



**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**

**July 31, 2016**

9:00 a.m.                      *Worship Service & Child Care*  
 9:15 a.m.                      Church School, Room 205  
 10:30 a.m.                    VBS Volunteer Orientation, Room 206



**Summer Church School**

This summer all children will have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. Our children will learn about important Bible stories through fun, hands-on activities. Childcare will be provided throughout the summer as well! If you are interested in volunteering for a two-week unit, please contact Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org). Thank you!

All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 206.

Date	Unit	Room	Station	Main Idea
31-Jul	Breakfast on the Beach	206	Art	After the Resurrection, the disciples recognized Jesus in familiar places and in familiar activities. We, too, can experience the hope and love of Jesus in everyday activities such as walking, talking and eating
07-Aug			Storytelling	

**VBS Excitement Begins!**

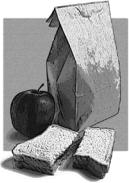


Starting tomorrow morning, approximately 70 children and youth will be “catching the wave of God’s amazing love” during our annual Vacation Bible School. The young people will be busy playing, singing, learning and building new friendships. We give thanks for all the volunteers needed to make VBS possible.

**Homecoming Picnic**  
**September 11!**  
**Fun and Fellowship!**

The grills will be fired up for the traditional hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers after the worship service. Bring family and friends!





## **Brown Bag Lunch! Please RSVP to the Church Office**

We have one more brown bag lunch this summer. **Bring a packed lunch and head over to Schultz Hall on August 17 from noon – 1:15 p.m.** We'll provide the dessert, beverages and a guest speaker! Please RSVP to the church office at 860-633-4641.

**Wednesday, August 17 – George Norman, *What's Life Like Aboard a Sub, You Ask?***



George Norman retired from the Navy after 27 years, where he served on five submarines and was the Captain of two Ohio class subs. He will talk about life on a submarine to include the daily routine, how the crew learns to get along (and how they handle it when they don't), what they do for entertainment, how they manage their separation from family, how they manage their spiritual well-being and a host of other topics.

## **Summer Fellowship and MUSIC!!!**

On **August 20 (RSVP by Tuesday, August 16)**, First Church is organizing a fun trip to a Tanglewood open music rehearsal (Berlioz, Saint-Saens, Prokofiev) from approximately **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring a picnic lunch and clothes for the weather. Tickets are \$13, \$23 or \$33 and can be purchased that day. Call the church to join in!



## **Prayer and Share**

**Prayer and Share meets every Tuesday morning from 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.** Come join us for a time of prayer, sharing, strengthening your faith and forming friendships. Being part of a small group within a large church fosters a feeling of belonging and caring. We learn and grow from our study/discussions and from each other. During the summer months we are using the Wednesday devotional reading for that week from the *Upper Room* devotional booklet as well as the questions for that day that appear in the back of the booklet. The booklets can be found in the narthex of the church. All are welcome! For more information please call Donna Smith at 860-633-4428 or Dianne Schwegler at 860-633-6326. In the fall we will be studying the *Book of Esther*.

## **“Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to Church” Sundays!**

The First Church Growth & Membership Committee is excited to announce our annual BAFON Sundays, **beginning on Homecoming Sunday, September 11, and the following Sunday, September 18.** Bringing a friend or neighbor to a service is a wonderful way to share in the excitement of all that is First Church, from mission trips to inspiring sermons, fellowship to service opportunities, Bible studies to book clubs, choirs to children's messages! Exciting things are in the works for these special Sundays in September!

We hope that each member of our community will consider spreading the good news by bringing a friend or neighbor during this time. Keep your eye out for more news as we reach out to share all that is special about our wonderful faith community!

## Food Collection

First Church has had 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 two baskets at church (one in the back lobby and one in the narthex) where the food is collected. Please be sure that items are not expired or open. *In August, we're asking for contributions of oatmeal, canned fruit and other items people are willing to donate.* Thank you!

### ***Upcoming Worship Services*** ***One Service at 9:00 a.m.***

**Sunday, August 7**

Preacher and Worship Leader:  
Kate VanDerzee-Glidden

Special Music: Vance Harris and Elizabeth Flynn

**Sunday, August 14**

Preacher: Pam Vollinger  
Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Elizabeth Flynn

**Sunday, August 21**

Preacher: Kathy Ciolkosz  
Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Chris Stone

**Sunday, August 28**

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Ginger Kousen

**Sunday, September 4**

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Wayne Rivera  
Guest Organist: Suzanne Gates

**Sunday, September 11**

***Homecoming Sunday***  
***One service at 10:00 a.m.***  
***Church picnic following worship***

Preacher: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Worship Leaders:  
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Hot Cat Jazz Band

## School Supply Collection for Glastonbury Human Services

Each summer Glastonbury Human Services, with the tremendous support of the community, helps about two hundred Glastonbury students through the Back to School Program receive a backpack and school supplies. This year the items needed are backpacks (especially larger sizes), pencils, pens, rulers, markers (unscented), pencil box or pouch that fits inside a notebook, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks (college ruled and wide ruled), ruled composition notebooks, folders, all sizes of three-ring binders, lined filler paper (college ruled and wide ruled), calculators, USB flash drives and book covers. All items should be new. ***Place your items in the box in the back lobby up until August 11.*** Thanks in advance for your support of our town's children!



## 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.

# This Week at First Church

## **Monday, August 1, 2016**

8:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
5:45 p.m. Board of Youth Ministry,  
Youth Room

## **Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

7:30 a.m. Potpourri  
8:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor

## **Wednesday, August 3, 2016**

8:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare  
12:00 p.m. SH Fellowship Summer Catch-Up

## **Thursday, August 4, 2016**

8:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
12:00 p.m. JH Fellowship Summer Check-In

## **Friday, August 5, 2016**

8:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

## **Saturday, August 6, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection  
Group, off-site

## **Sunday, August 7, 2016**

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**  
9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 205

## **Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare or Help Deliver Food**

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!), contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

Besides distributing food to needy people in our parking lot twice a month, our volunteers 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. If you would like to help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.

## **For Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs, August 21-24**



### **Choir Camp**

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2016 from **August 21-24** at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. The total cost per chorister is \$250, which includes accommodations and meals. **Health forms and final payments are due in the church office by August 1.** For more information, please contact Angela Salcedo by e-mail at [angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org).

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

Rebecca Fleahman, *Office Manager*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

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

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*

Andrew Wicks, *Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries*