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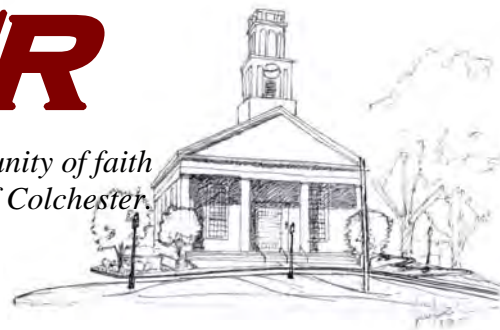
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*A community of faith
in the heart of Colchester.*



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Special Events

- **Military Whist** – 2nd, 5:45pm
- **Journey to the Cross** – 6th, 6:30pm
- **Seder Meal** - 13th, 6:30pm
- **Easter Fair** – 16th, 11-2
- **Maunday Thursday Worship & Communion** – 21st, 7pm
- **Good Friday Gospel Vigil** – 22nd, 10am-7pm
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** – 24th, 6am
- **Church Clean Up Day** – 30th, 9am

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We have moved from the searching light of Epiphany, to the penitence of Lent, and await the joyous festival of Easter! From sorrow, doubt, denial and grief--we open to resurrection, and forty days later at Pentecost--spirit filled proclamation!

Our lives are a journey...growing, knowing, rejoicing...with cycles of faith and doubt... despair and hope...moving toward new life in Christ.

We pray that the strength and truth and hope known in Christ, may be with each of you in this season of Lent and Eastertide; that in this world of trial and temptation you may walk in the peace of Christ--ever renewed through the sacraments and fellowship of the Church, acting with courage and generosity in service, and giving thanks always for the love of God in Christ, stronger than the worst the world can do.



Easter Meditation

power of Christ's resurrection, in our lives, our church and communities, and all creation.

Yours in the unbounded joy of Christ's resurrection,

Rev. Linda U. Barnes



April Worship Services

April 3 Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 10:00am Worship & Communion

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 9:1-41

Sermon: Restored

April 10 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 10:00am Worship

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130

Sermon: Breath of Hope

April 17 Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 & 10:00am Worship

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 27:11-54

Sermon: Holy Week Journey

Palm Sunday Processional

Heifer Project offering arks received



April 21 Maundy Thursday

at 7:00 p.m.

Worship and Communion

Third graders Special "First Communion"

Tenebrae readings (the Latin word for *shadows*)

followed by extinguishing of candles

as we commemorate the events of Holy Week.

April 22 Good Friday

Reading of the Gospels in Sanctuary

Continuously from 10am until 7pm

April 24 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

First Beach, Lake Hayward

April 24 Easter – Resurrection Celebration

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

Scriptures: Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 10:34-44

Sermon: Celebration of the Resurrection!





The flower schedule for the Sanctuary is as follows:

Month	Name	Phone	Email
April	Christine Miskell	(860) 537-6314	cmdvm@yahoo.com
May	Renee Misbach	(860) 537-9118	rouillette01@snet.net
June	Val Sullivan	(860) 537-8195	valiesullivan@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 Tom Evans how you would like the notice to read in the bulletin.



April 3 8:30 Mitch & Lori Koziol
 10:00 Joey Bradstreet
 Allison Capasso

April 10 8:30 Gerry Caron
 10:00 Gordon Archambault
 Jim Caronna

April 17 8:30 Mary Tomasi
 10:00 Lynne McCune
 Steve Bradstreet

April 24 8:30 Mitch & Lori Koziol
 10:00 Frank Tomlinson
 Steve Bradstreet

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.

- For our church in this time of music leadership transition, we thank you for your guidance as we go forward in faithfulness, service and joy.
- We pray for all who are in need.
- Our prayers continue for those joys and concerns during worship services.

Those sick or recovering:

Aaryn Bolgrihn
 Amy and Karl Ferling
 Wilma Fedus
 Emily Grundy
 Gail Joslin
 Betty and John Koes
 Janet Koziol
 Jan Labella
 June Plecan
 Walt Plecan

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.

Our friends in Nursing and Convalescent Homes:

Mark Bosse's mother Eleanor (Florida)
 Bob Fletcher (Apple)
 Marion Fletcher (Apple)
 Paulette Sharp (N. Hampshire)
 Heidi Tripp
 Aaron Turner (Harrington)

- As we look forward to celebrating the joy of Christ's resurrection at Easter—may we truly be open to God acting in our lives and in our world every day.
- We pray for the people of Japan in this time of devastation and tragedy.
- For peace in our world: learning to live with one another without conflict, and that inner peace "which passes all understanding, keeping our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God."
- We give thanks for the inspiring and faithful service of Aaron Turner, our newest Deacon Emeritus, and for the beautiful celebration with his family.

