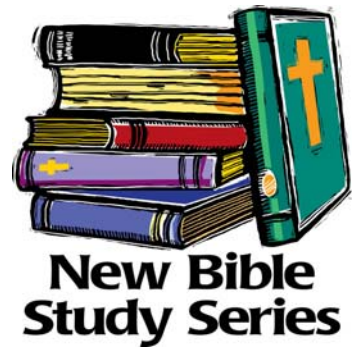
Derek first came to our church several years ago and was a musician with our Contemporary Music Group. More recently, he rejoined the Contemporary group and was selected from many candidates to be our Interim Organist.

Derek is a very talented individual playing the piano and organ and has written many of his own compositions. In January 2011, Derek was hired as our full-time organist/pianist. Thus he took over as Choir Director and Director of our Bell Choir. He has brought a very welcome variety of sacred music to this position.

He is a graduate of Lyman High School and attended Western Connecticut State University in Danbury and graduated with high honors and a bachelor of music degree in classical voice and performance. Derek is currently an elementary school music teacher at Oak Grove Montessori in Mansfield, Ct and also a private piano/voice instructor.

There will be a variety of classical, light classical, show music and some of Derek’s own compositions. We are very excited about this recital and hope you are as well! Please come and join us for this very exciting event!

Starting in September, Cheryl Anderson will be offering a six-week Bible Study entitled *Bad Girls of the Bible*. The weekly study group will be held in the Lounge. Each gathering will be approximately one hour to one hour and fifteen minutes.



Each week’s conversation is based on a different lady of the Bible. Join us for one or all of the weeks. More information will be available in the August *Crier*.

Holy Land 2012

Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee in this 10 Days of Biblical Discovery tour, starting February 28, 2012. Join Rev. Linda and Sister Patty Cook for this spiritual journey.

Dear Friends, We invite you to join us in the wonder of walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. As your tour hosts and spiritual directors, we feel privileged to work together, as ecumenical partners, in planning this pilgrimage! We both love to encourage others as they grow in faith and community. May this unique opportunity provide a living reflection on your own faith journey, deepening your understanding and experience. Share with us in the learning, love and laughter. Come, join the adventure as the Bible comes alive.

--Pastor Linda Barnes and Sister Patty Cook, RSM

For further information, contact Rev. Barnes at 860-537-5189 or lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net or Sister Patty at 860-887-7322 or pattysm@sbcglobal.net. Visit Educational Opportunities Tours’ website www.eot.travel for information and registration.



Craigville Colloquy -- God of Grace and God of Story: Life and Theology Intertwined

July 11 – 15, 2011

This year's theme is: God of Grace and God of Story: Life and Theology Intertwined. God's grace is known to us in the stories we tell, and the story of the life we live. Long-time senior editor at *The Atlantic Monthly*, C. Michael Curtis will be keynote speaker. He has a long-standing interest in the intersection of faith and story, editing *God: Stories and Faith: Stories*.

William Herzog, Professor of New Testament at Andover Newton Theological School will bring his imaginative approach to Scripture. With a professional background in theater and firmly rooted in parish ministry, Rev. Ray Kostulias brings both vitality and creativity to dramatizing the Gospel.

Look forward to beginning the morning with psalm and song, and a Taize service in the evening. Discover again, or for the first time, the unique atmosphere that knits together theological reflection, engaging Bible study, and inspiring worship into an experience that feeds the mind and heart. Afternoons are free for relaxing at Craigville Beach or exploring historic Cape Cod.

Location: Craigville Conference Center, 39 Prospect Ave., Craigville, MA 02632, \$483 includes registration, meals, and lodging. Commuter rates available.

[Rev. Barnes will be attending this event. They still have room for a few more registrations. Call for more information if you are interested. **Contact:** Craigville Conference Center, 508-775-1265.]

My Giving Cards: We thank our parishioners who give faithfully to the Church through electronic fund transfers and suggest that they can place a *My Giving Card* in the offering plate on Sunday to state why they are thankful. These cards can be filled out by any of our parishioners! Here are some of the recent responses received from cards left in the Sunday offering plates: I AM THANKFUL FOR...

...being a part of this Church

...nature, the seasons, and health!

...the love and blessings that I have received from this faith community

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!

Come investigate local agriculture through cooking and experiments, with the Girl Scouts of Connecticut!

Get down to the roots of your food network to see how complex and how global food and land issues can be.

You'll meet scientists, artists and others who have plenty of knowledge to serve up, and you'll have a chance to explore what makes a meal truly happy.

