

Our Light

Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

October 2010

The United Methodist Parish Newsletter
Middlebury ♦ East Middlebury ♦ Ripton

Whether you are a member of the Middlebury, East Middlebury, or Ripton congregation, a local resident, or a visitor to our area, you are invited and welcome to attend and participate in all activities and events mentioned in this newsletter.

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Addison County Crop Walk

On Sunday October 3, 2010 the 33rd annual Addison County Crop Walk will be held in Middlebury. The CROP

Hunger Walk is a program that addresses local and international hunger and poverty, sponsored and supported by local congregations, businesses and individuals in partnership with Church World Service. Over 2,000 participating communities in the U.S. raise approximately four million dollars annually. Money raised goes toward agricultural development, water systems and technical assistance to address chronic food shortages in developing nations. Victims of disaster and war receive emergency feeding and medical programs.

Twenty-five percent of the money generated through the Addison County CROP Hunger Walk will stay in Addison County and be distributed to local food shelves and hunger fighting programs. Last year's event drew nearly 200 walkers and raised nearly \$23,000. Addison County ranked 8th in Northern New England for its fundraising efforts in 2009 and broke their own record.

Registration begins at 11:30 on the Middlebury town green. Informational displays by local hunger- and poverty-fighting agencies will be available at 12:00. Honorary Chair Sister Isolene Duclos of Bristol will give a short talk before the walk, which gets underway at 1:00 p.m. and will follow a two-mile walk through town. The route is designed to be very accessible. Participants from previous years have ranged from families with small children in strollers to those with wheelchairs and canes. At the conclusion of the walk, prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded by a raffle drawing.

The Addison County CROP Hunger Walk is a wonderful way to connect with people working to address poverty and hunger in our local and global communities, and to learn more about the issues we are facing with respect to the world's growing hunger problems. People can raise money online at www.churchworldservice.org or do it the traditional way by picking up a walker form at their place of worship or by calling Patty Hallam in Middlebury at 388-1561 or Mary Ann Castimore in Vergennes at 877-3674.

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From the Pastor's Desk: The Steward

In his explication of the word *steward*, Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University reminds us that the role of steward is not owner, but caretaker; not master of the universe, but asset manager of the kingdom--God's kingdom. As I wrote last month, I am going to be preaching green this fall until the season of Advent begins in late November. One cannot preach about God's creation without talking about the meaning of stewardship--being a good steward of the earth. And one cannot hear the word stewardship in a Christian setting without thinking money. The two are not unrelated. How we spend our money, how we spend our time, how we spend our energy, how we spend our spirit, and how we refrain from spending any or all of these are all a reflection of our priorities. As we embark together on discerning whether or not what we say we believe is lined up with how we are spending our lives, consider the following creed approved by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1988.

A Creed for Christian Stewardship

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.*

We as stewards affirm the goodness of life. We rejoice in accepting the abundance with which God has endowed the earth. We commit ourselves to participate in God's redemptive intention for the world: that all people should be able to live in peace and to enjoy the days of their lives free from hunger, disease, hopelessness, and oppression.

As stewards, we commit ourselves to love and justice among persons and nations in the equitable distribution of income and wealth. We affirm the ownership of property as a trust from God. We acknowledge the responsibility to share the abundance of creation. We regard the conditions created by poverty to be demeaning to the human spirit.

As stewards, we insist on the efficient management of human and natural resources in the production of the goods and services needed by the human community. We insist on conserving resources in order to sustain permanently the fruitfulness of the earth.

As stewards, we are committed to give generously of our time, money and service through the church to the world. We affirm the tradition of tithing as a disciplined practice of giving.

As stewards, we acknowledge the necessity of civil government. We encourage all people to participate in the activities of responsible citizenship.

We believe that Christian stewardship is a joyful response to God's gifts: it is a spiritual understanding of the practical and economic aspects of all of life. Our stewardship affirms the redemptive power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our confidence in God's final victory in the world.

* From "The Social Creed" of the United Methodist Church
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Ministry for our Tweens and Teens

Rev. Jill will be leading a confirmation class for people in 7th through 12th grade this fall and winter. The class will include four sessions of the Financial Peace coursework designed for teens. If enough are interested, the Financial Peace portion of the class will be open to all young people including those who have already gone through the confirmation class. Contact Rev. Jill at 388-2510 or revjill@myfairpoint to learn more about the confirmation class and the Financial Peace coursework.

Mission Share Giving: What is it? Why is it important?