GOOD FRIDAY GOSPEL VIGIL



Again this year in observance of Good Friday, we are going to have the Gospels being read continuously in the sanctuary from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm on Friday, April 22nd. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 9 hours to read all four Gospels from the beginning of each through the Death of Jesus. In lieu of a set service, this will give

congregants and members of the community an opportunity to come and worship on Good Friday whenever and for how ever long they are able. We are looking for 2-3 individuals (adults as well as kids who are old enough to be proficient readers) per hour (or part of an hour) to handle the reading duties. If you are interested in helping with the reading on Good Friday, please contact Tom St. Louis at (860) 537-6314 or at t_stlouis@yahoo.com, or contact the church office. Remember, even if you can't help with the reading, please stop by if you can to hear the Word and join us in worship.



Greetings from the
Ministry of Stewardship.

Budget Status

After several months and long hours we are extremely happy to report that we are 100% confident that we have a full understanding of all of our financial matters and know exactly where we stand going into 2011 with our new accounting format. Some of you may not be aware that we redesigned our accounting format to more easily track our income and expenses. The 2011 budget reflects these changes. The biggest enhancement was that we took all of the non-operations funds and put them into a different type of accounting structure. Doing this makes it extremely easy to view our true financial picture (not counting the endowment fund) at any time. We hope these changes will make it easier for the ministries and missions to understand and track their funds.

The congregation passed our budget at the meeting on March 13th. We also gave a full report as to the final cost of the parking lot and where we stand with any outstanding funds from the gift we were so fortunate to receive. Thanks to all those that helped work on the budget and finances to get us to this point. Thank you also to all those who helped us reconcile the gift fund disbursements and parking lot expenditures. If you would like a

copy of the report from that meeting, please see Tom in the office or email him and he can send you an electronic copy.

Caution in the Parking Lot

As you may have noticed we have a downed light pole in our parking lot by the office. We will need everyone to be very attentive especially when backing their vehicles in around the light poles. We are confident that as people become more accustomed to them we will have less problems. Nonetheless we are contemplating putting in some sort of bollard to prevent this in the future.

A big project we are focusing on now is changing our kitchen dishwasher and adding the State mandated grease recovery system. We will keep everyone apprised of our actions as we move forward with this.

Clean Up Day – April 30th

The Ministry of Stewardship is planning a Spring Clean up Day on April 30th. The Boy Scouts of troop 72 will be joining us for some outdoor clean up. The Men of Service will be here as well to lend a hand. Everyone else is certainly welcome to come and help out.

If there is something special that you would like to do please call Jim Caronna or e-mail him and we will try to make arrangements for whatever cleaning materials that are needed will be available. Or, better yet donate the cleansers and come and spend a wonderful working day along side friends. The plan is to start around 9:00 AM outside.

We can be as flexible as needed about start and end times for anyone who wants to help. We will of course be considerate of the many organizations that use our church on Saturday mornings. We should have no problem working in other areas of the building while other groups are here.

Contact jimcaronna@comcast.net if you want to help out or have questions. You can also reach Jim at 860-965-7203

Let's Go Paperless

Even though we are in fairly decent shape financially, we are always looking for ways to cut back. This year we are going to be really pushing to eliminate as many paper copies of the Crier as possible. If you have access to email or the internet, we really want you to receive the Crier that way. Not counting the human hours involved, it costs the church about \$1 for each printed copy of the Crier mailed out.

We are still mailing
over 225 paper copies
a month!

The majority of this expense is the paper and duplicating costs. Please help us out in this. All you need to do is email Tom in the office and request delivery of the Crier through email. For those of you who do not have access to email or our web site (the Crier is available there, as

well as back issues), we will still provide you with a printed copy.

Have you ever seen the e-mail version of the Crier? It truly is amazing with all the vibrant color.

Please go see it at our web site at www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org and select the crier tab. With the cost savings to us and the green savings by not needing to use excess paper, this truly is a win-win situation.

2011 Giving Status

As of February 28, 2011:

Pledged: \$17,681.67

Received: \$19,920.50

Difference: \$238.83

101%

Who's Calling?

In many churches, there is a nominating committee of people whose primary purpose is to fill committee slots, here at the CFC, we have a committee called Gifts and Leadership. The intended difference is that we feel that the primary question to be asked is in relationship to the gifts that you have. How are they being utilized? Where might they best be fulfilled for the Greater Cause? We also ask that you take some time to ask yourself, to discern, where **you** are being called.

What are your gifts which you might not be using or developing at work or at home. Why not put them to use here? There are numerous opportunities. Have your kids already gone through? For many, this is when it is most rewarding.

Never doubt that a small handful of people can't change the world, usually that is how it is done. Get involved ... Make a difference.

If you'd like to get involved in a ministry or mission, please talk to Rev. Linda or John Sawchuk.

On behalf of Gifts and Leadership.

OUR DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS AARON TURNER.



AARON TURNER FAMILY

On Sunday March 6th, the Colchester Federated Church honored Aaron as our newest Deacon Emeritus during the 10 o'clock service. Many friends, neighbors, and family members were in attendance.

Aaron and his wife Odessa joined our church in 1959 and raised their family of four daughters Charlotte, Denise, Joyce and Marilyn here. Through the years while working for Schuster's Trucking he devoted his time to many church committees. Fellow Deacon Emeritus John Barr recalled first working with him in 1960 on the Baker-Bunyan addition project.

