



**The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ**



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
CONGREGATIONAL**

*Member of the United Church of Christ*  
*An open, welcoming and affirming congregation*  
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**Today at First Church**

**February 19, 2017**

- 8:00 a.m.**                    **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 10:00 a.m.**                **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 10:15 a.m.**                Church School (NO Cherub Choir)
- 6:00 p.m.**                   Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



**Church School Schedule**

<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u>	<b>Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause</b>
<u>2nd grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Judy Burr</b>
<u>3rd grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Judy Burr</b>
<u>4th grade</u>	<b>Movie Room 102 Leah Schneider</b>
<u>5th grade</u>	<b>Movie Room 102 Leah Schneider</b>

**Attention Parents:** We are in Unit 5, "Lost and Found," and our schedule is below. Please note: 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.

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.

**Beat the Mid-Winter Blues!**

The Board of Lay Life & Ministry has cooked up an event that is sure to put a song in your heart and satisfy your sweet tooth. "Into the Woods", a musical for all ages, is being performed by the Glastonbury High School Drama Club. Lay Life invites you "INTO THE WOODS...and back to FIRST CHURCH FOR ICE CREAM SUNDAES" on Sunday, March 5. A number of tickets have been reserved for the 2:00 p.m. performance and may be ordered starting this Sunday during coffee hour or contact Sandi Philbrook at 659-1269 or [novakgrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:novakgrl@sbcglobal.net) and we'll make sure to save you a seat!



## Time to Order Munson's Candy for Easter!

The Cantate and Cantabile Choir members will be selling Munson's candy for Easter to help defray the cost of Choir Camp. **Order forms will be available at the Board of Music table during the month of February and the first Sunday in March.** Your candy will be available for pick up two weeks before Easter. **Choristers are asked to return their order forms no later than March 9. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the chorister who sells the most candy.** Thank you for your support of Choir Camp!

## You're Invited to a Homemade Syrian Dinner and Cultural Experience!



Enjoy a delicious multi-course home-cooked Syrian meal by Ezdehar Al Abas. The dinner will be accompanied by a slide show and stories of her family's four year journey from Syria to a refugee camp in Jordan, and finally to Glastonbury in July 2016, when our church sponsored them. The dinner is **Saturday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Schultz Hall.**

The cost of this delicious feast and cultural experience is \$25 per person. Please make out your check to "First Church of Christ," with "Syrian Dinner" in the memo section. Please note this covers the cost of the meal and the presentation and is not tax-deductible. Spread the word to your friends in the First Church community and join us for this special evening! Seating is limited to 25, so **RSVP to Lisa Hurley at [lisahurley@snet.net](mailto:lisahurley@snet.net) or Danae Dwyer at [danaedwyer@me.com](mailto:danaedwyer@me.com) or 860-967-2269 by Wednesday, February 22.** Payments should be made at the dinner or directly to Danae or Lisa.

## Come Join the Latter Day Marthas!

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 (February 23) at 5:45 p.m. in the Lehman Library.** Please contact Danae Dwyer at [danaedwyer@me.com](mailto:danaedwyer@me.com) or 860-967-2269 with questions.

## "A Beautiful Love" Sermon Series



Our church theme for 2016 - 2017 is "***The Beloved Community - A Beautiful Love!***" The sermons that were offered at First Church during the fall touched upon how a beloved community is characterized by traits such as faith, hope, love, joy, generosity, inclusion and kindness. In the coming weeks of this new year, we are offering a sermon series on God's beautiful love for us and for this world, and how each of us is called to share God's love with ourselves, with one another, and with the world. We invite you to come and hear one or all of these sermons!

**February 26** ***A Beautiful Love...for Oneself*** - Elizabeth Gleich preaching  
8:00 a.m. Lola Elliott-Hugh, mezzo-soprano; 10:00 a.m. Jubilate Ringers, Chancel Choir

**March 1** ***Ash Wednesday services held at noon and 7:00 p.m.*** A time for reflection and prayer. The receiving of ashes is an ancient ritual of repentance which reminds us of our mortality and symbolizes our dependence on God's steadfast love and mercy.

