

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
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Today at First Church

January 14, 2018

- 8:00 a.m.** **Worship Service & Child Care**
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- 10:15 a.m.** Church School
- 11:00 a.m.** Cherub Choir, Room 112
- 4:00 p.m.** Second Sunday Book Club, Lehman Library
- 6:00 p.m.** Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Movie Room 102 Bryce Grissom
<u>2nd grade</u>	Games Room 110 Kathy McGuire
<u>3rd grade</u>	Games Room 110 Kathy McGuire
<u>4th grade</u>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr
<u>5th grade</u>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 4, "Jesus and the Children," and our schedule is listed on the left. Please note that some classes are combined for this unit.

Preschool is in Room 105. Children in grades 6-8 can choose between Puppet Troupe in 302/303, and Explore in the Youth Room.

The kindergarteners and first graders will go to Cherub Choir as part of their Church School experience. Please pick up your children at 11:30 a.m. in Room 112.

Church School runs until 11:10 a.m. today. If the service ends earlier than that, please enjoy some time in Schultz Hall before picking up your children. Thanks for your cooperation!

The complete unit schedule is posted throughout the church and online.

Serving Lunch at Center City Church on January 15

TOMORROW, we provide the food and servers for this lunch meal through Hands on Hartford. You can **sign up in Schultz Hall during coffee hour** or contact Sharon Conway at sconway@massmutual.com or 860-463-6503 for questions or to volunteer.



Save the Date - Mission Immersion Day on February 3



Come one, come all, to share God's love in the world! Spend some time on **Saturday, February 3** volunteering and helping others. We will have four sites to choose from, including sorting and packaging produce at the Foodshare warehouse in Hartford, serving a hot meal to the hungry in Middletown at St. Vincent DePaul, serving a meal and helping in the pantry at Manchester Area Conference of Churches, and making soup and cards and delivering them to people in our congregation. **To sign up for this mission experience, go to the table during coffee hour** or contact Phil Resor at philresor@gmail.com or 860-301-5066.

Ongoing Food Collection

First Church has had a long tradition of collecting food items for our neighbors in need. Our donations go to Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry in Hartford and Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). There are two baskets at church (one in the back lobby and one in the narthex) where the food is collected. Please be sure that items are not expired or open. **In January, we're asking for crackers, canned meat and other items.** Thanks!



A Variety of Opportunities to Volunteer with Foodshare!

Foodshare's vision is for a community where all people can get all of the food they need. As the region's food bank, they work toward that vision by getting food donations from the food industry and distributing them to 300 food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters and other partner programs. There are **three ways to get involved** with Foodshare here at First Church.

1. **Volunteer when the Mobile Foodshare truck comes to our back parking lot every other Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.** This is a "farmer's market" style food distribution of fresh produce and other foods, and it takes many volunteers to serve everyone who comes. If you are interested in participating (adults, youth and children are welcome!), contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.
2. **Volunteer at Foodshare's Regional Market in Hartford on alternating Wednesday mornings** to help sort and package the produce that gets given out on the Mobile Foodshare truck at various sites across the state. Volunteers **gather in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to drive in together, and the shift is from 8:30-11:30 a.m.** If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jim Hartung at ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com or 860-430-2123.
3. **Volunteer to collect food from ShopRite in East Hartford**, bringing 500 to 1,000 lbs of meat, produce, baked goods and groceries weekly to shelters and soup kitchens in Hartford. To help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or jdugan1967@gmail.com or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.



Women's Theological Reflection Group on January 17

We invite all interested First Church women to join us on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss a variety of faith questions, reflect on our personal journeys and share friendship and community. We hope to see you from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the Lehman Library. Please contact Danae Dwyer at danaedwyer@me.com or 860-967-2269 with questions.

Join Our New Millennial Fellowship

Are you a 20-something or an early 30-something? We are intentionally gathering together a group of millennials for our own fellowship. Our monthly events will focus on team building, community service, faith formation and fun. Whether you're a young professional joining First Church, a recently returned graduate living in your parents' basement or a young at heart 80s kid, this is the group for you. We hope you join us for monthly volunteering, social events and faith conversations over a pint at a local brewery. ***Our next gathering is working at Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) on our church's Mission Immersion Day, February 3.*** For more information about this event or about the group, contact Kate VanDerzee-Glidden at katev@glastonburyfirst.org or Elizabeth Gleich at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org.