During the service, Cheryl Anderson spoke of a tender moment from her youth when Deacon Aaron had helped and comforted her. Colchester Lion Eric Jacobsen related how he has used Aaron's becoming Lion President after retiring as an example in motivational speeches he gives through out the state. He also told us he is proudest to call Aaron his friend. Here at CFC, we are happy to forever call him Deacon.



Great Expectations



As the choice for a new music director gets nearer, this is a great time to thank the choir and pastor Linda for the job they have done to keep the music flowing here at CFC. In some ways it is the greatest complement that could be paid to Pat Korenkiewicz. For she was like a great coach who worked hard at getting the most out of the talents and gifts that we have. As her time with us begins to slip into our memories and while it is too early to put it into true perspective, we do realize how fortunate we were. Pat was a talented woman who truly helped us to live in the moment.

But as we move forward and begin a new chapter in the worship here at CFC, it also provides us with an opportunity to learn from our past.

Pat was a wonderful part of our church and for some of us she reminded us of another amazing woman who helped us live in the moment by imploring us each week to remember that 'this is the day that the lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it'. Rev. Davida Crabtree, like Pat, also made us believe that we could. She worked to bring out the gifts that were in us.

The problem is not that we had such a dynamic leader or music director, the problem is when we take the ideal and make it into the measure we use for those that follow. God forbid we turn the ideal into legend. How unfair it was to hold the Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree up as the standard, especially when we think back to the young Dee who first came to us.

It's funny if you really think about it, that these two women, whose times were best defined by us reaching into ourselves and finding our gifts, may both be held up as the ideal. Maybe it is in those gifts that are in us where we should hold our great expectations.

Dee and Pat, two amazingly talented women who we were fortunate to have here, but whose greatest accomplishments may have been in bringing the talents out in us. Let us honor them best by using our talents and enjoying the uniqueness that each person and their gifts bring to this wonderful community of faith that we call our church home.

John Sawchuk, Deacon

Easter's meaning

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday.

In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!

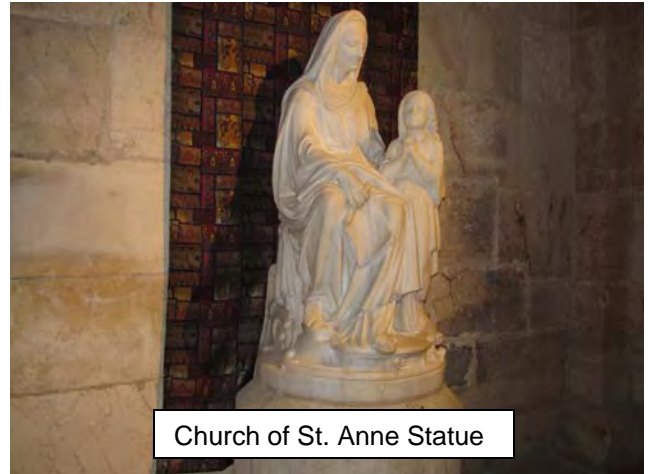
GRATITUDE FOR HOLY LANDS TRIP BY REV. LINDA BARNES

In spite of some apprehension I felt before leaving, our Holy Lands pilgrimage Feb. 22nd to March 3rd was a wonderful experience. I am very grateful.



Church of the Annunciation

I also came back humbler. All the emphasis in our congregational tradition on individual conscience, and preaching the Word for our time—can put a lot of weight on what I think and believe. But over



Church of St. Anne Statue

there, I was immersed in the ancient foundations of our faith, the lived covenant of hundreds, even thousands of years. I walked in awe. More of the time I was out of the circles in my head, and into an experience of heart and whole being.

I came back more confident too--Seeing all those ancient rocks somehow solidifying the foundations of my faith...Entering into the Gospels in a more visceral way...Feeling of certainty in eternal things.



Good Shepherd Carving

I am more sorrowful, walking in the footsteps of Jesus' suffering and death, seeing Christ's passion depicted powerfully in art; connecting with people suffering today—the Bedouin's desperation for the American dollar, the forbidding fence of concrete and barbed wire walling off Bethlehem and other parts of the land, tragic images on the nightly news of natural and political crises causing extreme suffering and death.



Ancient Olive Tree

I am more joyful too--the beauties of worship in its many forms, faithfulness and courage shown in pilgrims past and present, the realities of God's power and love shown forth in new ways for me.

We are more loving where sorrow becomes compassion. Fear becomes courage and hope, death leads to new life. That is the message for all of us, in this Lenten Easter season, and always.

Greetings From The Mission Of Wellness

The Seven Warning Signs of Cancer

Of all the illnesses a person may acquire during a lifetime, cancer is probably the most dreaded. During the past ten years the ability to diagnose cancer early and treatments for cancer have improved significantly. It is important to know the 7 warning signs of cancer so that you can seek medical attention early when the chance for a cure is the greatest. To remember the seven early warning signs of cancer (as designated by the American Cancer Society), think of the word

CAUTION:

Change in bowel or bladder habits.

A sore that does not heal.

Unusual bleeding or discharge.