**March 5** ***A Beautiful Love...for the Journey*** - Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching  
8:00 a.m. Chris Stone, baritone; 10:00 a.m. Mallet Ringers, Chancel Choir

## Our Church Needs You!

Our Church has a variety of boards and committees that help enrich our Church programs, events, and worship services. These dedicated boards and committees are currently recruiting new members. So please consider saying "Yes!" if you are asked to join a committee or board. Now is the time for you to get involved!

We offer so many opportunities...what interests you? Please consider becoming involved in one of the following groups: Trustees (oversees our property and building), Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Deacons (focuses on worship), Music, Christian Service (concentrates on mission and outreach work), Lay Life and Ministry (organizes and runs church fellowship events), Church Growth and Membership (welcomes people to our church), Adult Education, Media or Stewardship, among others.



If you have an interest in joining a specific board or committee, contact Lisa Charles, Chair of Human Resources, at 860-338-4816 or [lisacharles@cox.net](mailto:lisacharles@cox.net); Christine Roberge, Vice Chair of Human Resources, at 860-430-1572 or [roberge.happyface@gmail.com](mailto:roberge.happyface@gmail.com); a church officer; a current board or committee member; David; Kate; or Elizabeth.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make First Church such a wonderful place! We are truly blessed.

*Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...*

### **SILENT FILM SPEEDY**



**Peter Krasinski,  
Improvisation Specialist**  
**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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

### **Last Chance! Serving Lunch on February 20**

*Tomorrow, Monday, February 20,* we provide the food and servers for this lunch meal. Sign up during coffee hour or contact Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350 or [stonehill126@gmail.com](mailto:stonehill126@gmail.com).

### **CALL TO ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

To the members of the First Church of Christ, Glastonbury:

Pursuant to Section 7.1.2 of the Church By-Laws, you are hereby notified of, and cordially invited to attend, the Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Meetinghouse on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act upon the Treasurer's 2016 Financial Report;
2. To hear and act upon the Church Budget recommended by the Church Council, for the fiscal year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017;
3. To transact any other business relating to the above proper to come before the meeting.

Shannon Jeroszko, Church Clerk

Copies of the financial reports are available in the church office for your review. Please stop in if you would like a copy in advance of the meeting.

# This Week at First Church

## Monday, February 20, 2017

### Presidents' Day: Office closed

Off-site      Serve lunch, Hands On Hartford  
6:30 p.m.      Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Lehman Library

## Tuesday, February 21, 2017

7:30 a.m.      Potpourri, Kitchen  
9:45 a.m.      Prayer and Share, Parlor  
7:00 p.m.      Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

## Wednesday, February 22, 2017

4:15 p.m.      Caroler Choir  
7:00 p.m.      Executive Committee,  
Lehman Library

## Thursday, February 23, 2017

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

## Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:30 a.m.      Confirmands' Service Day,  
off-site  
6:00 p.m.      Dinner by Ezdehar, Schultz Hall  
7:00 p.m.      Music at the Meetinghouse:  
Peter Krasinski, *Speedy* film

## Sunday, February 26, 2017

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  
11:15 a.m.      VBS Committee, Lehman Library  
6:00 p.m.      Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

## Foodshare Opportunity - We Need You!

Hunger is an invisible problem, so most people are unaware of how large a problem it is. In Hartford and Tolland counties alone - the area served by Foodshare - there are 137,000 people who cannot be sure where their next meal is coming from. The majority of the 137,000 people are either children or seniors, and the majority of the rest are working full time jobs (or two).

Here at First Church we have the Mobile Foodshare truck come to our back parking lot every other Wednesday. Now we have a new opportunity to go to the Foodshare warehouse on alternating Wednesday mornings to help sort and package the produce so it all gets given out to our neighbors. **Starting March 8, we hope to send five to ten volunteers to the warehouse to sort produce from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** People will gather in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to drive in together. If you are interested in learning more, please contact First Church member Jim Hartung at [ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com](mailto:ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com) or 860-430-2123.



### MINISTERS

*All the members of the church*  
Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr. (1932 - 2012)

### PASTORS

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

Rebecca Fleahman, *Office Manager*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

Elizabeth Gleich, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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