

Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.

Following Christ's example,
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



December 29, 2024

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Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love

Sunday December 29, 2024 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime*

by Sandra Eithun

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: Instrumental

***Call To Worship**

One: Beloveds of the Cosmos, alive in this moment of sorrow
and hope,

**All: We clothe ourselves in compassion, woven with the life
of all creation.**

One: We carry kindness, a tender force that keeps one another
safe.

**All: We root in humility, born of the earth, returning to its
care.**

One: We practice gentleness, honoring the child within us all.

**All: And with patience, we tend the slow, holy work of New
Worlds.**

One: Gathered now, we lift praises to the radiant labor of Holy
Love.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Living God, You, who are full of love and ask us to carry love with
us every day. Help us stay committed to the important work of
loving others. Be with us as we show kindness, build trust, and
care for our relationships. Give us strength to bring healing,
courage to speak truth, and hearts full of compassion. Your
amazing love breaks down barriers and show us new ways to
live. Come to us, Holiness-Here-With-Us, and make us brave
enough to share your endless grace. Come, O Love that changes
everything. Amen.

***Hymn B#476 My Life Flows On In Endless Song**

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14

Sermon A Savior Born in the Margins

***Hymn B#571** *O God Of Love, O God Of Peace*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Prayer Response Instrumental

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *When Hope Came Down* Arr. Labenske

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Dwell among us, oh wisdom of the Living Christ, that our lives may be rooted in care for one another. May we shake systems of power that need to be shaken. Let us lift up one another through poems, songs, and dance. Thank you, God, for blessing our offerings this day. Thank you for guiding us as we cultivate your Kingdom of Care. Amen.

***Hymn B#616 I Want To Be Ready**



***Benediction**

Postlude: *Lord Of The Dance*

by Noel Rawsthorne

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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<p><i>For your convenience, you can now make donations and pay your pledge on-line. Just scan this Giving QR code.</i></p>	
<p>Have a prayer request? Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone

Call or text (774)-993-9407

Christian Origins Book Club

Grab a coffee hour snack and bring it with you to the Parlor. New Year, new book, and a new meeting time!

Join us starting January 19th at 11:30am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 29

10:00 am ~ Worship
11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, December 31 ~ M& M's

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany/Three Kings Day

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion
11:00 am ~ Refreshments

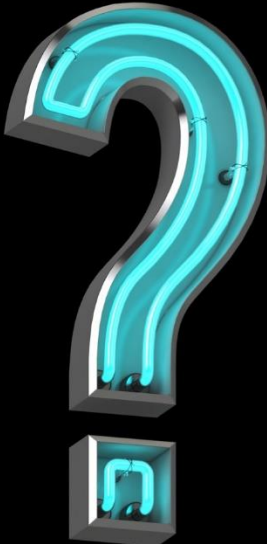
UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 10

6:30pm ~ Trivia Night

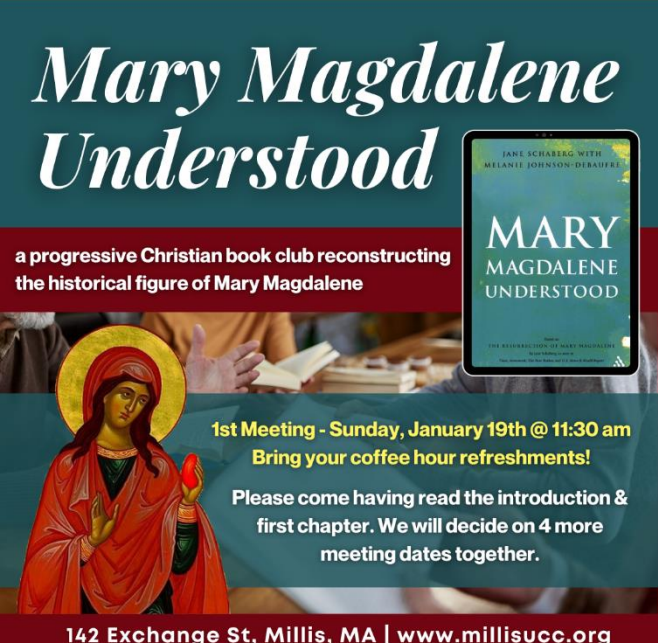
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**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**JANUARY 10
6:30 P.M.
AT MILLIS UCC**



**Mary Magdalene
Understood**

a progressive Christian book club reconstructing
the historical figure of Mary Magdalene

**MARY
MAGDALENE
UNDERSTOOD**

1st Meeting - Sunday, January 19th @ 11:30 am
Bring your coffee hour refreshments!

Please come having read the introduction &
first chapter. We will decide on 4 more
meeting dates together.

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