Thickening or lump in the breast, testicles, or elsewhere.

Indigestion or difficulty swallowing.

Obvious change in the size, color, shape, or thickness of a wart, mole, or mouth sore.

Nagging cough or hoarseness.

The following symptoms may also signal the presence of some form of cancer:

- Persistent headaches
- Unexplained loss of weight or appetite
- Chronic pain in bones or other areas of the body
- Persistent fatigue, nausea, or vomiting
- Persistent low-grade fever, either constant or intermittent

- Repeated instances of infection

Call Your Doctor About Cancer If:

If you develop symptoms that are not clearly linked to another cause and persist for more than two weeks, you should schedule a medical exam as these symptoms may signal cancer. Remember, if the cause of your symptoms does turn out to be cancer, early diagnosis and treatment will offer a better chance of a cure.

I hope the above information is helpful and if you have any questions please feel free to call Cheryl Letendre RNC, BSN, CPN 860-537-6516

Source: WEBMD



Attention Women of CFC!

'The Ties That Bind'

The Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesday April 5th at 7pm in the lounge. This is a chance for you to come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Shelly Hirsch will be leading us in the art of making jewelry. Light refreshments will be served and all women are encouraged to come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Dooley @ 537-2979. See you there!



MEN OF SERVICE

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully, administering God's grace in its various forms. - 1Peter 4:10

HERE COMES THE YARD PATROL!

Spring is here... and so is the Yard Patrol! The Colchester Federated Church Men of Service have organized a "Yard Patrol" to provide yard, home maintenance, and other services to the elderly, homebound, and others in need in our community.

Let us know if you know of anyone who might be interested in the services of the Yard Patrol so that we can plan our service times. You can contact us at cfcmen@yahoo.com or by contacting either Tom St. Louis at (860) 537-6314 or the church office.

SAVE THE DATE

On **April 9th**, the CFC Men of Service will be participating as a group in Colchester's Spring Clean-up Day, organized by the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department. Our group will be assigned to a specific school or park area in town to perform some basic grounds maintenance work. The group will meet at 8:15 am in the front of the church and walk together to the Town Green for the 8:30 am opening rally. Bring your shovels, rakes, and gloves!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are calling all the men and teenage young men in our congregation to join CFC Men of Service in our work in the community. We also

are inviting friends and other community members outside of our congregation with an interest in community service to lend a hand with our service projects. The more helping hands we have, the more great work we can do!

We also need the entire congregation and community to help us identify service projects of any type for those in need in Colchester. If you have an idea for a service need that CFC Men of Service may be able to fill, or if you would like more information about CFC Men of Service or to join our email list, please contact Tom St. Louis or email us at cfcmen@yahoo.com.

The next Men of Service quarterly meeting will take place on Sunday, **June 12, 2011**.

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

—Robert Flatt



**FEED YOUR MIND.
TAKE ACTION.
END HUNGER.**

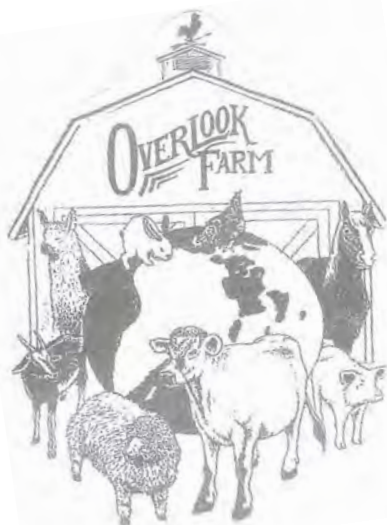
It's that season when farm animals take over our sanctuary, and ark banks jingle with change...Our Heifer Project is underway! Ark banks and calendars are available in Sunday School classes. We will be sharing activities that teach our children and youth about "passing on the gift" (As people share their animals' offspring with others ~along with their knowledge, resources, and skills~ an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.) heifer offering envelopes are available in the pews.

Get your collectible "Animal Cracker" cards ~ a different animal is featured in Sunday School classes each week during Lent!

We hope that you will find this to be a meaningful family mission project. Be sure to ask your children about the Heifer animals and the gifts they provide. Arks will be collected and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011. For more information contact Tracy Bausum and visit www.heifer.org.

Join us for a trip to Heifer's OVERLOOK FARM

Whether this is your first visit or your fifth visit, this is a truly meaningful experience!



What: Overlook Farm introduces participants to the idea that one person can make a difference in ending hunger and poverty and is ideal for those that want to learn more about the issues surrounding hunger and poverty, Heifer's sustainable solutions and what they can do to help. Experiential, hands-on, interactive and fun, Overlook Farm is also a demonstration farm complete with gardens and animals including water buffalo, yaks and traditional farm animals such as pigs, goats and more. (Program is for youth in 4th - 12th grades and interested adult family members.)

When: Sunday, June 5, 2011; leave church ~ 8:30 a.m., return ~ 4:30 p.m.

