

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church

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

May 28, 2017



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Science Room 206 Susan Crisafulli
<u>2nd grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Ann & Katelyn Hadley
<u>3rd grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Ann & Katelyn Hadley
<u>4th grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Kara Hetes
<u>5th grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Kara Hetes

Attention Parents: We are now in Unit 8, "How the Bible Came to Be," 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.

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.



VBS Registration!

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 31 - August 4**. The theme this year is **Hero Central**. Register at <http://www.glastonburyfirst.org/vacation-bible-school>. We're looking forward to another great year!

Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the 2016-2017 Church School Mission Project, **School Safe Zones**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.



Food Donations Needed

First Church has 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 collection baskets in the back lobby and the narthex. *In June, we're asking for canned vegetables, pasta, sauce and other unexpired items.* Thank you!

Join with Other Nature Lovers!

Attention all nature lovers! We are excited to announce the formation of a new group of First Church people who will meet monthly and focus on special projects, fellowship and conservation. We are looking for anyone who enjoys nature and wants to help protect what God has created for us. 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!



We are having a brainstorming meeting on **Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lehman Library.** We have many ideas of what this group could do (hikes, building a butterfly garden, programs at church to teach about conservation advocacy, etc.) and would love to hear yours! We are looking forward to having this group be a great part of our church community. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Kavanaugh at lilypadprints@gmail.com or 413-250-3838.

Foodshare Opportunity

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. 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 Foodshare's Regional Market in Hartford on alternating Wednesday mornings** to help sort and package the produce so it all gets given out to our neighbors. Thank you to our current volunteers, and we're still looking for more to go to the warehouse to **sort produce from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. People 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 or 860-430-2123.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (June 12) and Knit in Public Day (June 10)!

Knitters and crocheters will gather on **Monday, June 12, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lehman Library** for our last meeting of the program year. For years, our Prayer Shawl Ministry has enhanced the life of our First Church community. If you cannot attend meetings, we would still welcome the donation of your shawls. Patterns needles and yarn can be provided by our group. As always, newcomers are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Judy Burr at jaburr@cox.net or 860-643-9368.



All knitters are invited to join in the fun on **Knit in Public Day on June 10. Knit in Public Day** is a world-wide annual event held to celebrate the joy of knitting. Glastonbury knitters will **meet at the fountain green on the corner of Main St. and Hebron Ave. from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Participants are welcome to stay for the entire time or to come and go as needed. In the case of rain, we will meet at the Welles-Turner Library in the Glastonbury Room. Bring your knitting project and meet knitters from around the area. First Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry is sponsoring the local event. Contact Nancy Pacht at 860-659-3935 or nrwp0503@yahoo.com with questions.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

GREATER MIDDLETOWN CHORALE

Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.



Vocal Alchemy
followed by an ice-cream social!

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

What Do Dads and Grandpas Really Want for Father's Day?



He may enjoy a donation to the Church School mission project in his honor! This year's project is *School Safe Zones* through Church World Service, through which we will help revitalize a school in East Africa. Schools are the bedrock of a community's health, well-being and future. When a community struggles with limited access to clean water and sustainable food sources, it is often reflected in the school buildings. Our informational *School Safe Zones* "thank you" postcards will be wrapped in festive Father's Day packaging, **available during coffee hour or at the church office the weeks of June 4 and June 11.** With your help we can reach our challenge goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your support!

Choir Camp August 20-23

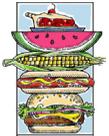


The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2017 from **August 20-23**, at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT. **The total cost per chorister will be \$250, which includes accommodations and meals. A deposit of \$100 to reserve your place at the camp is due by June 2.** Sign up forms are available on the church website, as well as in the church office and choir room. Please contact Angela Salcedo (angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org) if you are interested in chaperoning.

2017 Music Scholarship

The deadline for scholarship applications was Tuesday, May 23. **The interview process will begin on June 7.** If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Munshower, Scholarship Chair, at bruce.munshower@gmail.com.

FIRST CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PARK Sunday, June 11



Immediately following worship, rain or shine
The pavilion at JB Williams Park, 705 Neipsic Road



Potluck Barbecue Please bring a side dish!

We will provide burgers (beef and veggie) and hotdogs

Fun for all ages!

- Crafts** – Face painting, tattoos, fingernails
- Playground** – Swings, slide, seesaws, bubbles!
- Games** – Volleyball, badminton, kickball, cornhole
- Fishing** – Bring your own tackle and give it a whirl
- Delicious fun** – Cookie decorating
- Music & dancing** – Enjoy the song & guitar talents of Acoustic Rick, an entertainer for over 30 years with a repertoire of over 2000 songs covering every genre

Sign up by June 5 - don't delay!

Stop by the sign up table during coffee hour to add your name to the list of folks who are going to enjoy a wonderful afternoon, in the company of our awesome church family, to kick off a terrific summer season!

Sponsored by the Board of Lay Life and Ministry
For more information please contact Sandi Philbrook at
860-659-1269 or novakgrl@sbcglobal.net

This Week at First Church

Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day: Office closed

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers Dinner, off-site

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

4:15 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study
Group, Lehman Library
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, June 3, 2017

7:30 p.m. Music at the Meetinghouse:
Greater Middletown Chorale,
ice-cream social

Sunday, June 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. Board of Lay Life & 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
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship Party and
New Driver Blessing, Youth Room

Diaper Drive for Covenant to Care

The Board of Christian Service is sponsoring a **diaper drive during May**. Many babies lack a sufficient supply of disposable diapers to remain clean, dry and healthy. Did you know that there are 5.9 million babies in the U.S. aged three or younger who are living in poor or low-income families and that

disposable diapers cost up to \$150 per month **per baby**? People can buy candy with food stamps/SNAP, but diapers are classified with cigarettes, alcohol

and pet food as disallowed purchases. We will be collecting donations of diapers of all sizes and brands in a collection area in the back lobby. Our social workers at Covenant to Care for Children say the need is desperate. Thanks to all for your generous gifts and caring hearts!

Did you hear about the Diaper Drive?



Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare

Mobile Foodshare is a “farmer’s market” style food distribution service that provides fresh produce and other food items to between 90 and 150 lower-income people. Foodshare sponsors this service, and it takes place **every other Wednesday in our back parking lot**. If you are interested in volunteering (adults, youth and children are welcome!), please contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715. Our volunteers also collect food from ShopRite in East Hartford and bring it weekly to shelters and soup kitchens in Hartford. If you would like to help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.

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*

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Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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