

THE CRIER

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A Note From Pastor Lauren

*Come, let us sing joyfully to God!
Raise a shout to our rock, our deliverance!
Let us come into God's presence with
thanksgiving,
and sing our praises with joy.
~Psalm 95:1-2 (The Inclusive Bible)*

It's great to be back at Colchester Federated Church! November is a month where we tend to focus on gratitude around here. We can consider the Thanksgiving holiday—November 23rd this year. We can consider the invitation to be grateful for all the gifts we have in our lives. Sometimes those gifts are easy to see and other times we may have to pause and think about what makes us feel truly grateful.

*Thank you YHWH, for you are good!
Your love is everlasting!
Thank you, God of gods!
Your love is everlasting!
~Psalm 136:1-2 (The Inclusive Bible)*

We know that life is not always easy. Sometimes there is trouble all around. The world can be a chaotic and heartbreaking place. Maybe it feels naïve on some level to think about

singing joyfully to God and raising a shout to God, our rock and our deliverance, as the Psalmist declared. But then again, there's something powerful about thanksgiving. There's something compelling about thanking God for God's love that is everlasting. Giving thanks may help us gain a different perspective and see things in a new light.

I encourage you to contemplate gratitude this month and maybe to even turn those contemplations into action. We can consider how we share our time, our talents, and our treasures in our faith community. Or think about how a simple thank you goes a long way when criticism abounds. Moreover, a kind gesture can truly make someone's day (or even their week!) And who knows, that kind gesture could be the very thing that gives someone hope that life can have unexpected joys. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lauren

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Ministers:

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

Staff:

Rev. Lauren L. Ostrout, *Pastor*
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WORSHIP INFORMATION

SCRIPTURE READERS

Nov 5	Matthew 23:1-12	Caroline Fraiser
Nov 12	Matthew 25:1-13	Kurt Frantzen
Nov 19	Matthew 25:14-30	Mark Bosse
Nov 26	Matthew 25:31-46	Dick Paige

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 5



On Sunday **November 5**, we will commemorate All Saints Sunday. This is the Sunday in the liturgical calendar where we acknowledge those we have loved and lost in the past year. The names of deceased loved ones will be read aloud in worship, and we will hear the tolling of a bell after each name is read.

*If you would like someone acknowledged in worship by Pastor Lauren on All Saints Sunday, please send their name to Nicole to compile the All Saints list by **November 2nd**.*

INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Communion Sundays we worship together and the youth help with leading the worship service. The pictures below are from our service on October 1st.



Photo Credit: Steve Bradstreet

IN OUR PRAYERS

For those who are ill or recovering:

Ethan Collins (*John Dooly's grandson*)

Sadie Dombrowski

Elizabeth Emory

Reed Gustafson

Eleanor Keller

Kathy Landry

Tammy Savalle (*Michele Howard's Sister*)

Teri Sawchuk

Jacki Walter (*Karen Monteleone's sister*)

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

The family and friends of **Linnea Quinley**

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



November Birthdays

11/02	Suzanne Cramer
11/03	Mike Robillard
11/13	Samantha Lovering
11/14	Elizabeth Floyd Willow Malcolm
11/16	John Clarke
11/19	Lynn Stefanowicz
11/22	Isabelle Barrows Steve Bradstreet Linda Holm
11/23	Kristen Delzell
11/25	Heather Marvin
11/26	John Johnson
11/30	Joey Bradstreet



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

... Thank you to Deborah Howard for overseeing the painting of the kitchen.

... Thank you to Rich Hosford for repairing the sanctuary door handle and broken glass in gym door.

... Thank you to Dick Paige, Deborah Howard, Kaytlyn Howard, Tracy Gale, Joyce Johnson and all those who helped with organizing and leading church tours as part of Colchester's 325th Birthday Celebration.

... Thank you to Deborah Howard for organizing the candy making fundraiser and sharing her delicious recipe with those in attendance. And for organizing the upcoming Holly Fair.

... Thank you to the members of Stewardship and all those who came out to help clean up the church grounds for the Fall Clean-Up Day.

... Thank you to Chris Wink for building the Bible stand for the pulpit.

... Thank you to Mark Bosse and Tim Kyser for overseeing the insurance assessment.

... Thank you to Deborah and Terry Howard for doing a dump run.

... Thank you to Renee Misbach, Liza Ringuette, and Jennifer Totten for organizing the Vendor Fair.

... Thank you to Deborah Howard for covering the cost of plexiglass for the gym doors. Thank you to Ted Sanford for installing the plexiglass on the doors.

... Thank you to Neill Ostrout for playing the role of Martin Luther, he really nailed it!

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.

Giving Update

You should have received your Giving Statement. If you are behind now would be a great time to catch up.

	September	Year to Date
Total Pledged	\$12,422	\$111,797
Total Received	\$10,162	\$108,594
Difference	\$(2,260)	\$(3,203)
Percent Received	82%	97%

Dear Beloved Congregation,

Thank you so much for the gift card to Inishmor to celebrate Pastor Appreciation month.