Where: Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm, 216 Wachusett Street, Rutland, MA, 01543 (508) 886-2221 www.heifer.org/overlook

Cost: \$12.00 per person payable upon registration. Cost is non-refundable but may be transferred to another person. (Scholarships are available)

Please contact Tracy Bausum (tbausum@yahoo.com or 860-537-4550) with questions or to register ASAP. Spaces are limited and a head count needs to be given to Overlook Farm very soon.



Disaster Relief for Japan

You can contribute to disaster relief and rebuilding efforts for Japan and areas affected by the earthquake, tsunami and its aftermath by giving through out church. Please indicate on your check or gift: "Pacific earthquake/tsunami". Information on emergency relief and on-going efforts through our Common Global Ministries Board can be found at www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011.



An auction of contractor services.

April 16th 2011

9 am - registration, ticket raffle and breakfast

10 am - live auction begins

at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Salem, CT

Some services to be auctioned include -

- Carpet/upholstery cleaning
- The planting for a flowering spring tree
- Design consultation and drawings
 - Labor by contractors
 - Painting and Wallpapering

There will also be an array of ticket raffle items.



Would you like a way to support Habitat at your school, through your congregation or in your community?

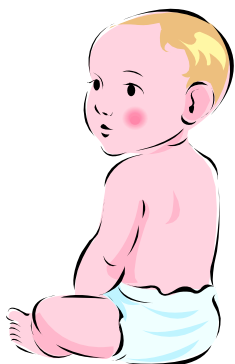
Consider doing a Nickels for Nails coin collection drive.

The drive will take place from April 18th to May 20th. If a different time frame works better for your group that is fine too.

The group that raises the most money will be recognized by Habitat in a variety of ways, including being able to go onto the court and having a picture taken at a Connecticut Sun game.

For more information and to Register, contact Habitat at: mission@habitatsect.org

Diaper Drive



The Mission & Witness project for the season of Lent is gathering diapers and wipes for babies in our town and county. DCF's Supportive Housing Alliance is in need of diapers and wipes for children. Our town Social Services is also in need of diapers and wipes. Parents on state assistance can not purchase these items with state funds. Babies need diapers as a part of their growth.

As you continue to move through Lent giving up coffee, soda, sugary snacks, and more. We are asking you to use the money you save by not purchasing those items and help a neighbor in need...buy some diapers and wipes.

Mission & Witness hope to divide a crib full of diapers and wipes between DCF and the town Social Services Dept.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Ministry of Christian Education at Colchester Federated Church celebrates all people as children of God embarking on their own faith journeys. We strive to offer safe and comfortable Christian experiences for everyone at all stages of development to experience God by connecting real faith to real life through the messages of the Bible. We work to provide resources and support that help all members of our congregation to grow in their faith. Guiding us in our mission are our core values:

- † *Embracing diversities of faith and life;*
- † *Worshiping and learning together;*
- † *Growing in our relationship with God;*
- † *Growing in our relationship with each other;*
- † *Making a connection between church and home;*
- † *And relying upon our faith in dealing with the challenges of everyday life*

Notes from Sunday School:

- † Our 3rd grade class and their families will have the opportunity to participate in their 2nd Special Communion class on April 3rd following worship. (Details were sent to families). Our 3rd graders will participate in communion during the Maundy Thursday service on April 21, 2011.
- † On Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011, all children and youth are invited to meet by 9:50 a.m. in the Stage Room to receive palms and participate in the Palm Parade around the Sanctuary.
- † There are no Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011 so that our teachers and assistants may celebrate and worship with their families.
- † The Nursery will be available for families to use but caregivers will not be present on Easter.

TEEN TIME

All teens in grades 9 -12 are invited to join us in the Lounge on the 1st Sunday of every month during the 10 a.m. worship service in the Lounge. We share communion, fellowship and a faith-based discussion relevant to the challenges in your daily lives. We are offering a theme-series based on scripture readings that help us to examine "Stress". The last two of the program year are:

April 3, 2011: Stressed Out by Instant Gratification

May 1, 2011: Stressed Out by Loss

For questions or more information see Tracy Bausum or Ted Sanford.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EASTER ADVENTURE FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY...

