

# THE CRIER

A PUBLICATION OF COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

## A Note From 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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Dear Beloved Congregation—



8/13/23

I hope that you are all doing well and trust that VBS was a great week for our church (as always!) Hopefully all you volunteers are resting after a job well done. 😊 As for me, Neill, Colin, Hilary, and I spent this past week at a cabin in the woods in Fairlee, Vermont. It was terrific family time. Neill and I fly out to Honolulu on Wednesday to meet my parents, sister, and brother-in-law for another family adventure. I am so grateful for this Sabbatical and the chance it's given me to spend so much time with loved ones. Enjoy these final weeks of summer! ✨

✨ Pastor Lauren ✨



# WORSHIP INFORMATION

## SCRIPTURE READERS

Sept 3	Steve Bradstreet
Sept 10	Cheryl Letendre
Sept 17	Kurt Frantzen
Sept 24	John Johnson

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.



## SPECIAL USHERS

Anora & Essie



Photo Credit: Steve Bradstreet



## Plan To attend Rally Day!

Join us on **Sept 10th** as we kick off our youth program year and have our annual "*Blessing of the Backpacks*"!

\*All youth must be registered to participate in Sunday School. Please visit the church's website to sign-up your youth!

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## For those who are ill or recovering:

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

**Ethan Collins** (*John Dooly's grandson*)

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

**Sadie Dombrowski**

**Elizabeth Emory**

**Reed Gustafson**

**Eleanor Keller**

**Kathy Landry**

**Tammy Savalle** (*Michele Howard's Sister*)

**Teri Sawchuk**

**Wallace Squier** (*Carletta Benjamin's son*)

**Necia Stopa**

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

**The Stillwell Family for the loss of Megan's dad, Duncan Schofield**

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



- 09/05 Shelly Hirsch  
Oliver De Leon Nadeau
- 09/07 Dolores Sawchuk
- 09/13 Samuel Frasier
- 09/19 Charlie Ringuette
- 09/21 John Barr  
Renee Misbach  
Emma Pensa
- 09/22 Taylor Wink
- 09/23 Beth Tiezzi



- 09/08 Shauna & Brian Rago
- 09/18 Doug & Michele Wyatt
- 09/21 Christine Miskell &  
Tom St. Louis
- 09/27 Donna & Brian Snell

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

... Thank you to Avis Hull and her crew of helpers for organizing the annual tag-sale which raised \$2, 494.  
 ... Thank you to Kurt Frantzen, Barabara Bosse, and Deborah Howard for donating, organizing, and running Joan's Craft Room during the tag-sale.  
 ... Thank you to Rich Hosford for attaching the legs to the stoves in the kitchen.  
 ... Thank you to Mark Bosse & Tim Kyser for overseeing the various contractor quotes for building repairs.  
 ... Thank you to all those who donated in support of VBS! This program would not be such a great success if not for our amazing congregation!  
 ... Thank you to this year's VBS volunteers, the true Superheroes!  
 ... Thank you to Laurie Gerundo and members of Mission & Witness for organizing the back to school Snack Drive to benefit our local schools snack pantries.  
 ... Thank you to Deborah Howard, Mark Bosse, and Tim Kyser for clearing out the historical room for plumbing work to be done.

**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

	July	Year to Date
<b>Total Pledged</b>	\$12,422	\$86,953
<b>Total Received</b>	\$11,538	\$87,344
<b>Difference</b>	\$(884)	\$391
<b>Percent Received</b>	93%	100%

# MESSAGE FROM DEACONS

As you're probably aware, Colchester Federated Church has faced a large financial shortage this year. We have strived to create new ways to solve old budgetary problems, and as we've faced these problems together, we've been more successful than we assumed we would be at the beginning of the year. However, there is more work to be done!

Several months ago, we sent a survey related to fundraising options, and we were able to get a clear picture of where members were interested in focusing their efforts. The five ideas that received the most votes were a Sit-Down Dinner, a BINGO Night, a Food Truck event, a Goods & Services Auction, and a Pancake/Crepe Breakfast.