Mission Share Giving is the New England Annual Conference term given to the money our congregation gives to the larger United Methodist Church for all of the ministries that are listed below. The term includes both what we used to call Apportionments and what we used to call World Service and Conference Benevolences when we were members of Troy Annual Conference. Reading below about what this money does is the best way to understand what it is and why it is important.

In addition to the conference answers below, please remember that because of mission share giving, we have received monetary assistance (called equitable compensation) for East Middlebury's and Ripton's portion of the pastor's salary for the last five years. We also received a grant in the amount of \$2000 this past year for our work with Charter House, one of the newer transitional housing options for young families in Middlebury. The Mozambique missionary with whom we have a covenant relationship, Jeremias Franca, is supported by the mission share giving, as was our pastor's full scholarship plus stipend when she attended a United Methodist seminary over ten years ago. Of course, these immediate connections to the greater connection of mission share giving are really just the tip of the iceberg. Read this list and discover all the ways your gift keeps on giving.

Mission Share Giving: What's in it for our church?

Trains lay speakers, subsidizes seminary education for your clergy, provides youth ministry, provides health benefits for retired and disabled clergy and families, helps start new churches, helps identify grant money for churches, provides consultants for churches, stewardship training, develops curriculum for Sunday School, provides scholarships, develops Disciple Bible Study, trains and develops missionaries, provides counsel for treasurers and trustees, maintains resource library, appoints a pastor to your church, administers pension and health benefits and local church insurance programs, works for an inclusive denomination, provides equitable and strategic compensation to pastors, supports 3 camps and a conference center, holds annual conference sessions, and much, much more

Mission Share Giving: What's in it for others?

Undergirds UMCOR so that disaster relief can be delivered, funds Health Clinics, sends out 1,812 missionaries around the world, supports urban ministry in Boston, Lynn, Lawrence, Portland, Worcester, Providence and more, supports rural ministries throughout New England, helps send Volunteers in Mission throughout the US and abroad, supports covenants with West Angola Conference and la Iglesia de Cristo en Nicaragua, supports Africa University, advocates for a living wage, helps women experiencing crises, opposes use of landmines, works to eradicate racism, feeds hungry children and families in our Conference and beyond, supports economic ministries in Western Maine, supports ministries to college students, advocates for our environment, opposes the death penalty, opposes legalized gambling, provides scholarships for students around the world, funds 225 retirement homes, 70 hospitals, 8 two-year colleges and 13 seminaries and much, much more!

Submitted by the Midd Finance Team

Bringing in the Sheaves

The Middlebury worship team would like to adorn the sanctuary with pumpkins, gourds, fall corn, mums, etc. this autumn as a visual reminder of God's bounty and our grateful response. If you can loan any of these seasonal supplies from your gardens or homes, contact Mary Wimett at 388-8070 at your earliest convenience.

10/10/10 ACTION IDEA THROUGH 350.org

Our own Bill McKibben is back at work this fall through 350.org. To a significant degree, Vermonters' carbon emissions come from our cars... and this includes driving to church on Sunday or to synagogue, mosque, etc. On the 10/10/10 weekend, Oct 8 - 10, we are encouraged to come to services via carpool, bicycling, walking, etc. If one or more volunteers will step forward to help to arrange carpools, this action could come together quickly. For it to count as a 10/10/10 event, register the plan on the 350.org website, make a sign such as "Church Carpools (or cyclists, etc.) Cut Carbon for 350!", take a picture of carpool members/cyclists/etc. with the sign, then send the photo to 350.org. We hope that carpooling and using other alternative forms of transportation will become a habit that members of congregations will continue. This would have a significant impact on reducing congregations' CO2 emissions.

--- from the *Interfaith Power and Light Newsletter*

Claire and Dianne Lawson are on the Art Walk!

Claire's drawings and Dianne's photography will be at the Community House from 5 to 7 pm on October 8. The show is called "Moments in Time" and is a family show in a family house. It is mostly landscapes, some traditional, some edgy. Dianne's are available for sale with profits benefiting Heifer International. For information their phone # is 388-7410.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE CHURCH

On Saturday morning, October 9th at 8:30 AM for a light breakfast, coffee, juice and muffin. Just an hour together for some fellowship and a bit of inspiration. Some talk about the time and should we do it again. For more information, contact Lee Adkins at 352-4526 or leemadkins@comcast.net.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

It's hard to believe, but winter is coming. It is time for us to start thinking about our hat and mitten tree. Every year we set up a tree to be filled with warm hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. Our tree this year will be in the sanctuary waiting to be "decorated" for the four Sundays of November. In early December the "decorations" will be taken to the Christmas Shop located in the HOPE building. This means people who may not be able to afford warm clothes will have a chance to get them.