Learn about advocacy and speak up about issues you believe in.

This program will be held at the Lebanon First Congregational Church on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm July 6th-August 24th.

To attend please contact Caitlin Dorrington at 860-423-5502 ext 3421 or cdorrington@gsofct.org

Soup Kitchen Meal



Save A Flower, Pull A Weed!

Help keep our church beautiful by spending some time weeding the property with us!

*When: Saturday, July 16th, 2011
9am-12pm*

*Where: Colchester Federated Church
Main Street*

How: With your help! Bring yourself and any tools you feel would be helpful!

The ministry of Mission & Witness hosted a Sunday dinner on behalf of the church at St Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen in Middletown. The church volunteers started preparing food in the afternoon. The meal was brought to the soup kitchen at 445 and we were ready to serve at 5pm. The seven volunteers served 99 guests baked macaroni, salad, meatballs, rolls, and dessert. The extra pans of food were given to the soup kitchen for another days meal. We all had a great time serving others in need. The guest were very thankful for the warm home cooked meal. Please consider joining us this year as we visit the soup kitchen again.

Thank you to Barbara M., Jeanette T., Diane C, Martha P, Evelyn P., Avis H., Karen W., Nancy K. and the Barr, Baseler, and Caronna Families for their food donations.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who prepared food and served at the soup kitchen: the Wink Family, Joyce M., Karen M., Michelle N-L., Jen H., Jim C., Cheryl A., and Matt M.



Ready for a Wild Adventure?

- New friends • Amazing crafts • Wild games
- Lip-smacking snacks • Wild Bible adventures
- Incredible music •

At VBS PandaMania, kids discover that God is wild about them—a fact that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

We're looking for kids to come and have fun as well as adult volunteers to lead the fun. Details are on the registration form on the following page.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Monday, August 15, 2011 - Friday, August 19, 2011

The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m.

Contact your PandaMania Director, Tracy Bausum, for more information:

860-537-4550 or tbausum@yahoo.com

We need some volunteers who are willing to help show that God is wild about us... Please consider helping out:

- Panda Preschool - 1 leader/ 4 assistants
- Wild Bible Adventures - 2 people/ 1 assistant
- Crazy Crafts -2 leader/ 1 assistant
- Chadder's Movie Mania - 2 people
- Treetop Treats - 1 leader/ 2 assistants
- Sing and Play - 1-2 people
- 4 Crew Guides (lead children to each station)

There are detailed directions and lots of support. Please consider being part of the adventure!



**Colchester Federated Church
2011 Vacation Bible School**

August 15 – 19, 2011

Preschool thru 5th grade; Monday – Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon
Registration donation request: Preschool - 5th Grade
\$20 per child; Family cap \$50

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

To register your child, please fill in the form below and return to the Colchester Federated Church office by **August 1, 2011**.

For more information, contact VBS Director, Tracy Bausum, at 860- 537-4550 or tbausum@yahoo.com.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of child: _____ Age: _____
(Must be 3 by 12/10)

DOB: _____ Grade completed 06/11: _____

Allergies/Special needs: _____

Name of child: _____ Age: _____
(Must be 3 by 12/10)

DOB: _____ Grade completed 06/11: _____

Allergies/Special needs: _____

I give permission for my child to be photographed and possibly have his/her photo and name printed in the local newspapers and posted on our website without names: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Emergency contact person/phone: _____

Does your child attend church school? Yes No If yes, where? _____

Would you like to volunteer* in some way? Yes No **If yes, fill out Be a VBS Volunteer! below**

**Preference for youth volunteers is given to families that attend CFC*

Please mail registration form with donation request (listed above) to: Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main Street, Colchester, CT 06415. Checks should be made payable to: *Colchester Federated Church*. **Thank you!**

<u>Be a VBS Volunteer!</u>		I would like to help in the area(s) that I have marked
below:		
Name: _____	Phone: _____	
Station Leaders:	Crew Leaders: (Accompany children to activity stations)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Time Sing & Play	<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bamboo Blast Games	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st /2 nd grades	
<input type="checkbox"/> Treetop Treats	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd grade	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crazy Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 th /5 th grades	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chadder's Movie Mania	<input type="checkbox"/> Decoration/Set-up	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Bible Adventures	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up (after finale on 8/19)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Panda Preschool (Leaders stay with group all day)	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration/Sign-out	

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



WE MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WE REALIZE THAT WE NEED TO TRY...