Nature Lovers Unite - Come Join Us on January 16!



Attention all nature lovers! In the spring, we formed a new group where we gather monthly for a time of fellowship and learning. ***We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can join us on January 16!*** Whether you enjoy nature photography, hiking, feeding the birds, gardening or just sitting outside and taking in all that God has created, we want you! Please contact Tracy Kavanaugh at lilypadprints@gmail.com or 413-250-3838.

Brown Bag Lunch on January 17



Please join us on ***Wednesday, January 17 at noon.*** Bring a bag lunch and we'll provide the beverages and dessert. Kate recently finished a continuing education class at Yale Divinity School (YDS) in the area of medicine and theology. The class, offered through the recently launched Lifelong Learning Program at YDS, explored the challenges of contemporary medicine from a theological perspective and included topics such as suffering, healing, burn out and AIDS. The course was developed and taught by S. Mark Heim, visiting professor at YDS, Samuel Abbot, Professor of Theology at Andover Newton Theological School, and Benjamin Doolittle, '94 M.Div., a YDS alumnus who is Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Internal Medicine Pediatrics Residency Program at the Yale School of Medicine. A group of 15 pastors participated in this program, and Kate is excited to share some of her learnings with the gathered group. Call the church office (860-633-4641) to sign up.

Senior High Fellowship Silver Lake Retreat: Register by January 17!

When: Friday, January 26 – Sunday, January 28

Where: Silver Lake Conference Center-Sharon, CT

Who: All students in 9th – 12th Grade

Cost: \$130 covers lodging, food and transportation

Depart: Friday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. (First Church parking lot) ***Eat Dinner First!***

Return: Sunday, January 28 at noon (parking lot)

Registration deadline: January 17

Permission slips are available outside Elizabeth's office or on the church website. Unfortunately, refunds will not be issued for cancellations.

New Ushers and Greeters Invited to Sign Up Today

If you are willing to be a greeter, usher or head usher, please sign up today during coffee hour, or contact Suzy Fisher at suzy.o.fisher@gmail.com or Vance Harris at vwhrefoi@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers Requested



Please contact Susan Bonitsky at 860-633-7128 or kowsz@juno.com to place altar flowers in memory of or in honor of people or events.

This Week at First Church

Monday, January 15, 2018 - Office closed

Off-site Serve lunch, Hands on Hartford
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
Room 204

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. First Church Outside, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse
7:00 p.m. Executive, Lehman Library

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
Group, Lehman Library
9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers
10:00 a.m. Mobile Foodshare, parking lot
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: Kate
VanDerzee-Glidden, Schultz Hall
4:30 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group,
Lehman Library
1:00 p.m. Memorial Committee,
Lehman Library
4:00 p.m. Cantate Choir
5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir
5:00 p.m. Ribbon Work
6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:30 p.m. Low Strung Concert (fundraiser
for Heads Up Hartford),
Meetinghouse

Sunday, January 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE &
Child Care; Spark! Band**
Church School
10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
4:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship Mission
6:00 p.m. Focused Session, Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Micah Celebration Committee,
Lehman Library

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

SONATA SWING QUARTET



"Bolling" You Over

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. \$20 family maximum.

Offering Envelopes Are Here!



Please pick up a 2018 boxed set of offering envelopes in Schultz Hall. Please remember to print your first and last name so it can be included on your giving statement. Thank you!

MINISTERS

All the members of the church

Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr. (1932 - 2012)

PASTORS

The Rev. David T. Taylor, *Pastor*; The Rev. Kate VanDerzee-Glidden, *Pastor*;

The Rev. Elizabeth Gleich, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministries*

Rebecca Fleahman, *Office Manager*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

Peggy Hartman, *Director of Handbell Program and Children's Choirs*

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