**Today at First Church**

**March 15, 2020**

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<td>Hike with First Church Outside, off-site</td>
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<td>Family Promise Week begins</td>
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<td>Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room</td>
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### Church School Schedule

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Our Church School Unit 6, *The Empty Tomb*, teaches us about speaking the truth and practicing the spiritual discipline of witnessing God’s life-giving love. Please note: some classes are combined. We invite parents to accompany their child(ren) to their assigned classroom each week.

Child care is provided in the Crib and Toddler Rooms. Preschool is in Room 105 (continue *Stories of Jesus* lessons). Children in grades 6-8 (AGAPE) meet in Room 302 (continue *Mission* unit).

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.
Christian Education Events!

Sunday, March 22: 4th/5th grade bake sale to benefit South Park Inn.

Sunday, March 22: VBS Kickoff Sunday. We are asking all the children to wear their VBS T-shirts from last year (or any year). Ms. Lauren will be talking about VBS during the Children’s Message and there will be a table during Coffee Hour to sign up.

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Lenten Messy Church. Join us for this family-friendly Lenten event! During this Messy Church program, families will eat a pizza dinner together in Schultz Hall, then enjoy worship and have time with fun crafts in the Micah Chapel.

LAST WEEK to Donate Items for Blessing Bags!

Our AGAPE class is collecting items to assemble Blessing Bags for South Park Inn to hand out to those in need. Examples of items: travel size toiletries, socks, gloves, combs, lip balm, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, tissues and drawstring backpacks. The collection box is in the back lobby. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11

“Hop” on over to this “egg-citing” annual pancake feast in Schultz Hall where “every bunny” is invited! We’ll begin serving pancakes at 9:00 a.m. with a second seating available after the kids join Peter Rabbit at 9:45 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt, rain or shine. This all ages event is sponsored by the Junior High Fellowship and the Youth Board to benefit the Senior High Mission Trip fund. Your suggested donation of $7 per person (family maximum of $30) is much appreciated! We are looking for help for the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 11, from 8:00 -11:30 a.m. and for set up on Good Friday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m. for this wonderful event. Interested? Contact Cheryl Zalewski at 860-930-9506 or cheryl.zalewski@exprealty.com. Thanks!

Lenten Micah Moment Series

Come and learn with us at after worship from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Micah Chapel. Light refreshments will be served, and child care will be available. For more information on the series, please contact Betsey Polglase at betsey@glastonburyfirst.org or the church office.

TODAY!: The Joys and Challenges of Urban Education

Dr. Katherine Wood of the Fred D. Wish School calls her presentation “Parables told by an urban educator; what I have learned from my students.” The Wish School mission is to empower children through learning, exploring, achieving and discovering in a caring and nurturing setting. Come and learn more and consider the ways you might get involved in supporting the children. (Hosted by the Board of Christian Service)

March 29: Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance

GHIAA is the organization through which the region’s religious institutions (churches, synagogues and mosques) act collectively for social change. Though diverse in various ways, all traditions represented in GHIAA are called to act for justice. We are pleased to host Mr. Pat Speer, the Mentoring Organizer for GHIAA, who will paint a picture of some of GHIAA’s fundamental guiding principles and of how we can become involved. (Hosted by the Board of Deacons)
Family Promise Host Week is THIS WEEK!

Four times a year we open our church to homeless families as a host congregation for Family Promise of Central CT. **We are hosting families this week, March 15-22.** We'd love to have you sign up to help set up and break down the rooms the guests stay in, bring a meal, serve as a dinner host or stay overnight. Sign up at [https://signup.com/go/eCgXbYU](https://signup.com/go/eCgXbYU) or contact the coordinators, Tara and Amy Woodruff (tara.amy1407@gmail.com / 860-462-9548) or Kate Ersevim (ersevim@cox.net / 860-985-8075).

