

# THE CRIER

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## A Note From Pastor Lauren

Holy Week is almost upon us! Here at Colchester Federated Church, we observe the holiest week of the year as a faith community through various special worship services. Some of us regularly attend year after year. For others, this might be your first Holy Week at CFC. To me it's always worth taking the time to explain how things go.

This year, Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**, where we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and acknowledge that the triumphal entry simultaneously foreshadows the solemn events that are to come. We have our own version of the Palm Sunday processional by gathering outside on the front steps and then walking back into the sanctuary while singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" waving our palms. Palm Sunday also happens to fall on the first Sunday of the month this year, so we will have Communion and this will be an intergenerational worship service.

From there, we move onto **Maundy Thursday on April 6th**. The children of this year's Communion Class will help lead us through the events of that night including the Last Supper and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Communion Class reads some of the Maundy Thursday story from the Gospel according to Mark and have their hands washed to remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet. For some of our kiddos, this will be the first time that they receive the Sacrament of Communion. The service begins at 7 PM.

**Good Friday is April 7th** where we walk (quite literally) through the Seven Last Words that Jesus spoke on the cross. The Stations of the Cross service is one that I had put together in seminary as a group project and it's an interactive service that I hope helps us understand the events of the day on another level. We walk throughout the sanctuary from station to station and sing together along the way. The service begins at 12 PM.

Finally, the culmination of the week is **Easter Sunday on April 9th**. We celebrate with a 6 AM Sunrise Service on the shores of Lake Hayward. We gather at the pavilion and the service takes place on the beach. This service includes some liturgy, singing a few hymns, and a shortened version of my Easter sermon. At 9 AM there is a joyous Easter service in our sanctuary. Communion is offered and the service ends with our Choir singing a spirited rendition of "The Hallelujah Chorus." After worship, the children of our church are invited to head outside for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Holy Week is a meaningful and important week. It's also a *full* week, and we know that not everyone can attend every service that's offered! But I encourage you to participate as you are able, it will make your Easter all the more joyous.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Lauren*

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### Ministers:

All of the Members of the Church are called to serve in daily life.

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# WORSHIP INFORMATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS & READERS

April 2	Matt 21:1-11	Ashlyn Barrows
April 9	Matt 28:1-10	Dick Paige
April 16	John 20:19-31	Cheryl Letendre
April 23	Luke 24:13-35	Kristina Lenda
April 30	John 10:1-10	Mark Bosse

Interested in being a scripture reader?  
Please reach out to John Dooley

## AT HOME COMMUNION

Do you know a Church Family Member who would like to receive communion but are house-bound and unable to make it to Sunday Services? Please bring this to the attention of a Deacon so we might bring communion to them. Or call the church office who will direct your request to the Diaconate.



Colchester Federated Church

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 9th at 6 AM

Lake Hayward Pavilion

East Shore Drive | East Haddam CT 06423

*All Are Welcome!*

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



## **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

9 AM Worship Service  
Palm Sunday Processional



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

7 PM Worship Service  
*The Last Supper*  
Our Communion Class will help  
lead the service and receive  
Communion for the first time.



## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

12 PM Worship Service  
*Stations of the Cross*  
We will walk throughout the  
Sanctuary from station to station as  
we contemplate the seven last words  
Jesus spoke from the cross.



## **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

6 AM Sunrise Service at Lake Hayward  
9 AM Worship Service w/Communion  
We will joyfully celebrate the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ together  
and Communion will be served at  
our service in the sanctuary.  
10 AM Easter Egg Hunt

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## For those who are ill or recovering:

**Cindy** (*Cheryl Letendre's Sister*)

**Rick & Kathi Diederich** (*Danielle Pensa's Parents*)

**Sadie Dombrowski**

**Elizabeth Emory**

**Eleanor Keller**

**Kathy Landry**

**Jan McKelvey**

**Teri Sawchuk**

**Duncan Schofield** (*Megan Stillwell's Father*)

## For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one:

**The Bradstreet Family for the loss of Jude's mother, Virginia Bartlett**

Prayers for all those who are providing care for family members.