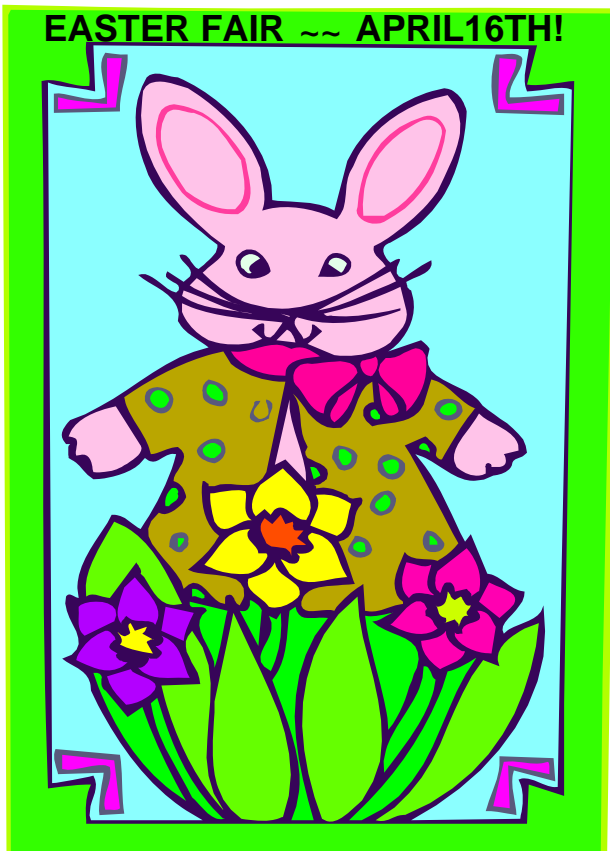


JOURNEY TO THE CROSS IS A POWERFULLY MOVING, MULTISENSORY FAMILY EVENT THAT GUIDES PEOPLE ALONG THE PATH THAT JESUS WALKED DURING HIS LAST DAYS ON EARTH. ACTIVITY STATIONS FOCUSED ON JESUS' LOVE AND FORGIVENESS DEMONSTRATE THE REAL MEANING OF EASTER: OUR RISEN CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH! DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE TOGETHER, THIS EVENT TEACHES ABOUT THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF THE CRUCIFIXION IN A WAY THAT EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND AND NO ONE WILL FORGET. WHAT: FAMILIES*, AND/OR SMALL GROUPS WILL VISIT 5 DIFFERENT CROSS STATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR CHURCH BUILDING. ("JESUS IS COMING", "JESUS LOVES ME", "JESUS SHOWS US WHAT GOD IS LIKE", "JESUS SUFFERED FOR US", AND "JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE.")

(*THERE WILL BE SOME DARK SPACES AND LOUD NOISES SO PLEASE USE DISCRETION WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN)

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 FROM 6:30 P.M. ~ 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: BEGINS IN THE STAGE ROOM OF CFC



Have an "EGGS"-tra special Easter and join us for our annual Easter Fair on Sat., April 16th from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Enjoy a variety of games and crafts, an Easter Egg Hunt, live animals, bake sale and lunch with the Easter Bunny! If you would like to donate a dozen hard boiled eggs (for egg-dyeing craft), or a baked good, or if you would like to help on fair day, please speak to Tracy Bausum (537-4550), Diane Capasso (228-8734) or Pat Culhane (537-1202).

There will be a nominal fee for crafts, games and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the youth as well as the ministry and missions of our church. Thank-you! *Sponsored by: The Ministry of Education and Fundraising*

Shrove Tuesday



The members of the Ministry of Church Life would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a great success. Once again, we had great food thanks to Deb Howard and Jim Caronna. Special thanks Jim for running out at the last minute to replenish our food supplies, to John Sawchuk for jumping into action when one of the griddles broke and to all those who helped with set up and clean up. Of course, thanks to all who came out to eat. We had a great evening of food and fellowship. The freewill offering will be used to help support various needs in the church.



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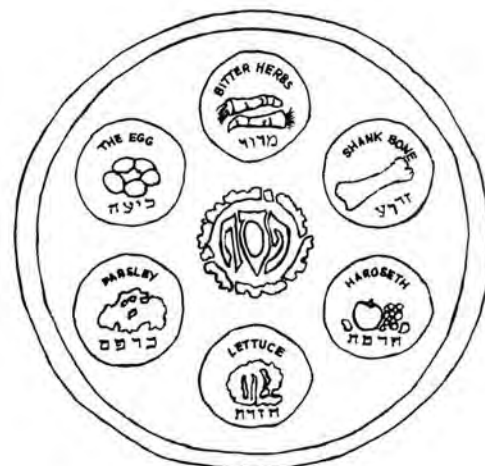
Seder Service & Meal

Hosted By members of the Discipleship Program

WHEN: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Colchester Federated Church Stage Room

The Passover meal is known as the Seder, which means "order," because the meal and service are done in a prescribed sequence. This sequence is presented in the Haggadah ("telling") which outlines the steps of the meal as well as the readings and songs for the participants.



Our goal is that through experiential activities, we will offer a sense of this Jewish tradition recognizing that our Christian faith flows out of Judaism, as well as a sense of the meal that Jesus and his friends experienced the night before his crucifixion.

This experience will include readings, candle lighting, sampling foods from a Seder plate, water, "fruit of the vine" (grape juice), and some "celebration foods" to be enjoyed with music at the conclusion of the service.

This is not intended to be a full meal so you may want to eat before attending this. There is also about an hour of sitting and sharing readings before the "celebratory" phase so please consider the age-appropriateness for young children.

**The Ministry of Christian Education looks forward to growing in faith
with each of you!**

Tracy Bausum, Director of Christian Education
(tbausum@yahoo.com or 860-537-4550),

Alison Cook, Carolyn Marvin, Wendy Moores, Laurie O'Neil,
Megan Stillwell & Michelle Wyatt

Lost and found

Jürgen Moltmann had a secular upbringing in Germany. In 1944, he was drafted into Hitler's army and sent into battle. After American soldiers captured Moltmann, a chaplain gave him a small Bible containing the New Testament and the Psalms.