It was a nice surprise to be honored in worship, and I remain thankful to be your Pastor.

Love,
Pastor Lauren

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SVDP SOUP KITCHEN



The youth of CFC in our Discipleship Class served a meal at St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown on October 8th. **Thank you so much to all those who helped with donations! We were able to serve 120 meals to those in Middletown facing food insecurity. Our congregation rose to the occasion (as always), and we were able to donate an additional \$125.00 directly to the soup kitchen. Thank You!**

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to the youth of CFC who received their Bibles on October 22nd.

Thank you to Dolores Sawchuk for donating the Bibles each year!

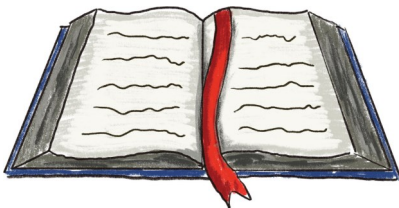


Photo Credit: Deborah Howard

BLESSING THE COSTUMES



On October 29th we celebrated Reformation Sunday & Halloween with a Blessing of the Costumes! Special shout out to Neill Ostrout for playing the role of Martin Luther during the Children's Message. He nailed it for sure!

Photo Credits: Steve Bradstreet, Deborah Howard & Dick Paige

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLU & COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Thursday, November 9th

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Colchester Federated Church
63 Linwood Ave, Colchester

- Flu 6 months and older.
- COVID 12 years and older (Pfizer and Moderna)
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please bring ID and insurance card or payment.
- We accept Aetna, Anthem BC/BS, Cigna, Connecticare, and Medicare Part B.
- We are unable to accept United Health Care



Please fill out your paperwork at the link below:



Contact info@chathamhealth.org
with any questions!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Lauren and representatives from Diaconate will be offering a New Member Class for those who are interested in officially becoming members of Colchester Federated Church! We will learn more about one another and what led us to CFC. We will also explore our local congregation and the two denominations our church belongs to — the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ.

We'll meet at 10:30 in the Lounge on **November 12th and 26th**. The class on November 12th focuses on getting to know one another and learning more about CFC, the ABC, and the UCC. The class on November 26th focuses on our faith journeys that led us to CFC, our hopes and expectations for membership, and walking through the Joining liturgy. Joining Sunday will be **December 3rd**. Classes should be around 1.5 hours and childcare will be provided by our Deacons.

Please let Pastor Lauren know if you'll be attending, and feel free to reach out to Pastor Lauren or any of our Deacons if you have questions!



FUNDRAISERS



FALL MARKET

A VENDOR MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY, NOV 4
10AM-2PM

CRAFTS - VENDORS
FARMER'S MARKET - FOOD TRUCK

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60 MAIN ST, COLCHESTER, CT



COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH'S ANNUAL

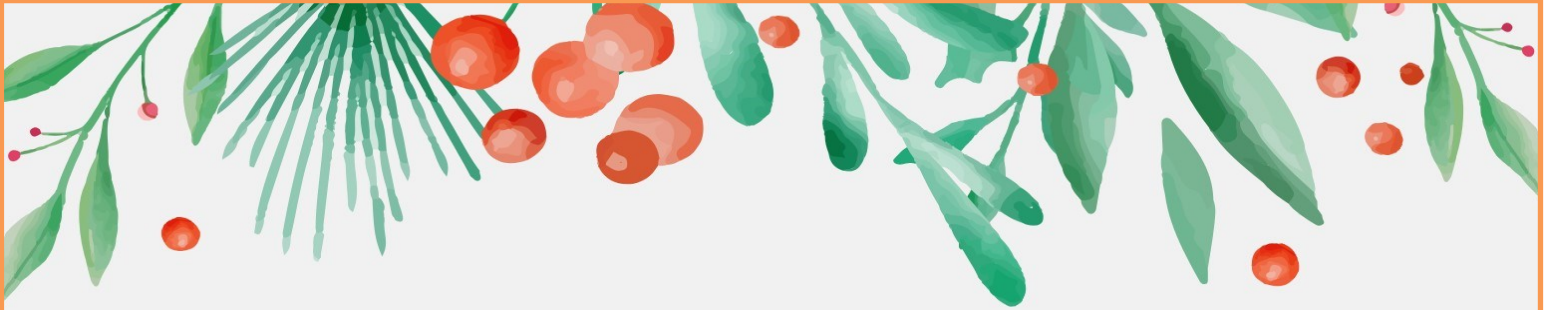
HOLLY FAIR

60 MAIN ST, COLCHESTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
10 AM - 2 PM

COME SHOP AT OUR VARIETY OF BOOTHS!

HOLLY FAIR



HOLLY FAIR GIFT BASKETS

This year we are trying out new ways to raise funds for CFC including a Raffle Basket Table! We are in need of donations of new items to help us create themed gift baskets for the Holly Fair. There are three ways to help:

1. Families can make a themed gift basket and donate it to the raffle table.
2. Items can be purchased from the list and dropped off to the church by **Nov 11**. There will be wrapped boxes in the office and sanctuary to collect items.
3. No time to shop? You can make a monetary donation and we'll shop for the items on the list!