Prayers for all those who are grieving.

Prayers for all who are in recovery and struggling with sobriety.

Prayers for all those separated from their families.

Prayers for our country, its leaders and for peace here and in the world.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 1- 3 months unless otherwise communicated to the church office.*

# CELEBRATIONS & THANKS

## April Birthdays

04/03 Ellie Tiezzi  
 04/05 Sean Stevens  
 04/08 Evelyn Plecan  
 04/13 Chester Anderson  
 Matthew Olsen  
 Necia Stopa  
 04/14 Gerry Caron  
 04/17 Wendy Moores  
 04/21 Dick Paige  
 04/22 Jason Clarke  
 Cora Rago  
 04/24 Todd Simonds  
 04/26 Rosie Bosse  
 Sara McCarvill  
 Barbara McKelvey

## April Anniversaries

04/27 Liza & Jim Ringuette

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Kristen Delzell & Tanner DeBowsky on their engagement!

### We are very thankful to so many people in our church community...

... Thank you to Pastor Lauren for leading the *Praying in Color* workshop.  
 ... Thank you to the congregation for making origami butterflies to help with the Easter surprise. Soon you'll see the fruits of your labor!  
 ... Thank you to all those that donated plastic eggs & fillings for the Easter Egg Hunt.  
 ... Thank you to all those who have hosted coffee hour following our worship services each week.  
 ... Thank you to Deborah Howard for making bread with the Communion Class.  
 ... Thank you to Terry & Deb Howard for changing locks and overseeing the kitchen clean-up.

**We thank those who check on and open/close windows and doors... for those who bring in paper goods to offset our expenses, and for those who donate their time and efforts to maintain and repair our buildings and grounds.**

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, kind words and cards after my surgery and during my recovery period. I'm feeling great, and very happy to be back to normal routines, including seeing everyone on Sunday

Sincerely, Debby Barden



### Giving Update

	February	Year to Date
<b>Total Pledged</b>	\$12,422	\$24,844
<b>Total Received</b>	\$15,497	\$29,211
<b>Difference</b>	\$3,075	\$4,367
<b>Percent Received</b>	125%	118%

# MISSION & WITNESS

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Between Easter and Mother's Day, Mission & Witness will be selling Mother's Day cards to raise money for the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program, which provides blankets, hygiene kits, school kits, and emergency cleanup buckets to qualifying 501(c)(3) agencies as emergency situations or disasters occur within local communities. From the CWS website: The CWS Blankets program was created "to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters."

**Cards will be available for \$10 each**, and every card sold will purchase a blanket to be given to an individual who has experienced an emergency situation. Though these cards are not specifically intended for Mother's Day, they would make a great gift for your mother, your grandmother, your sister, your wife, your daughter, your aunt, your cousin, your best friend, your crafting buddy, your walking partner, your book club hostess, your favorite teacher, your nosiest neighbor (the one with the barky dog), your worst enemy, or any other lovely lady who has everything.

For more information about this very worthwhile initiative, visit <https://cwsblankets.org>, or speak with Lynn Stefanowicz.

### ***Mission and Witness:***

Laurie, Lynn, Rick, Todd, and Wendy



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Communion Sundays we worship together and the youth help with leading the worship service. Thank you to Anora, Oliver, and Rae for helping to lead our worship service on March 5th.