Our hope is to hold 1 or 2 (or 3) of these events, and **HERE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART: WE NEED YOU! If any of the above ideas appeal to you, and you believe that you can effectively coordinate it, please take it and run with it! Make it your own!** Do you have a super-duper crepe recipe? Excellent – that Pancake/Crepe Breakfast is calling your name! Are you an exceptionally skilled BINGO caller? Then have I got an idea for you! Put that talent to good use and plan a BINGO night! If you're thinking that you couldn't possibly handle an entire fundraising event, we've got you covered! Stewardship has created a "fundraising cheat sheet" to help you with everything you need to know to run a successful fundraiser, and Mark Bosse would be happy to share it with you! (Thanks Mark!)

To give you an idea of what is possible, here's a list of what CFC's dedicated and generous (and awesome!) members have accomplished so far this year, for both our church and our community. We're hoping this serves as inspiration as you consider how **you** can help!

- We collected soup, soup, and more soup for the Colchester Food Bank – over **100 cans** were donated!
- We made and sold SO VERY many pancakes for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and earned **\$278** in the process!
- We held a diaper and baby wipe drive for DCF and gave them **1,745 diapers** and **1,592 wipes** for cute babies in our area!
- Our Spring in Bloom Vendor Fair – the most successful ever, I'm told – raised **\$2,516!**
- We sold cards and sent **\$530** to Church World Service to help them "blanket the world in love"!
- We sold yummy snacks at the Memorial Day parade, which gave us **\$78** we didn't have before!
- We donated a bunch of clothes and stuff we weren't going to use anyway – 2,741 pounds to be exact – to "Savers" and traded them for a cool **\$975!**
- We washed some cars on a really hot day in July, bringing in **\$1,144** for our troubles!
- We hung up 100 envelopes on the wall, called it "The Lord's Laundry", and watched as **\$4,887** fell right into our outstretched hands!
- And... we're in the process of collecting snacks galore for the Colchester Public Schools (**three big bins filled so far!**)
- On top of all of that, we have several other events on the horizon: a tag sale, another car wash, a fall vendor fair, and our annual Holly Fair which will feature brand new cookie and soup sales. Phew!

**Please give some prayerful consideration about how your unique talents can be used and speak to anyone on Diaconate if you'd like to help. We can't wait to hear from you!**

With gratitude and appreciation,

Diaconate

Tracy Gale, Laurie Gerundo, Deborah Howard, Kaytlyn Howard, Avis Hull, Joyce Johnson, Jocelyn Nadeau, Dick Paige, Ted Sanford, and Dolores Sawchuk

# CHURCH OUTREACH

## Outreach and Attendance-Building Initiatives

I'm sure you will all agree that as long as there is an empty seat in the sanctuary or Sunday school on a Sunday morning, we should try to fill it. I want to make you aware of 3 programs that our church leaders have been working on to fill those seats.

1. **Celebrate Colchester** - Colchester is having a Celebrate Colchester event on Saturday, September 9, from 1-5 pm, on the Town Green. The event is designed to showcase local organizations, businesses and programs. CFC will have a booth promoting our church, to include our Sunday School program. We will also be promoting our upcoming church building tour on October 7 & 8 (see below).
2. **Farmers' Market Booth** - CFC is scheduled to have a booth at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, September 10 (Rally Day). Similar to the Celebrate Colchester event held the day before, we will be promoting our church, including Sunday School and our upcoming church building tour. We will also have a booth on October 1.
3. **Church Building Tour** - As a part of Colchester's 325th celebration, we are preparing a tour of our magnificent old building. The tours will be on Saturday, October 7 at 12:00 and 2:00, and Sunday, October 8 at 11:30. Included in the tour will be a discussion on our church's history. For those in our congregation who are new to our church, this will be a good time to learn about its history.

Anyone in the congregation who wishes to be a part of these events, please see me or any of the Deacons.