If you are handy with knitting needles and/or crochet hooks, now is your time to shine! You have lots of time to make beautiful hats, mittens, or scarves before the tree is set up. We also gladly accept newly purchased items. The Christmas Shop is always extremely grateful for anything we can provide.

World Relief Efforts

If you wish to donate money to relief efforts in Pakistan, write a check to your local congregation delineating UMCOR Advance #982450, Pakistan Flash Floods.

RETHINKing Web Design

The United Methodist Church is redesigning its RETHINK website to address the specific needs of those seeking a relationship with Christ and a faith community. Read the following from the United Methodist Communications' Office of Public Information and help spread the word about this recent and ongoing change.

Congregational resources for the Rethink Church advertising and welcoming campaign have moved to a new website address: umcom.org/rethinkchurch, though the site content remains the same. The website that previously housed congregational resources, RethinkChurch.org, will become the primary seeker site that is featured in Rethink Church advertising, beginning this fall.

“Research shows that RethinkChurch.org resonates most strongly with the seekers we are trying to reach with our denominational advertising,” said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. “This website address reinforces the message we want non-United Methodist seekers to take away from our advertising—that we are rethinking church.”

The RethinkChurch.org seeker site will feature more site engagement capabilities and content offerings than its seeker site predecessor, 10thousanddoors.org. RethinkChurch.org visitors will be able to read, watch, comment, and interact on topics that are important both to them and to The United Methodist Church—from the environment, to global health, to disaster relief. An interactive map will connect seekers to a church in their area, based upon ministry offerings and events listed in a church’s Find-a-Church profile. ([Update your Find-a-Church profile now](#))

[Rethink Church congregational resources](#) help churches to participate in the Rethink Church advertising and welcoming campaign. Resources include a Rethink Church [overview](#) and [FAQ](#), church marketing [tutorials](#), [advertising samples](#), [graphics](#), [worship aids](#), and more.

About Rethink Church

Rethink Church, the next evolution of The United Methodist Church’s “Open hearts” welcoming and advertising campaign, highlights the many opportunities available within United Methodist churches to engage with the world—from literacy programs to feeding the poor. Targeting a globally minded 18- to 34-year-old audience, Rethink Church advertisements appear in traditional and new media, and direct viewers to the website RethinkChurch.org, where visitors may interact, learn more about the church, and search for involvement opportunities. Rethink Church resources are available to local congregations at umcom.org/rethinkchurch.

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Director Position for Covenant Hills Re-Opened

This is an exciting opportunity right here in Vermont for a clergy or lay person. Please download these forms for a [Position Description](#) and the [Application Process](#). The position of Executive director for Covenant Hills Christian Camp is a year round part-time position: full-time during the camp season and 15-20 hours per week during the “off season”. Further position information is available by contacting

The Rev. James McPhee at mcphee@neumc.org. We are committed to working with qualified candidates (lay and clergy) to put together other part-time work possibilities and benefits. The application deadline is October 18 and interviews will be conducted on October 31. Application material should be sent to Rosemary McNulty in the New England Conference Office (mcnulty@neumc.org, 978-682-7676 ext 201), P.O. Box 249, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01842.

Outreach News

**As always, there is much going on in Missions/Outreach,
since this is church with a heart for Missions!**

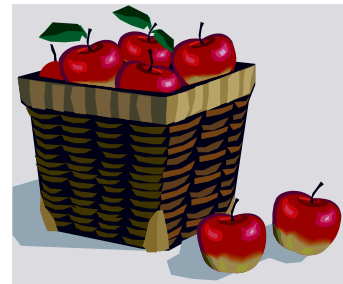
1) Community Lunches

We are off to a great start with community lunches this fall and looking forward to another successful year. As I reported in the summer newsletter, Middlebury and E. Middlebury congregations are combining forces and serving three consecutive days of lunches at the Charter House every four weeks. For specific dates, we are responsible Oct 5th – 7th, Nov 2nd – 4th, Nov 23rd – 24th, and Dec 14th – 16th. Are you available between 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. any of those days? Come make sandwiches, serve lunch, and tidy up with us. Can only make it for part of the time (lunch break)? Still come and help out and see one of the various ministries that our congregation is involved in. We also welcome any to stop by and HAVE lunch at the Charter House so you know what it is we do and get to know some of people in our community that you otherwise may not have a chance to eat with. Cannot come at all but would still like to help? We always need donations of sandwich fillings, baked items (dessert), fruit, soup. Bring it to church on Sunday and we will get it to where it needs to be or items can be dropped off at the Charter House on appointed days.