ITEMS NEEDED TO CREATE BASKETS:

- **Date Night:** gift card to restaurant, candles, wine.
- **At Home Baker:** baking supplies & utensils, wooden spoons, kitchen towels, cookie scoop.
- **The Car Lover:** sponges, car soap, air freshener, vehicle cleaning supplies.
- **A Day in the Garden:** flowerpot, gloves, small tools, seed, garden flag.
- **Chocolate Lovers:** anything chocolate, cocoa, and candies.
- **Tea-Time:** variety of teas, small journal, candle, jar of honey.
- **Shop Local Basket:** items from local businesses and artists.
- **Family Game Night:** card & board games, popcorn, gift card to pizza place.

Donations are not limited to what appears on the list. Be creative and have fun! If you donate it, we will find a way to incorporate it into a basket!

Donations are needed BEFORE Nov 11.

Any questions please reach out to Nicole Hosford.

HOLLY FAIR

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND SOUP MAKERS!

Our FOOD offering at this year's HOLLY FAIR has been expanded to include a COOKIE and SOUP sale. We will even have our own room at the fair (the library). Have a recipe you would like to showcase? All proceeds go to CFC. Contact Dick Paige.

COOKIE SALE:

- Let us know you are participating and what type(s) of cookie (e.g. chocolate chip, almond) you will be baking
- Bring the cookies to the Holly Fair (library room) at 9:30am Saturday, November 18th; include the cookie type and an ingredients list which will be displayed (in the case of food allergies)
- We will place the cookies in a separate foil tray with a clear cellophane wrap cover
- No need for you to stay as we will have the sale staffed throughout the Holly Fair
- Customers will be provided a clamshell container and a disposable glove
- Customers will choose whatever cookies they wish among all the lot
- When finished selecting, the customer's clamshell(s) will be weighed and they will donate at a rate of \$12/lb rounding-off to the nearest 1/4-lb.
- Any remaining cookies should be picked-up by the provider by 2:15

SOUP SALE:

- Let us know you are participating, what type(s) of soup (e.g. onion, tomato) you will be making and how many pre-washed 16oz containers you will need to put your soup into (16oz serves approximately 2)
- We will provide you with the pre-washed 16oz containers with lids prior to the event
- Re-wash the containers as needed
- Put your soup into the provided 16oz containers and FREEZE them
- Bring the FROZEN soup containers in a cooler(s) to the Holly Fair (library room) at 9:30am Saturday, November 18th; include the soup type and an ingredients list which will be displayed (in the case of food allergies); we will have plenty of ice to keep them cold
- No need to stay as we will have the sale staffed throughout the Holly Fair
- Customers will choose whatever soup entries they wish among the lot
- When finished, the customers will donate \$5 per 16oz container



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday • Dec 9th • 4-8PM

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Finish up your holiday shopping
or just enjoy a night out!



Kids ages
4 & up

**Register by
Nov. 29th**

Price Per Family

• \$40/1kid
• \$60/2kids
• \$75/3kids



• Crafts
• Activities
• Pizza

A non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration.

All proceeds will go to support children & youth programming at CFC.

Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415
To register visit: www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org
or scan the QR Code



CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (O) 9:30AM/12 PM Transitional Students (JR/G/SR/S) 12/7:30 PM AA (Lib) 5:30 PM Girl Scout #63000 (SR) 6 PM Girl Scouts #63223 (JR)	2 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	3 12 PM AA (Lib) 3 PM Vendor Fair Set-Up	4 10 AM Vendor Fair 
5 Daylight Savings 9 AM Worship Service (S) 12 PM Discipleship (Lng) 7 PM Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (SR) 	6 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	7 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib)	8 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	9 10 AM AA (Lib) 3 PM CHD Vaccine Clinic (JR) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	11 12 PM AA (Lib)	11 Veterans Day 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/Lib) 
12 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10:30 AM New Members Class (Lng)	13 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	14 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Stewardship (Lng)	15 12/7:30 PM AA (Lib) 6 PM Girl Scouts #63223 (JR)	16 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	17 Holly Fair Set-Up	18 10 AM Holly Fair 
19 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10:15 AM Prayer Circle (Lng) 10:30 AM CE Meeting (JR) 12 PM Discipleship (Lng)	20 Crier Deadline 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	21 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Deacons (Lng)	22 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed 10 AM AA (Lib) 	24 Office Closed 12 PM AA (Lib)	25 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/Lib) 4 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor (S/G)
26 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10 AM Hanging of the Greens (S) 10:30 AM New Members Class (Lng)	27 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	28 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 12 PM AA (Lib)	29 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 5:30 PM Girl Scouts #63000 (SR) 6 PM Girl Scouts #63223 (JR) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	30 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)		

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