Blessings,

Dick Paige  
Chair of Diaconate



# MISSION & WITNESS: INDIA MINISTRY UPDATE

CFC has periodically supported a ministry serving rural villages in West Bengal, India. This previous Sunday, 13 people were baptized. Praise God for his new creations in Christ! God is still drawing people in this area to himself. All glory to Him! Please pray for these new believers and the persecution they often face from family members and society. One man, Ganesh, has lived for many years in his house barricaded with cows and hay because his family does not approve. Another woman and daughter are prevented from leaving their house on Sunday to keep them from church, but they still love Jesus! Thank you again for your prayers!



*Please do not share these pictures on social media, for the protection of the new believers and those in ministry. You may share to individuals if they understand the importance of this.*

## MEDICAL CLINIC

Following are some pictures from a recent medical clinic in a new place. CFC has supported similar medical clinics this past year. Anyone with medical needs can come to these clinics free of any charge and receive free medicine. This is an expression of God's love for all people.

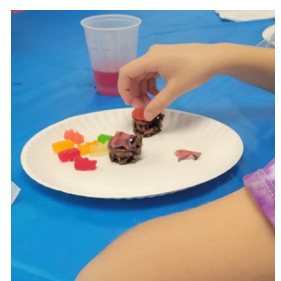


## DCDC

Some individuals at CFC support children at the ministry's DCDC (Discipleship Children's Development Center). It may seem strange for most of us to see everyone on the floor. But this is the same environment as the government schools; there are no desks. Support pays for the teacher, the woman in the first photo, and for children's school fees at the government school. Many cannot afford these fees and the children remain uneducated and locked in a cycle of poverty.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Colchester Federated Church

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

## Rally Day! Sept. 10th

Weekly programming for youth in  
PreK - 8th grade!



For more information contact Nicole at

Scan QR Code



to register!

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Stewardship, at their regular meeting of August 8, 2023, voted to call a Special Meeting of the Congregation, per Article V., Section 5 of the By-Laws, for September 24, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, the Members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby called to meet at a Special Meeting on **September 24, 2023**, immediately following Worship Service, for the following purposes:

1. To approve an amount for the previously authorized Capital Campaign;
2. To hear and act on the proposal of the Ministry of Stewardship to side the front of the Church building;
3. If siding is approved, to hear and act on entering into a contract with John K. Leacock Company to side the front of the Church building and make repairs to the existing siding, in the amount of \$16,185;
4. To hear and act on the proposal of the Ministry of Stewardship to enter into a contract with Valley Restoration Company for repairs to the structure of the main beam, portico and columns of the Church building, in the amount of \$90,225;
5. To hear and act on the report of the Finance Advisory Team as to borrowing necessary funds from the Endowment; and
6. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2023  
Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 24 AT 1:30 PM

## CRAFTING & FELLOWSHIP

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 1:30 PM FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CRAFTING!

THE COST IS \$15 PER PERSON (OF WHICH \$5 WILL BE DONATED TO CFC). EACH PERSON IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE TWO CARDS. RESERVATION REQUIRED.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE SUPPORTING CFC!

To reserve your spot, please contact  
Devra at [devra@churchfamilycenter.org](mailto:devra@churchfamilycenter.org)

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

The church is in need of paper towels. As you're out and about shopping, please consider picking up some for CFC.

Donations can be dropped off to the church office or in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Thank you!



# Join the Choir!

**Have you always wanted to try out singing in a choir? Now is your chance!**

CFC's adult choir is starting back up on Thursday, September 7th, from 6:30–8pm.

The choir meets every Thursday evening and sings every Sunday morning.

No experience necessary. Come give it a try! We would love to have you!