I can only say so much about serving and helping with community lunch. There is something altogether exciting, refreshing, and fulfilling about actually being there. Those of us that arrive on a given day to volunteer (and most of the time I am not sure who else may show up) work together as a team in a tight but cozy kitchen at the Charter House. And in addition to not knowing who will show up to help, you never know what other foods arrive at the door or donations that are waiting for you when you arrive. We graciously accept donations and incorporate them into our meals and the sum of the parts is always greater than what we started with. Whether it is making tuna sandwiches, chopping tomatoes, or washing grapes, it is the camaraderie of working together toward a common good that is the most rewarding. And that is just half the fun. As much as putting out a balanced meal is important, letting anyone that comes through the door feel welcome and accepted is part of the job and I think we have been successful in both areas. Jesus was all about feeding the crowds and fellowshiping around meals. I feel privileged that we can put together a delicious and nutritious meal for people, and offer the hospitality that Jesus exemplified.

As my friend George who is a regular volunteer with community lunches explained, “ We have never turned anyone away because we didn't have enough food and we will always manage to find something to put out so that everyone that needs a meal can find a meal there.” And I can share that everyone I have worked with to provide community lunches have been testimonies of the hospitality that we preach. Thank you to everyone that has helped in past Community Lunches to provide meals and a warm and open space for people to come and share the meal with others. I hope that will always be the case and implore everyone to consider helping out in some way, shape or form. Contact me if you are interested in helping or finding out more about community lunches in general.

Blessings,
May Poduschnick – 388-6541, mayandrik@yahoo.com



Nothing But Nets program

For the last few years our church and especially the young people have contributed through UMCOR “Nothing but Nets” to prevent malaria in lower Africa. It was recently reported that the disease has substantially been reduced by the use of these specially treated nets for over beds, especially for the very young. Children under the age of five are very susceptible to this unfortunate illness, often resulting in death. Our contributions during the last few years have helped decrease this illness by over forty percent in some areas.

2) Community at Charter House

Winter of 2010/2011

December 1 Charter House opens its doors again to families in need of a safe, warm place to live. The life-blood of the project is volunteers from all parts of Addison County including the faith community, service organizations, college students and others. Volunteers provide 24/7 staffing from December through April. Over the past two winters 17 individuals, including 9 children, have found a welcoming home and community at Charter House. Over 75 percent of these transitioned to their own stable housing with support from our volunteers and partner agencies in our area.

How You Can Help

+ Join the Team of Dedicated Volunteers

If you can help staff Charter House 3-4 hours every couple of weeks, contact Robin Curtis, rcurtis@middlebury.edu. Training sessions for volunteers will start in early November. If you'd like some insight from seasoned volunteers first, contact Josie or Willie Glen @ 388-7197, or Tom Colley.

+ Donate Apartment Furnishings

Twin-bed frames, box springs and mattresses are needed for furnishing Charter House and for residents to take when they successfully transition to their own stable housing.

+ Donate Money

\$2 = one meal for a resident

\$50 = transportation for resident medical needs

\$214 = housing for an individual for one month

\$700 = weekly operating cost of Charter House

Checks should be made out to "MUMC Outreach" with "Charter House" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

Women go to Weston

The Women's Spirituality Group will attend a midday prayer service at Weston Priory on Tuesday, October 19. If you are interested in joining the group for this fall pilgrimage, contact Mimi Hardy at 388-6016.

Middlebury U.M.W. News

Middlebury UMW had their first Fall meeting September 20th. The first order of business was to set a date for our Fall Rummage Sale. The sale will be October 29th and 30th. Friday the 29th the hours will be 9-5 with a bake sale upstairs in the kitchen from 9-1. Saturday the 30th the sale will be from 9 to noon, featuring \$2 Bag day. If you have rummage to donate, you can bring it into the church after the service. If you need to drop off rummage during the week, contact Mimi Hardy at 388-6016 to make arrangements.

We need many volunteers to make the sale a success, including set-up workers, sale day workers, bakers and clean-up workers. The rummage sale is a major source of funding for UMW's mission work. See Mimi, if you can help.