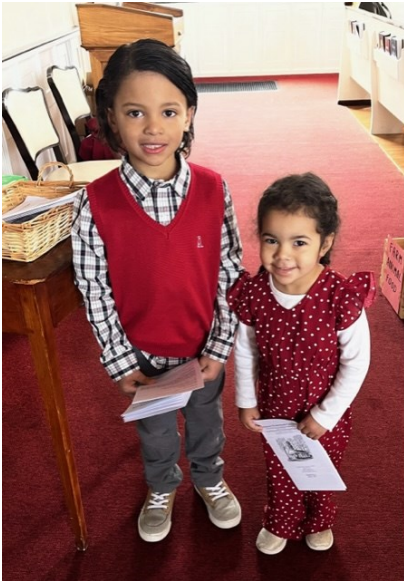


Photo Credit: Steve Bradstreet & Deborah Howard

## JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 9TH

FOLLOWING THE 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Colchester Federated Church  
60 Main St, Colchester, CT 06415

*\*Youth are encouraged to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs.*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## COMMUNION CLASS!



## VBS: HELP NEEDED!

It's that time again! I am once again looking for a team of people who can help with planning and implementing our Vacation Bible School program this summer.

VBS will be held August 7-11, 9AM—12PM. The next planning team meeting is scheduled for **April 23** following the worship service.



**I am also looking for adults and older youth to help lead the groups of youth around the church.**

If you are able to help please reach out!  
Thank you! ~Nicole



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

KURT A. FRANTZEN

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04 March 2023

Colchester Federated Church  
60 Main St.  
Colchester, CT 06415

SUBJECT: A Gift to Express Our Thanks

Dear Church Family:

Ninety days ago, Joan Louise Frantzen passed away. Bereavement specialists tell us that it takes about three months before a person begins to exit the shock-phase of losing a loved one. To be sure, the journey through the grief process is not over but we can begin seeing the contours of a new...way...of understanding who we are without...her.

Even though we were in shock, or severe stress, during Joan's final journey through palliative care and hospice, the kind words and acts of loving kindness were not lost by us. We (Nels, Garth, Jan, Ross, and me) heard you, saw you, and felt you holding us close in your thoughts and prayers, in your arms and hands, and in generous acts of giving and support. Moreover, the Memorial Service held in the Sanctuary on December 17<sup>th</sup> and the follow-on reception were gracious gifts to our family and exemplary of your love for Joan. For such great kindness, generosity, and the outpouring of love, the Frantzen family thanks each of you individually and all of you, collectively.

With Joan's passing, her art was left in our hands. After much thought and deliberation, Nels, Garth, and I wish to convey and hereby forever grant her log-cabin "*Christmas Village Quilt*" to you, our church family. Perhaps you will consider displaying the quilt permanently, perhaps on a wall, at an appropriate location within the building(s). Because such an installation may require funding, the Frantzen family will underwrite that cost.

In closing, thank you for the many cards and letters, they are another sign of your love for Joan and us. We have tried to respond, but have found the task difficult, daunting, and in each case tearful. We hope then you will understand and be patient with us, but know we love, care, and deeply appreciate each of you.

Very truly yours,



Kurt A. Frantzen, PhD

KAF/  
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Enclosed: "*Christmas Village Quilt*" by Joan L. Frantzen

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Easter Flower Sale

Easter flowers are for sale through **April 3**. Please print the form and return in the collection plate. Or email Amy Domeika with the order information.

Delivery after Easter by Church Life is available! Just let us know!  
Bulbs can be replanted. Order form below.

If paying by check, please make payable to Colchester Federated Church and mail to 60 South Main Street, Colchester, CT 06415.  
Venmo is also accepted

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up *after Easter Service* \_\_\_\_\_ or Deliver to: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower	Quantity	Price	Total	Pick Up or Donate?	Dedication
Lily		\$16			
Daffodil		\$11			
Tulip		\$11			
Hyacinth		\$11			
Double Lily		\$30			

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

The church is in need of paper towels. As you are out and about shopping, please feel free to pick some up if you're able and drop them off at the Church Office or to service on Sunday morning.

The donation of *copy paper, toilet paper,* and *paper towels* by our members and friends helps us offset our expenses.

Please keep these items in mind when you are out shopping. We are always appreciative of the help!

Thank You!