Please see Kim Lewis if you have any questions.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

# CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

**ENCORE**

**SEPT 16**

RAIN DATE SEPT 23

**9AM-2PM**

**IN FRONT  
CIRCLE OF CFC!**

60 Main St.  
Colchester, CT



**HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN OUR HISTORIC CHURCH!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CANDY MAKING CLASS

*Learn to how to make Deborah Howard's famous chocolate covered cherries!*

**Deborah will be leading a class on October 14th, 12-3:30 PM.**

- **Space is limited to 10 people.**
- **Cost is \$25.00. All ingredients will be supplied for the class!**
- **Each attendee will go home with 2 dozen cherries!**

**For more information or to sign-up, please call  
Deborah Howard**

## FALL MARKET

A VENDOR MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY, NOV 4  
10AM-2PM

CRAFTS - VENDORS  
FARMER'S MARKET - FOOD TRUCK

COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH  
60 MAIN ST, COLCHESTER, CT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A VENDOR, PLEASE CONTACT RENEE AT

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## HOLLY FAIR 2023 RAFFLE BASKET TABLE



ITEMS NEEDED BEFORE  
NOV 11TH



DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED TO HELP US CREATE THEMED GIFT BASKETS.

### 3 WAYS TO HELP

1. FAMILIES CAN MAKE A THEMED GIFT BASKET AND DONATE IT TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE.
2. ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR LIST AND DROPPED OFF TO THE CHURCH. LOOK FOR THE WRAPPED BOXES IN OFFICE AND NARTHAX BEFORE NOV 11TH
3. NO TIME TO SHOP, YOU CAN MAKE A MONETARY DONATION AND WE SHOP FOR ITEMS ON OUR LIST.

Items Needed to create the following baskets

#### DATE NIGHT

*gift card to restaurant, candle, wine*

#### AT HOME BAKER

*baking supplies & utensil, wooden spoons, kitchen towels, cookie scoop*

#### THE CAR GUY

*sponges, car soap, air freshener, vehicle cleaning supplies*

#### A DAY IN THE GARDEN

*flower pot, gloves, small tools, seeds, garden flag*

#### CHOCOLATE LOVERS

*anything chocolate, cocoa, candy*

#### TEA TIME

*variety of teas, small journal, candle, small jar of honey*

#### SHOP LOCAL BASKET

*items from local business and artists*

#### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

*card Games, board games, popcorn, gift card to a pizza place*


**DONATIONS ARE NOT LIMITED TO WHAT APPEARS ON THE LIST  
BE CREATIVE, HAVE FUN  
YOU DONATE IT, WE WILL FIND A WAY TO INCORPORATE IT INTO A BASKET**

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** *Nicole will be on vacation beginning Aug 24th and will return to the office on Sept 6th.* Pastor Jack will be in the office during this time for pastoral emergencies while she is on vacation.

**For building usage and calendar items, please reach out to Nicole prior to Aug 24th or when she returns on Sept 6th.** Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)
Nicole Hosford Vacation						
<b>3</b> 9 AM Worship Service (S) 7 PM Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (SR)	<b>4 Office Closed</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib) 	<b>5</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>6</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>7</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>8</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)
Nicole Hosford Vacation						
<b>10 Rally Day!</b> 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10:30 AM SS Teacher Meeting (JR)	<b>11</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/ SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>12</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Stewardship (Lng)	<b>13</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>14</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>15</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>16</b> 9 AM Church Car Wash (O) 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)
<b>17</b> 9 AM Worship Service (S)	<b>18</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/ SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>19</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Deacons (Lng)	<b>20 Crier Deadline</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>21</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>22</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>23</b> 9 AM *Rain Date* Church Car Wash (O) 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)
<b>24</b> 9 AM Worship Service (S) 10 AM Special Meeting (SR) 1:30 PM Crafting & Fellowship (SR)	<b>25</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 7 PM Boy Scouts (JR/ SR/G) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>26</b> 12 PM AA (Lib) 5:30 PM Core Commission (Lib)	<b>27</b> 10 AM My Brother's Keeper (JR) 12 PM AA (Lib) 7:30 PM AA (Lib)	<b>28</b> 10 AM AA (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>29</b> 12 PM AA (Lib)	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM AA (SR) 9:30 AM Al-Anon (JR/ Lib)

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**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.**

**Galatians 5:22-23**