Other business decided at our meeting included donation of \$400.00 through UMCOR for Pakistani flood relief. Also

Spirituality Group

Spirituality Group had their Fall planning meeting on September 14th. It was decided that each member would take a week and plan a topic of interest to discuss. We meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Mimi Hardy's home. On Tuesday October 19th we plan to visit the Weston Priory in Weston, Vermont. We are a small group but not exclusive. Any woman who wishes to be a part of our group is welcome. We gain spiritual strength and sense of great togetherness in our faith through this group. See Pastor Jill, if this sounds like a group you would like to join.



First Annual October Classical Music Concert



The concert will take place at the Ripton Community Church on October 17, 2010, starting at 4:00 pm. There will be some social time and refreshments before and after the concert. Performing artists and musical pieces to be announced.

Proceeds to benefit the Ripton Community Church

Sponsored by Friends of Ripton Community Church

Concert Coordination by Lisa Durante



Classical music is the art music produced in, or rooted in, the traditions of Western liturgical and secular music, encompassing a broad period from roughly 1550 to 1900.

Faith and Money, Spirituality and Stewardship

On Saturday, October 23, Margaret Klohck will be driving her van to Brattleboro, VT to attend a day-long program entitled:

'FAITH & MONEY-- Implementing a Year-Round, Comprehensive Financial Stewardship Ministry'.

This educational event, sponsored by the United Methodist Foundation of New England (with whom East Middlebury UMC recently made an endowment investment), will be an opportunity for us to further integrate our own understanding of the relationship between our faith and what we give, and to glean ideas from other UM congregations in New England. We are grateful that our new conference is hosting this event so close to home and hope that Margaret's van will be full. There are still a few seats left. If you are interested in attending, contact Margaret at 758-2062 at your earliest convenience.

Giving to Pakistan

As you well know, the need for aid in Pakistan is dire. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is working mightily to get help to those who need it most. Read the following from their website:

Heavy monsoon rains have caused severe damage throughout the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab, and Sindh provinces of Pakistan, affecting about 14 million people. UMCOR is responding to the Pakistan floods by providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people in collaboration with Church of Pakistan, Church World Service, and GlobalMedic.

Thus far, our congregation has given \$30 to UMCOR's work in Pakistan, and the Middlebury United Methodist Women's group has given \$400. Please prayerfully consider giving to help the millions who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, and in some cases their loved ones. To do so, make out a check to your local congregation with the following number and direction in the lower left hand corner: **UMCOR Advance #982450, Pakistan Flash Floods**. And please hold the people of Pakistan in your prayers. The following is a prayer written specifically for the people of Pakistan.

Prayer of Petition for the People of Pakistan

Since late July 2010, the people of Pakistan have experienced the worst flooding in memory in their country. Hundreds have died, millions have been affected. This prayer of petition for the people of Pakistan is offered by the German NGO Brot für die Welt/Bread for the World, translation by Jim Dwyer.

Catastrophic flooding in the Swat Valley, Pakistan

Ever since You saved human and animal alike in the ark,
we have called upon you as our savior in times of threatening floods.

Today, we call on you again, savior of our sisters and brothers
in Pakistan's Swat Valley.

Awaken in those encircled by floodwaters the strength to help themselves
until help from others arrives.

May you be the anchor in the storm for the women and men

— among them, our church's partners—

who coordinate emergency aid and who must bring it to where it is needed.

Beyond flood and natural catastrophe,

we ask for peace and daily bread

for the impoverished people of the Swat Valley

— people who again are without homes,

who again face the future with empty hands,

so soon after last year's war, bloodshed.

Additions to Middlebury Sound System

The Middlebury UMC sound system has two new features: hearing assistance devices that can be picked up on the usher's table and used anywhere in the sanctuary; and tape recording capabilities so that cassette tapes of the worship services can be duplicated and distributed to those who are not able to attend. We give thanks to the anonymous donor who has gifted these two new services to the congregation.

Linda Connor's Travels

Middlebury UMC's own Linda Connor is traveling the country. You can follow along by reading her newly created blog: www.fairadventure.wordpress.com.



We include the following in our prayers:

Betty Austin
 Marion Barnett
 Betty Hampel
 Madeline Cone
 Marge Covey
 Cora Dragon
 Della Fenn
 Mona Austin
 Cliff Piper

Walt Peck
 Chal Schley
 Doris Senecal
 Marg Wesley
 Cary Marshall
 Sue Flanagan
 Mary Jo Richards
 Barbara Wheelock

Willie Glen's sister, Betty
 Sue and Tom Colley's friend, Al
 Carmen Jochum's mother, Pam
 Marg & John Wesley's son, Jack
 Terry DeYoung's sister-in-law, Susan
 Pat Tougas' cousin, Linda
 Sandy Hayes
 Len Rowell
 All who are stationed overseas



Bible Readings *for the Month*

October 3	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137 (UMH 852); 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790); 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 17	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 ; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 24	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65 (UMH 789); 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 31	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119: 137-144 (UMH 840); 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

!! Blessings Abound !!