## SPRING IN BLOOM VENDOR FAIR

Our Spring in Bloom Vendor Fair is coming up on **May 6th** from 10-2 PM! If you would like a table for the fair, or know someone who would like to sell their goods, please reach out to Renee Misbach, Liza Ringuette, or Jen Totten.

**Spring in Bloom**  
**Vendor Fair**

**Saturday, May 6th 10 AM - 2 PM**

Crafters - Vendors - Upscale Tag Sale  
Farmer's Market - Raffle - Bake Sale

Colchester Federated Church  
60 Main St, Colchester CT

If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Renee at  
[rouillette01@snet.net](mailto:rouillette01@snet.net)

The flyer features a light pink background with decorative elements including pink roses, butterflies, and greenery. The text is arranged in a central, easy-to-read layout.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SILVER LAKE Camp & Retreat Center

223 Low Rd.  
Sharon, CT 06069  
860-364-5526

[www.SilverLakeCT.org](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org)

LEARN MORE

PRE-CAMP  
June 25-29

Pioneer:  
Alumni  
Edition  
adults, 18+

GRADE IN SEPTEMBER 2023  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
Standard Program\* Tiered Pricing:  
\$745 / \$670 / \$595  
\*Some programs may have slightly different pricing,  
or an additional program fee.



WEEK 1  
July 2-8



My Loved  
One and Me  
Sun.-Wed.  
4 5  
plus adult

Raise your  
Voice  
6 7 8

Sing  
Praise  
7 8 9

Faith 360  
10 11 12

WEEK 2  
July 9-15

Day Camp  
M-F 8:45-4:45  
1 2 3

Team  
Lego  
4 5 6



Fun in  
the Son  
7 8 9

Rock of  
Ages  
9 10 11 12

WEEK 3  
July 16-22

Family  
Camp 1  
Sun.-Wed.  
all ages

Gone  
M.A.D.D.  
4 5 6

FruitFULL  
Faith  
7 8

Carry the  
Torch  
9 10 11 12

Still  
Singing  
9 10 11 12

WEEK 4  
July 23-29

Family  
Camp 2  
Wed.-Sat.  
all ages

Silver Lake  
Sampler  
4 5 6



Fun in  
the Shade  
7 8 9

This  
Just In  
9 10 11 12

WEEK 5  
July 30-  
Aug 5




Muggles  
and  
Wizards  
4 5 6



All a  
Board!  
7 8 9

Reel  
to Real  
9 10 11 12

 Southern New England Conference  
United Church of Christ  
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 21  
1-5 p.m.  
registration requested

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib) 12 PM GS Drive-Thru Cookie Booth (O)
<b>2</b> 9 AM Worship Service 7 PM Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (SR)   <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>3</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (G/SR/ JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>4</b> 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib) 4:30 PM Girl Scout #63313 (JR)	<b>5</b> 9:30 Staff meeting (O) 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 6 PM Girl Scouts #63223 (JR)	<b>6</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S) 8 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)   <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 12 PM Good Friday Service (S)   <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib) 1 PM Private Party (SR/ G)
<b>9</b> 6 AM Sunrise Service at Lake Hayward 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt   <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>10</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (G/SR/ JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">             Pastor Lauren Off           </div>	<b>11</b> 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>12</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Stewardship (Lng)	<b>13</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>14</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)
<b>16</b> 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM VBS Meeting (JR) 11 GS Drive-Thru Cookie Booth (O)  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">             Dave Hock Off           </div>	<b>17</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (G/SR/ JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>18</b> 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib) 4:30 PM Girl Scout #63313 (JR) 7 PM Deacons (Lng)	<b>19</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 6 PM Girl Scouts #63223 (JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>20 <i>Crier Deadline</i></b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>21</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib) 12 PM GS Drive-Thru Cookie Booth (O)
<b>23</b> 9 AM Worship Service 1 PM Private Party (SR)  <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <b>30</b> 9 AM Worship Service	<b>24</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (G/SR/ JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>25</b> 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>26</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>27</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>28</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)

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*Easter  
Blessings*