Jesus walked off the pages and into the young man's heart. "I didn't find Christ," Moltmann said. "He found me." The gospel was such life-giving good news that when the war ended, Moltmann became a Christian theologian, teaching in both German and American seminaries.

Moltmann calls Easter "God's protest against death" and "the beginning of laughter for the redeemed."

HOT CROSS BUNS

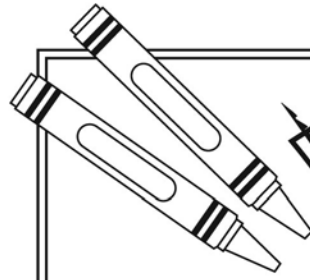
Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



PUZZLE

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.



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| 1. Jesus | 5. cross |
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| 1. Jesus | 5. perfecter |
| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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| 1. eyes | 5. right |
| 2. us | 6. grow |
| 3. joy | 7. God |
| 4. heart | 8. throne |

“... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and
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 he _____ the _____, _____ its _____, and
 sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____.
 Consider _____ who _____ such _____
 from _____, so that you will not _____
 and _____.” HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV





TIRED OF ALL THAT CLUTTER IN YOUR HOME AND GARAGE?!

Just “sweep up” all your re-usable treasures and donate them to our **SUMMER TAG SALE, July 9th.**

We are not able to take clothing or large furniture items, but everything else is welcome. This is one of our largest fundraisers each year, and we appreciate everyone’s efforts in recycling! *Sponsored by: The Fundraising Committee*

Save the Date!!! May 14th will be the date of this year’s

Mother/Daughter Banquet!

Join us for a night of fine dining and this year we have the privilege of being entertained by our own Irish group, “Tu micsan af rog’.

CFC HIKING CLUB

“The Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he makes me walk upon the high places” HAB 3:19

Snow is melting quickly, temperatures and sun are rising higher, and with it the excitement to hit the trails again! If you would like to get together in fellowship to experience God’s handiwork up close we will be meeting to plan and lead a couple local hikes this spring as well as something a little bigger for late spring and maybe see who is interested in a summer get together at a date and location TBD. We will meet **March 27th** briefly after church in the Women’s Fellowship Lounge (please, no muddy boots!). All are encouraged to bring friends or anyone who might be interested...all levels of hikers welcome!

Yours in Hiking!

(if unable to make the meeting and are interested in more information, please contact John or Nancy at jonansipat@yahoo.com)



Greeters Needed

If you would like to be a greeter at our 10am service (9am in the summer), please contact Dolores Sawchuk at 537-2751. Greeting is a GREAT way to meet and get to know our church family!



- **To everyone who gives so generously** of their time, talents and income to make this a safe place to come and 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 everyone who contributes food** each week, to Avis Hull for taking the food collected to the food bank, and for the paper goods contributions
- **To Dave Hock** who keeps our building clean and secure.
- **To all the women** who help fold and mail the Crier each month.
- 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 your efforts and couldn't survive without you. Thanks for your support!
- Many thanks **to all those who ordered bulbs from Flower Power**, and for asking your co-workers and family! Your orders

have been sent, and you will receive your bulbs in time for the spring planting season. We raised \$338.00 to help support the ministry and missions of our church.

Thank-you and enjoy your plants! The Fundraising Committee



Supplies for the church

are always in need. Toilet paper, paper towels, and copy paper are examples of items used daily in our church. Other items as paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware, cups for hot and cold drinks, liquid soap, saran wrap, aluminum foil, heavy duty large garbage bags and spray air fresheners are used on a regular basis. If you need a reminder, please check the bulletin board at the front of the sanctuary. There is a basket underneath to place any items you wish to donate.

Thank you very much.

Music Director Search

Breaking News: We have a new music director! Kimberly Lewis signed our Director of Music Ministries Employment Covenant Monday March 21st. Her first Sunday here will be April 10th. She lives in town with her husband and two young children. (More introductory details will follow later.) She is extremely well qualified and was selected through an extensive search process conducted by our Music Transition Team, in consultation with Personnel, Stewardship and Deacons. We are thrilled to welcome Kim, a gifted musician, to our church. We thank Mary Mirecki, Eric Ouellette, Joan Frantzen and Shirley Pugh for providing music for our worship in this interim period. As always, we are grateful to our faithful choir members for sharing their gifts with us so generously.



Saturday, April 30th 13th Annual World Tai Chi & Qigong Day –

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. **FREE** Tai Chi & Qigong classes offered by Tai Chi teachers from around the region. Join us for CT's largest and only continuing World Tai Chi Day Celebration on the Colchester Town Green. Opening ceremonies and free demonstrations start at 10:00 AM. If you've ever wondered what Tai Chi and Qigong are all about, this is the perfect opportunity to find out. For details, workshop schedule and directions go to: <http://www.connecticuttaichi.us/> or call Silver Dragon 860-742-5892.



Let us DEAL you in to >>>

MILITARY WHIST---- Sat., April 2nd!

ENJOY a fun-filled evening playing cards with family, friends and meeting new people. WIN game and raffle prizes.