CELEBRATION

- ◆ Marian Barnett will celebrate 101 years on Sunday, October 31st. Let's shower her with cards for this very special day. We will also plan on phoning her from worship that morning if possible so that we can sing to her.

World Communion Sunday on October 3

October 3, 2010: World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

When churches take the offering for this special Sunday, the proceeds provides ethnic scholarships for international and United States racial and ethnic minority graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Fifty per cent of the special offering goes to the [World Communion Scholarship Program](#) of the General Board of Global Ministries. These scholarships enable persons from churches in nations other than the United States and from ethnic and racial minorities in the United States to prepare for leadership in mission in church and society.

From Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East, as well as from racial and ethnic minorities in the United States, Crusade scholars are committed to the life and mission of the Church, as well as to its ministry to society and the world. Since the inception of the program in 1944, the Crusade Scholarship Program has funded nearly 4,000 students.

October Calendar

Every Monday.....	Financial Peace.....	CoOp Insurance
Every Tuesday.....	Women’s Spirituality Group.....	1 p.m.....Mimi Hardy’s
Every Thursday.....	Middlebury Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7 p.m.....Midd UMC
Every Sunday.....	East Middlebury Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	8:30 a.m.....E. Midd UMC
	Worship & Sunday School.....	9 a.m.....E. Midd UMC
	Worship & Sunday School.....	10:45 a.m.....Midd UMC
Sunday, October 3.....	World Communion Sunday.....	9/10:45 a.m.....E./Midd UMC
	Crop Walk.....	1 p.m.....Midd Green
Wednesday, October 6.....	East Middlebury Women’s Group.....	7 p.m.....Jean Peck’s home
Saturday, October 9.....	Men’s Ministry.....	8:30 a.m.....Midd UMC
Sunday, October 10.....	Children’s Sabbath	
	10/10/10 Events by 350.org.....	All Day
	Tree Sales Planning Meeting.....	12 p.m.....Midd UMC
Tuesday, October 12.....	Helen Porter Ministry.....	11 a.m.....Activities Room
	Project Independence Ministry.....	1 p.m.....Elderly Services
	Midd Finance/Operations, Trustees, Communications, Worship Arts, Mission/Outreach.....	6:30 p.m.....Midd UMC
	Midd Administrative Council.....	7:30 p.m.....Midd UMC
Tues, Wed, Thurs Oct. 5-7...	Community Lunch.....	10:30-12:45.....Charter House
Sunday, October 17.....	Laity Sunday.....	7 p.m.....
	Ripton Fall Harvest Concert.....	4 p.m.....Ripton Comm. Ch.
Monday, October 18.....	Midd United Methodist Women.....	2 p.m.....Midd UMC
Tuesday, October 19.....	Women’s Spirituality to Weston Priory.....	10:30 a.m.....Weston, VT
Saturday, October 23.....	Faith & Money Training.....	9 a.m.....Brattleboro UMC
Wednesday, October 27.....	East Middlebury Trustees.....	7 p.m.....TBA
Friday, October 29.....	Midd Rummage & Bake Sale.....	9 a.m.– 5 p.m.Midd UMC
Saturday, October 30.....	Midd Rummage & Bake Sale.....	9 a.m.-12 p.m.Midd UMC
Sunday, October 31.....	Matt Dickinson Lecture.....	4 p.m.....Ripton Comm. Ch.
	Trick-or-Treat for Unicef.....	
	All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper.....	5:30-7 p.m.Midd UMC

Don Rinker will be planning a Staff-Parish Relations Team meeting for this month. There will also be a parsonage walk-through with the Parsonage Team in October or November. The Friends of the Ripton Community Church meet once a month. Watch for announcements regarding their next meeting.

Looking Ahead

Bishop Peter Weaver will be visiting every church in Vermont in the coming weeks. Be on the watch for announcements at church and via email regarding his visit to Middlebury, East Middlebury and Ripton.

Our annual charge conference gathering will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, November 14. The location will be announced soon.

Save the date of November 20 for VT District Day for clergy and laity with Bishop Weaver at Trinity UMC in Montpelier. Registration starts at 9 and the gathering will conclude with lunch at noon.



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