The Ministry of Christian Education has begun the process of replacing Tracy Bausum as the Director of Christian Ed. The individual who is eventually hired will work in coordination with our Ministry and Reverend Linda to support an educational ministry for children and youth from pre-K through 12th grade.

If you (or someone you know) feel called to fill the extraordinary gap that will be left by Tracy's pending departure, please speak with Carolyn Marvin, Laurie O'Neil or any member of Christian Ed. We'll also appreciate your prayers in the coming months as we search for an individual who can come close to filling Tracy's shoes.

Thank you,
The Ministry of Christian Education

Are you ready for something life changing?

Allow us to brag for just a moment... Did you know that in our very community of faith we have some of the most interesting, thought-provoking and life-changing individuals you might ever interact with? That's right! Imaginative and joyful, kind and curious, (and indubitably able to leap tall buildings in a single bound when fueled by lemonade and animal crackers), the children and youth of Colchester Federated Church are now seeking Sunday School teachers for the fall! Openings are available to partner with seasoned and experienced teachers at all grade levels ~ preschool-8th!

If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact a member of the Ministry of Christian Education

GIVING THANKS

To my CFC family ~

My heart is so full with all that you did to make today a special celebration of my ministry with you.

I have never felt so appreciated and affirmed!

From the service, the testimonies, the flowers, the monetary gifts, the beautiful cards and letters to the delicious reception ~ today is a memory that

June 12, 2011

I will always cherish.

I am so grateful that Dylan was included in the celebration as he was an invaluable part of my ministry ~ it meant a great deal to him as well.

Thank you all for supporting me and inspiring me to continue to grow and learn. God bless each of you.

With love and gratitude
Jacy



- **To everyone who gives so generously** of their time, talents and income to make this a safe place to worship, share some fellowship and help others.
- **To all the Deacons** for their continued faithful leadership of our church in these dynamic times.
- **To all our ministries** whose work we see everywhere we look.
- **To Avis Hull** for taking the food collected on Sundays to the Food Bank.
- **To everyone who contributes food** each week and for the paper goods contributions for the Church.
- **To Dave Hock** who keeps our building clean and secure.
- **To all the women** who help fold and mail the Crier each month.
- **To all who provide music** for our summer worship services.
- **To everyone else** who empties trash, checks doors, turns down heat, closes windows, locks up, and generally helps to care for our building and our church family. We appreciate all your efforts and couldn't survive without you!! Thanks for your support!!

Giving Thanks

On behalf of the Hirsch/Hamel families, I would like to thank everyone at the CFC for all the prayers, hugs, cards and rides to the hospital during my brother Rick's illness and passing away. You all really held us up during this terrible time. My friendships with you all continue to help us through these sad days. We know he lives with God now and that makes us happy but we will always miss his wonderful smile and great sense of humor. Thank you again!

--The Hirsch and Hamel Families



June 14, 2011

*Colchester Federated Church
60 Main Street
Colchester, CT 06415*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful Sunday evening meal for our guests on June 12th. They enjoyed the delicious meal of baked macaroni, salad, meatballs, bread, and dessert. What a great meal you provided for our guests. They thoroughly enjoyed it!

You will be happy to know that you served 99 meals. We also appreciate the 7 volunteers who did a wonderful job serving and cleaning up afterward. You are all to be commended for a job well done.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Ron Thanks!

*Ronald R. Krom
Executive Director*

Tracy
*Tracy Thompson
Administrative Assistant
Program Coordinator*

*Great First Time
Job!
Thank You*

*607 Main Street, PO Box 398
Middletown
CT 06457-0398*

Annual Church Tag Sale

If you have any items you would like to donate for the upcoming Sale, you may drop them off in the Jerusalem Room from Sunday through Thursday, July 3 – July 7. Please note that we will not be able to take clothing, large furniture items, or large exercise equipment. All else is welcome!

If you would like to help with pricing, or help on the day of the Sale, please speak with anyone on the Fundraising Committee. We have been very fortunate in the past to have a large church participation in this event, and we appreciate it! We hope to see many of you again this year, along with some new faces.

REMEMBER: Come and shop! Bring family and friends. There will be great values for everyone! Proceeds will support CFC ministry and missions.