Volunteer for Our Mission

**Immersion Days on April 4 and 25**

Come one, come all, to share God’s love in the world! Spend time on **Saturday, April 4** volunteering and helping others. We will have a variety of sites, including sorting food at the Foodshare Regional Market in Hartford, making soup and cards and delivering them to people in our church community and serving a meal at South Park Inn. And on **April 25, we will be working with Rebuilding Together Hartford** again. This is a great opportunity to roll up your sleeves and make a big difference in the lives of Hartford residents. If you sign up for a MID site, we are counting on your participation. If something comes up, we ask that you let your site leader know. For more information or to sign up, go to the table during coffee hour or contact Kim Mishriky at 860-930-6153 or kmishriky1@cox.net.

“Noye’s Fludde” on March 28

Mark your calendars for the First Church musical event **Noye’s Fludde** (pronounced “Noah’s Flood”) by Benjamin Britten to be performed in our Meetinghouse on **Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.**

Spring Photo Display

First Church Outside would like to invite all church members, including children, to be a part of our next nature photography show, **Sea and Sky!** If you would like to be part of this photo show, **please submit your favorite 8x10 photo by March 29.** They can be dropped off in the church office and should include your name, where the photo was taken/what it’s a picture of and, if you are a child, your age. Remember, as always, don’t worry that your photo needs to be taken with a fancy camera, camera phone photos do a great job as well. And please don’t think your photos aren’t good enough, everyone’s unique perspective is beautiful! We can’t wait to see all of your photos! If you have questions, please contact Tracy Kavanaugh at lilypadprints@gmail.com or 413-250-3838.

Calling All Scouts

**On Sunday, March 29,** First Church will honor all Scouts (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their contributions to our community during our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. worship services. If you are presently a Scout and would like to participate by ushering for the service or helping with coffee hour, please contact Susan Crisafulli at 860-918-5396 or scrisafu@gmail.com. We invite all Scouts who participate in the worship service to wear their uniforms. We give thanks for the many ways our young people give back to the community and learn important values of respect, compassion and dedication. The Confirmands lead worship on that Sunday.

Join Us for a Hike TODAY!

All are welcome! For more information, email Rich Baber at richbaber@yahoo.com. **March 15 at 1:00 p.m. Blackledge Falls/Gay City State Park.** 3 miles, moderate. Meet at the Field Road parking lot.

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**Donations in the Church School envelopes go to the 2019-2020 Church School Mission Project, South Park Inn. We suggest a children’s donation of $1/week. Other designated envelopes are available for your Easter offerings.**
### This Week at First Church

#### Monday, March 16, 2020
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lehman Library
- 7:00 p.m. Council, Micah Chapel

#### Tuesday, March 17, 2020
- 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group, Lehman Library
- 6:30 p.m. First Church Outside, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- 8:00 a.m. Women’s Theological Reflection Group, Lehman Library
- 8:30 a.m. Foodshare warehouse, off-site
- 4:45 p.m. Caroler Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Moms of Faith in Action, Room 102

#### Thursday, March 19, 2020
- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group, Lehman Library
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate/Cantabile Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. Ribbon Work
- 5:00 p.m. Mallet Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Meet the UCC Legislators

The Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ will host a **CT UCC Legislators Conversation** on **Monday, March 30, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Legislative Office Building (LOB) Room 1C, 300 Capitol Ave. in Hartford. Parking is free.** Come meet UCC members serving in the state legislature, including our own Russ Morin. You can hear about how their faith guides their work, the bills they are working on and the issues they are most passionate about. Please RSVP to mudrickm@sneucc.org or 860-796-3822 if you can attend. More info: www.sneucc.org.

### TMSG Hosts Author on April 2

All are welcome to meet Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, author of **A Galaxy of Sea Stars** and **Ruby in the Sky** at our meeting on **April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lehman Library.**

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### 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*

Dr. Angela Salcedo, Director of Music Ministries
The Rev. Betsey Polglase, Minister of Visitation
Lauren M. Guiditta, Interim Director of Children’s Ministries
Peggy Hartman, Director of Handbell Program and Children’s Choirs
Keith Conroy, Interim Director of Junior High Fellowship

Rebecca Fleahman, Office Manager
Jenny Giguere, Administrative Assistant
Wes Grove, Facilities Manager

Karin Carlino, Church School Administrator
Valerie Escalera, Program Administrator
Susan Feller, Publications Specialist
Cheryl Foley, Child Care Provider

Amy Woodruff, Interim Director of Senior High Fellowship