



# The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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*An open, welcoming and affirming congregation*

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### Today at First Church

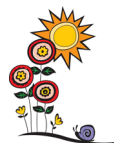
July 15, 2018

9:00 a.m.

**Worship Service & Child Care**

9:15 a.m.

**Church School**



### Summer Church School 2018!

This summer all children have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. Our children will learn about important Bible stories through enjoyable, hands-on activities. Childcare will be provided throughout the summer as well! For any questions, please email Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org). All children (entering preschool and higher) will meet together.

Date	Unit	Room	Station
08-Jul	Daniel & the Lions	205	Movie
15-Jul			Art

#### **Main Idea**

The story of Daniel and King Darius helps kids to enlarge their understanding of God and explore the meaning of prayer and following their beliefs. They will translate the story into their own lives.

### Food Donations Needed

First Church has a long tradition of collecting food items for the 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 unopened, unexpired food is collected. ***In July, we're asking for baby food, formula, pasta sauce and other items.*** Thank you!





## BROWN BAG LUNCH

We have another “brown bag” lunch this week! ***Bring your lunch and arrive at noon.*** Beverages and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 860-633-4641.

***Tuesday, July 17:***

### **Traveling in Ecuador with Andrew Wicks!**

Ecuador is a South American gem straddling the Equator, containing pristine beaches, high Andean barren plains and a sweltering slice of the Amazon. On July 17, come hear Andrew Wicks describe his time living in Quito and his travel throughout the country.



## **Join Millennial Fellowship at the Yard Goats August 3!**

Are you a 20-something or an early 30-something? Our events 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. Come join Millennial Fellowship at Dunkin' Donuts Park for a ***Yard Goats game! Let's meet at the park at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, August 3*** to gather and go in together. Please RSVP officially to Elizabeth at [elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org) or text at 651-319-1371. Hope to see you soon!

## **Altar Flowers Requested**



Please contact  
Susan Bonitsky  
860-633-7128 or  
[kowsz@juno.com](mailto:kowsz@juno.com)  
to place altar

flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments. Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the service.

## **CareNotes Booklets Available**

***CareNotes*** are wellness-oriented booklets written for people dealing with emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. These compact, 5 x 7-inch booklets offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting. At the end of each booklet you will find resources listed for further help. Look for our ***CareNotes*** booklets in the narthex, Schultz Hall and the rear lobby. We have new titles for Lent as well as various life situations. Feel free to take home any booklets that you feel are a help to you.

## **Faith and Family Night at the Yard Goats**



On ***Saturday, August 25***, the Cantate and Cantabile Choirs will be singing the National Anthem at the Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Park. This will be a fun-filled church family event. ***Tickets will be on sale for \$8 each in the church office from July through August 10.*** The proceeds from this event help to support our yearly Choir Camp.

## **Choir Camp August 19-22**

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2018 from ***August 19 – 22*** at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT.

***A deposit of \$100 to reserve your place at the camp was due by June 1. Health forms were emailed to all the camp choristers and should be filled out and returned to the church office by August 1 along with your final camp payment.*** Please contact Angela Salcedo ([angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org)) if you have questions or are interested in chaperoning.



## Family Promise Items and Volunteering



Thank you to all who have given to our Family Promise Initiative by taking a tag and for those of you who have already delivered items! Just a reminder that we're hoping to **collect all items by July 31** and that you can drop off your item in Room 207. If for some reason you are no longer able to purchase your item or have questions regarding your item, please contact Kate Ersevim at [ersevim@cox.net](mailto:ersevim@cox.net) or Tara Conway at [tara.amy1407@gmail.com](mailto:tara.amy1407@gmail.com).

Stay tuned for more information about another training session and also opportunities to volunteer. We have **our first host week August 19 – August 26**, and we would love you and your families to be a part of this incredible experience. We need people to set up bedrooms, decorate, cook meals, serve as hosts and sleep overnight. If you are interested, you can sign up online (stay tuned for the link!) or after worship during fellowship time.

We are so grateful to have such a giving community who are helping to house homeless families from central Connecticut.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."* - Matthew 25

### First Church Online

Each Sunday we gather as the body of Christ to be together in community. If you miss a Sunday, you can still listen to the sermon online. Go to <http://firstchurchglastonbury.podbean.com/>.



### A Variety of Opportunities to Volunteer with Foodshare!

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. There are **three ways to get involved** with Foodshare here at First Church.

1. **Volunteer when the Mobile Foodshare truck comes to our back parking lot every other Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.** This is a "farmer's market" style food distribution of fresh produce and other foods, and it takes many volunteers to serve everyone who comes. If you are interested in participating (adults, youth and children are welcome!), contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

2. **Volunteer at Foodshare's Regional Market in Hartford on alternating Wednesday mornings** to help sort and package the produce that gets given out on the Mobile Foodshare truck at various sites across the state. Volunteers **gather in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to drive in together, and the shift is from 8:30-11:30 a.m.** If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jim Hartung at [ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com](mailto:ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com) or 860-430-2123.

3. **Volunteer to collect food from ShopRite in East Hartford**, bringing 500 to 1,000 lbs of meat, produce, baked goods and groceries weekly to shelters and soup kitchens in Hartford. To help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or [jdugan1967@gmail.com](mailto:jdugan1967@gmail.com) or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.



# ***This Week at First Church***

## ***Tuesday, July 17, 2018***

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen  
9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor  
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: Andrew  
Wicks/Ecuador, Schultz Hall

## ***Wednesday, July 18, 2018***

10:00 a.m. Mobile Foodshare  
7:00 p.m. Moms' Group, Quiet Room

## **Hike with First Church Outside!**

All are welcome to join us for our next hikes. Please meet us in the church parking lot at the listed time. To sign up or for more information, email [bruce.munshower@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.munshower@gmail.com).



## ***Thursday, July 26, 10:00 a.m.***

Farmington River Trail (Unionville/  
Collinsville), easy.

## ***Saturday, July 28, 9:00 a.m.***

Castle Craig (Meriden), strenuous/difficult.

## ***Saturday, August 11, 9:00 a.m.***

Appalachian Trail (West Cornwall or Falls  
Village), easy to moderate.

## ***Sunday, August 26, 1:00 p.m.***

Reservoir #6 (West Hartford), easy to moderate.

## ***Sunday, July 22, 2018***

9:00 a.m. ***Worship Service & Child Care***  
9:15 a.m. Church School

## **Calling all VBS Volunteers!**



We are actively recruiting volunteers (junior high, senior high or adult) to help with



***Vacation Bible School from July 30-August 3.*** If you'd like to lead a station or be a shepherd, please email Amanda Carlino at [amandacarlino5@gmail.com](mailto:amandacarlino5@gmail.com).

## **Join in the SHF Summer Fun!**

Save the date for summer youth fellowship gatherings! We can't wait a WHOLE summer to hang out. Stay tuned for more information!



Senior High Fellowship will meet on **July 25 at 5:00 p.m.** for a potluck and pool party at Jenny Giguere's house (1559 Main Street)!



First Church has a Facebook page! Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and make sure to "like" us!

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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*;

The Rev. Elizabeth Gleich, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministries*

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