

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
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Today at First Church

January 21, 2018

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



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Susan Crisafulli
<u>2nd grade</u>	Movie Room 102 Bryce Grissom
<u>3rd grade</u>	Movie Room 102 Bryce Grissom
<u>4th grade</u>	Games Room 110 Kathy McGuire
<u>5th grade</u>	Games Room 110 Kathy McGuire

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.

*Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the 2017-2018 Church School Mission Project, **Little City Sprouts**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.*



Brown Bag Lunch RESCHEDULED TO TOMORROW



Please join us on **Monday, January 22 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.

Have You Experienced Silver Lake?

Many First Church kids and youth have experienced the wonders and fun of Silver Lake Summer Camp! It's a conference center run by the CT Conference of the UCC in Sharon, CT. Come and enjoy "God's Backyard" this summer, with various camps for youth in grades 4-12. Registration is open. **SAVE \$50!** Register by January 31 and use code EARLY18 at checkout. <http://www.silverlakeect.org>. If you're unsure or need convincing, talk to Elizabeth or ask any of the youth who have gone before.

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. Our sites are filling up, so sign up soon! **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!



Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School



During the past five years, volunteers from First Church have been helping the kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford with basic reading skills. We hope to encourage their love of reading by spending time with each child reading books, talking about what excites them and what they have learned from the stories. Books appropriate for their grade level and skills are provided. It is rewarding to see their progress! **Volunteers are asked to spend two hours weekly on a day of their choice.** We are assigned two students and spend 30 minutes with each child. If you are interested or have questions contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or sally.m.riddell@gmail.com.

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.

Come Join the Latter Day Marthas, Meeting on January 25

What can happen when a few women decide to sit around a table and discuss frankly their own spiritual direction? A most beautiful thing. The birth of a new community fortified by authenticity, tolerance and vulnerability. A refreshingly raw group of women, not religiously pretty, but gorgeous in their willingness to share with one another their introspective journeys. Searching has become a lesser part of our communal landscape than finding. We are all Latter Day Marthas (Martha was the sister who just didn't get it) with one unified front - we desire movement toward God and we want to talk about that. Some of us are stumbling, some are dancing, and usually it depends on the day. You are invited to join our conversations on the ***second and fourth Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Lehman Library.*** Please contact Danae Dwyer at danaedwyer@me.com or 860-967-2269 with questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry TOMORROW



Do you knit? Crochet? Enjoy fellowship and the opportunity to help and support others? If the answer is YES to any of the above, come join the First Church Prayer Shawl Ministry! Newcomers are always welcome! If you can't make it to our evening gatherings, we have added some morning dates! We will meet on ***Monday, January 22 in the Lehman Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.*** Yarn will be provided. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles or a medium to large crochet hook. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We can teach you. If you don't have needles, we have some we can provide. Come share your knitting, and our company! Contact kathysalk@gmail.com with questions, or email Sonmi at szzmanto@gmail.com for dates and times of our new morning gatherings.

Snow Cancellations!



For weekday events, if the Glastonbury schools have a snow closing or early dismissal, any evening programs would be cancelled. For weekend and other snow closings, students and parents will be notified through our email lists. **Snow closings will also be posted on WFSB 3, NBC 30 and WTNH 8 (but not on the radio).** As always, if you determine it is not safe to drive to a program, please stay home. We urge extra caution and discretion with young drivers.

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 vwhref01@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 22, 2018

- 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden, Schultz Hall
 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Council, Parlor

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Family Promise Exploration Meeting, Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Foodshare warehouse, off-site
 4:30 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, January 25, 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
 5:45 p.m. Latter Day Marthas, Lehman Library
 6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, January 26, 2018

- 6:30 p.m. SHF Retreat, Silver Lake

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
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 10:15 a.m. Church School, Communion Education
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112

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.

Upcoming Worship

January 28: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Kate VanDerzee-Glidden
 and David Taylor preaching

Music: 8:00 a.m. Vance Harris

10:00 a.m. Chancel and Cantabile Choirs

Offering Envelopes Are Here!



Offering Envelopes 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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