



**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 25, 2018

- 8:00 a.m.** **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 8:45 a.m.** Reiki available between services, Quiet Room
- 10:00 a.m.** **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 10:15 a.m.** Church School
- 11:00 a.m.** Cherub Choir, Room 112
- 11:15 a.m.** Volunteer Feedback Forum for Christian Education Volunteers,
Lehman Library
- 11:15 a.m.** Head Usher Meeting/Training, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m.** Confirmation Class, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m.** Senior High Fellowship, Mission-Focused Session, Youth Room



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Art Room 103 Alison Couture
<u>2nd grade</u>	Science Room 206 Emma McCandless
<u>3rd grade</u>	Science Room 206 Emma McCandless
<u>4th grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Emily Daigle
<u>5th grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Emily Daigle

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 5, "Three Women Of Faith," 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 attend Puppet Troupe and Explore, which are combined 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.*



Food Collection – Urgent Need!

We recently received word from Beth Stafford, the Executive Director at Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC), that **they are out of many important items**. The Pantry serves over 25 families a day and 37+ mid-month to the end of the month when SNAP funds (food stamps) are low or run out. **Please bring in the items listed below this week if you can**, so we can get them over to MACC! There are baskets in the back lobby and also in the narthex. Thanks for your generosity!

- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Grape jelly
- Beef stew
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Red kidney beans
- Canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee)
- Chicken soups (not noodle or cream)

Church School Volunteer Feedback Forum TODAY!

The Board of Christian Education cordially invites all Church School volunteers to their **Volunteer Feedback Forum** which will be held on **at 11:15 a.m. in the Lehman Library**. This is an informal gathering to discuss our Church School program – enjoyable moments, suggestions, challenges – anything is up for discussion! Your feedback is very important to us in making decisions that ensure that our Church School program remains vibrant. See you there!



We're Making a Cookbook!!

To raise money for our Church School mission project, **Little City Sprouts**, the Church School is creating a church-wide cookbook! **Little City Sprouts** helps preschoolers in Hartford have better access to education about nutrition, gardening and sustainability. The focus of our fundraiser is on healthy eating and education, but we know that some recipes also warm the heart and feed the soul, so all recipes are welcome! **Submit your recipes at <https://tinyurl.com/churchcookbook> and click on "contribute recipe" or email them to ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org. Stop by the table at coffee hour today to submit your recipes in person and to pre-order a cookbook. The deadline to submit a recipe is March 4, and the cookbooks are \$10.** Thanks for your support!

Calling All Volunteers!

Would you like to be more involved in our vibrant First Church community? Perhaps you are already involved but would like to try something new? We are now recruiting new members for all of our boards and committees. So many opportunities are available and this is a great time to think about what interests you. 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; Christine Roberge, Vice Chair of Human Resources, at (860) 430-1572 or roberge.happyface@gmail.com; any 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.

Lenten Series –

This Wednesday and Beyond

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

February 28, March 14 and 21

A Time of Faith, Fellowship and Food

Let us come together to hear how our church members live out Micah's call "to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God" in their jobs and in their lives. **On February 28, Ron Kimmel and Russ Morin will speak about their faith.** Different church boards will provide a meal of soup and bread to start off the evening. If you are able, please call the church office, 860-633-4641, to sign up for these dinners. Come to be fed and inspired as your fellow church members share their thoughts, their faith and their lives!

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...



ACOUSTIC EIDOLON

*A Blend of Celtic,
Flamenco and
Americana*

Saturday, April 28, 2018
7:30 p.m.

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

Ready for Silver Lake?

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

Prospective New Member Gathering March 4

The Church Growth and Membership Committee cordially invites those persons who have worshipped here and would like to make First Church their church home to attend the next prospective member gathering **on Sunday, March 4, at 11:30 a.m.** At that time, church leaders will greet you and tell you about the many wonderful programs and ministries of our congregation. Please consider becoming part of our church family and sharing more fully in our life together. **Prospective members are then asked to attend a second session on Sunday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. New members will join on Sunday, March 18, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** If you would like to learn more about making First Church your church home, please join us on March 4. Please speak to one of the Pastors or contact Kathy Ciolkosz in the church office at 860-633-4641, extension 110, or kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org.

Millennial Fellowship Gathering March 2!

Are you a 20-something or an early 30-something? 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. **Join us for our next event on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. at First Church for fun, get-to-know-you games and discussion (think: throwback to high school youth group), then we'll walk to Plan B in the center for some food.** Feel free to invite your friends or anyone you think would enjoy the group! For more information about this event or about the group, contact Elizabeth Gleich at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden at katev@glastonburyfirst.org. Looking forward to being in fellowship with you!

Bloomfield Backpack Project Volunteers Needed on March 8!

In partnership with Foodshare and other churches, we provide backpacks filled with 11 pounds of nonperishable food to 100 Bloomfield children in need. **On the second Thursday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.,** we send groups of kids and adults to pack the backpacks for the children. All are welcome at this meaningful mission opportunity! Sign up at tinyurl.com/glastonburyfirst-backpack or on the poster outside of the Children and Youth Ministries office. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Bryce Grissom at bryce.grissom@gmail.com. The remaining 2018 dates are **March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.**

This Week at First Church

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Annual Financial Meeting,
 Meetinghouse; Council meeting
 to follow, Parlor

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
 4:30 p.m. Caroler Choir
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper and Program,
 Schultz Hall

Thursday, March 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Quiet Room
 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group,
 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

Friday, March 2, 2018

6:00 p.m. Millennial Fellowship

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Mission
 Outreach, off-site

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 8:45 a.m. Board of Lay Life and Ministry,
 Room 202
 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 11:20 a.m. Board of Christian Education,
 Lehman Library
 11:30 a.m. Family Promise Exploratory
 Committee, Room 202
 11:30 a.m. Prospective New Members, Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Reiki Offered Today

Reiki will be offered free of charge in the Quiet Room **today between services from 8:45-10:00 a.m.** Anyone desiring to receive chair Reiki is welcome to drop in. Reiki is an ancient art of balancing the body's energy flow to reduce stress and promote healing. Reiki is effective, powerful and efficient, yet safe, gentle and natural. Come and enjoy a few minutes of peace and relaxation.



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*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*