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee:
Diane Capasso, Pat Culhane, Jen Clarke, Kerry Hathaway, Melanie Hathaway, Shelly Hirsch, Nancy Knapp, and Joann Riddell

General Synod 28

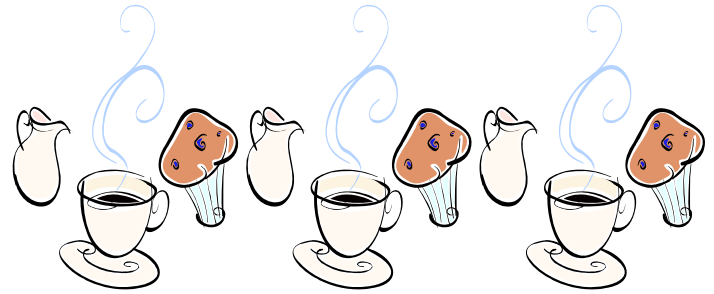
It's the grand gathering of the United Church of Christ: days of worship, days of fellowship, days of decision, days of the Spirit. Imagine What's Possible!

We hold in prayer those attending our national UCC biennial gathering, held in Tampa, Florida, this year. Many of us remember hosting the 50th anniversary synod in Hartford in 2007.

Contact: General Synod Registrar, Office of General Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

UCC Retreats

Connecticut Women of the UCC is holding Fall retreats on September 24 and October 29. Join women from all faiths at one or both of these one-day events. Please see the UCC website for retreat information: September event link: <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2650> and the October event link: <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2651>



Sunday Brunch

Cheryl Anderson and Jim Caronna will be providing a special coffee hour brunch to the congregation on **Sunday, August 7th**, in celebration of their upcoming wedding.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Stage Room following the 9 a.m. service for this special brunch.

For more information, please contact Karen Monteleone, 860-537-5580 or montelks@comcast.net.

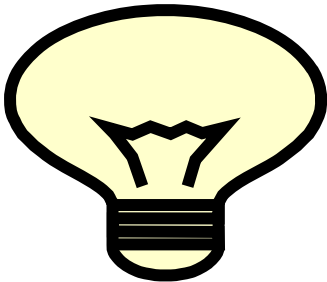
Treasurer Notes

While no longer the Church's office manager, the Church is fortunate that Tom Evans remains its Treasurer. Tom's home e-mail is teamtech@prodigy.net. If you are e-mailing for treasury-related issues, please be aware that Tom cannot respond to e-mails during the day at his new job. Also, please try to plan ahead when seeking expense reimbursement. Turn-around time for checks will be a little longer, since the treasurer position is no longer resident in the Church Office.

Open and Affirming

Save the Date of October 1st for another UCC retreat entitled *Open and Affirming – How to Get there...How to Live Into It*. This event will be held at Immanuel Congregational Church located at 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by Andrew Lang, Executive Director, UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns; and Kathie Carpenter, Lead ONA Consultant UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns

If you are an Open and Affirming Congregation, talking about Open and Affirming or thinking about starting the conversation, there will be something here for you and your church. Come be in conversation with others, learn what it means to be Open and Affirming and how to fully express extravagant welcome to all God's children. For more information, see the UCC link for this event: <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2646>



Energy savings are always welcome and the *Energy Star* website www.energystar.gov is a good place to get fresh ideas. In that vein, Energy Star hosts *Energy Management Web Conferences* on the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Each monthly conference is structured around a different energy management topic that provides a starting point for discussion. Join one this month!

We offer a hearty welcome to Susan Skoglund and thank the office transition team for their prayerful conscientious work. Susan comes to us with many gifts and a wealth of experience— in academic, corporate and non-profit settings. She is already hard at work in our church office. When you have the chance, stop by and say hello to her. Here is a brief introduction:

I am the new Office Manager, Susan Skoglund. I joined the Colchester Federated Church staff last month, and will be working on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I will continue to work at Christ Episcopal Church in Middle Haddam on Thursdays. I live in Marlborough with my husband Tom and teenage children, Matthew and Amanda. In my free time (when I am not running kids everywhere), I love to read (on my new e-reader!), scrapbook, and research my genealogy. I truly appreciate that everyone that I have met at the Church has been warm and welcoming.

Spiritual insomnia

Studies show that most Americans don't get adequate sleep. Whether an overcrowded schedule or insomnia is to blame, the short- and long-term effects are alarming. It's tough to maintain a healthy mind and body when you're sleep-deprived.

Likewise, we require sufficient, regular quiet time with God to stay spiritually healthy. Even Jesus needed time alone with God. Luke 5:16 says Jesus withdrew to deserted places to pray. Think how much more we need to listen for God's voice and learn from his Word!