MUNCH ON tasty snacks and desserts.

Doors open: 5:45 p.m.

Game begins: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

This game is open to all older youth and adults. Child-care will be provided for the younger ones. Proceeds will benefit the ministries and missions of CFC.

Sponsored by: the Fundraising Committee



We need people for the American Baptist and United Church of Christ spring meetings.

Baptist one is Sat. April 30th
at Iglesia Unida El Calvario,
New Haven.

UCC is Sat. May 14 at the
Congregational Church of
Naugatuck.

Anyone from our congregation
is welcome to attend either
meeting.

Talk to Rev. Barnes for more
information.



**Colchester Federated Church – Easter Plant Sale
Orders taken through April 10th, 2011**



_____ Pick up at the church after Easter services
 _____ Donate to home-bound after Easter services

Please mark quantity and choice of each flower:

Lily	_____	6.5" pot \$13.50	_____	8" pot \$20.50
Daffodil	_____	6.5" pot \$9.50	_____	8" pot \$13.50
Tulip *	_____	6.5" pot \$9.50	_____	8" pot \$13.50
Hyacinth *	_____	6.5" pot \$9.50	_____	8" pot \$13.50

* Requested Color _____ (assorted colors were ordered; we will try our best to meet your request)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Memorial: _____

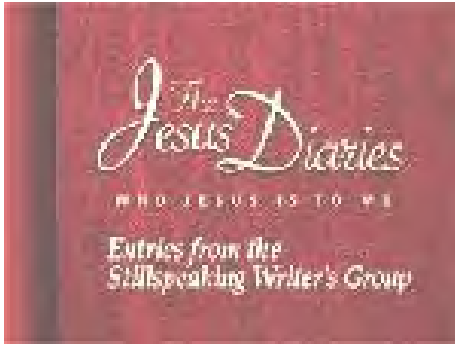
Please make checks payable to the Colchester Federated Church at the time of order. Orders may be placed in the offering plate or at the Church office. For further information, please contact a member of Church Life—Renee Misbach 537-9118, Jen Mitchell 460-6443, Val Sullivan 537-8195, Necia Stopa 537-2814, Evelyn Plecan 537-0625, or Christine Miskell 537-6314. Flowers will be purchased at Ballek's of East Haddam.



Send messages of Easter joy with CFC Easter cards! Beautiful Easter Cards and All-Occasion Cards will be available following church services on April 3rd and 10th. Sample cards will be displayed and order forms available. The Easter selection is \$5.00 for a set of 4 cards and envelopes. The all-occasion cards are \$10.00 for a set of 8 cards and envelopes. You may also order individual cards for \$1.50 each in any quantity that you wish.

Many thanks to Tom Evans for creating these beautiful cards with the uplifting Easter message! Please note that any of the CFC cards are available throughout the year in the office if you are interested. If you have further questions, please speak with Tom or Diane Capasso.

Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee



Here is a devotional reading opportunity for this Lenten Season:

The Jesus Diaries: Who Jesus is to Me

Entries from the Stillspeaking Writer's Group who do the UCC daily devotionals.

Eight personal essays from members of the Stillspeaking Writer's Group, including Lillian Daniel, Tony Robinson, Ron Buford, Martin Copenhagen and others. Consider what Jesus means to you as you read these original short essays written from very different life

experiences. It includes blank pages at back to write your own words about who Jesus is to you.

We will have several copies available for purchase at \$7.50 each, and also copies in the office for borrowing. Talk to Pastor Barnes for more information.

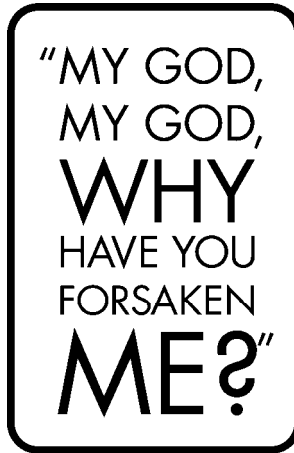
On the loose

In John Masefield's play *The Trial of Jesus*, Pilate's wife, Procula, asks one of the guards about the crucifixion. He tells her about Christ on the cross and says, "Jesus' body has been buried, but I don't think he is dead."

"Then where is he?"

Procula asks.

The soldier replies, "Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop his truth."



Answer: C

Bible Quiz

Two places in the Bible, one in the Old Testament and one in the New, feature the following words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The New Testament account is found in Matthew 27:46, when Jesus is hanging on the cross. Where are the words found in the Old Testament?

- A. 1 Kings 19:4
- B. Jeremiah 38:9
- C. Psalm 22:1
- D. Lamentations 1:20

OFFICE HOURS You may reach Rev. Barnes or the church office manager (Tom Evans) at 537-5189. The regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 – 3:30. If you don't reach the pastor there, you are welcome to call her home at 537-3552 or her cell phone at 334-6790. (Her time off each week is Thursday evening and Friday, so limit calls during those times to emergencies.)

Church office email is colchesterfederate@sbcglobal.net. (note: no second "d")

CRIER DEADLINE is the 15th of every month.