



**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

August 20, 2017

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 9:15 a.m. Church School
 Off-site Choir Camp begins
 6:00 p.m. Syrian Dinner and Cultural Experience, Schultz Hall



Summer Church School 2017!

This summer all children 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! For any questions, please email Elizabeth Gleich at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org. All children (entering Preschool and higher) will **meet together in Room 205**.

Date	Unit	Room	Station
13-Aug	Doubting Thomas	205	Art
20-Aug			Games

Sunday Morning Farm Stand Open Today!

It's Sunday morning, and our farm stand is open! This is a great way for any gardeners in the congregation to bring in those extra veggies, fruits, herbs and flowers that you can't use and share them with the congregation on Sundays.

Any produce can be dropped off before church at the designated table on the front lawn. We will have an at-will donation basket at the stand. The donations will go to the new Church School Mission Project, Little City Sprouts. The program aims to encourage preschoolers across the City of Hartford to get excited about adopting healthy lifestyles and eating patterns. ***So bring your extra veggies, fruit, herbs and flowers and share them with others in our community through the month of August!*** If you have questions, please contact Sally Riddell (860-657-8715 or grammasal@att.net) or Susan Lambert (860-432-8690 or sjlambert22@hotmail.com). We are excited about this new way of enjoying and sharing God's bounty with one another!



Carol's Closet Collection

The Board of Christian Services (BCS) needs your assistance. Several churches, including First Church, help St. James Church with "Carol's Closet," which collects nonperishable paper items for folks in need.

The Board of Christian Services would like your help collecting the following items:

- adult incontinence pads
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- paper towels
- toothbrushes (soft brushes)
- bars of soap (unscented preferred)
- shampoo (11 oz. to 12.5 oz. bottles)
- toilet tissue (preferably the 4-pack or individually wrapped rolls)



There will be a **collection box in the back lobby August 13-September 13**. If you have questions, please contact Amy Grove at ajacksongrove@cox.net. Thanks!

Join the Latter Day Marthas!

What can happen when a few women decide to sit around a table and discuss frankly their own spiritual direction? A most beautiful thing. The birth of a new community fortified by authenticity, tolerance and vulnerability. A refreshingly raw group of women, not religiously pretty, but gorgeous in their willingness to share with one another their introspective journeys. Searching has become a lesser part of our communal landscape than finding. We are all Latter Day Marthas (Martha was the sister who just didn't get it) with one unified front - we desire movement toward God and we want to talk about that. Some of us are stumbling, some are dancing, and usually it depends on the day. You are invited to join our conversations on the **second and fourth Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. In the Lehman Library**. Please contact Danae Dwyer at danaedwyer@me.com or 860-967-2269 with questions.

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 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 or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.



“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 10, and the following Sunday, September 17*. 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!

First Church Outside Meeting!



Attention all nature lovers! We are excited about our new group of First Church people who meet monthly and focus on special projects, fellowship and conservation. We invite anyone who enjoys nature and wants to help protect what God has created. ***Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lehman Library.*** If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact Tracy Kavanaugh at lilypadprints@gmail.com or 413-250-3838.

Covenant to Care Donations

A family has just moved into a new apartment from a shelter and is in need of some items: twin size bedding (sheets, comforter, blanket), a pillow and a DVD player. There is also a little boy who is in need of size 5T clothing including pants, shorts, long and short sleeve shirts, size 12 toddler sneakers and some toys (for age 3). ***Please put items in the box in the back lobby.*** If you have questions, contact Jaime Guilmette at 860-798-4963 or jbguilmette@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you!

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Choir rehearsals resume after Homecoming Sunday. The only exception is Chancel Choir. Their first evening rehearsal is on ***Thursday, September 7, from 7:15-8:45 p.m.*** New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining any of our choirs, please contact Angela Salcedo, Director of Music Ministries at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org.

Yard Goats Tickets

If you have ordered your Yard Goat tickets and have not yet paid, please do so immediately. Everyone is expected to pick up their tickets at the WILL CALL window at the ticket office before the game on ***Monday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m.*** Only paid tickets can be picked up at the WILL CALL window. Reserved tickets are under the party of the name you made on the reservation.



New Ushers & Greeters Invited

Would you like to help at one of our Sunday morning worship services? We are thankful for the Head Ushers and Ushers who help in seating and participate in the offertory, as well as our Greeters. The Board of Deacons invites anyone who would like to be a Head Usher, Usher or Greeter to sign up on SignUp.com. You can find the links by clicking on the First Church website’s Worship page and scrolling to the bottom. You can also speak to the Welcome Table host, make a note in the fellowship pew pad or call Kathy Ciolkosz at the church office (860-633-4641). Thank you!



The Rummage Sale is Back!

Save the date and your items for the Rummage Sale on October 20 and 21!



This Week at First Church

Monday, August 21, 2017

6:00 p.m. Modern Issues Group, Room 111

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor

5:45 p.m. Board of Youth Ministry,
Lehman Library

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee,
Lehman Library

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:30 a.m. Foodshare Warehouse, off-site

6:30 p.m. VBS Leadership Team, Room 202

7:00 p.m. Refugee Resettlement
Committee, Lehman Library

Thursday, August 24, 2017

5:45 p.m. Latter Day Marthas,
Lehman Library

Sunday, August 27, 2017

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

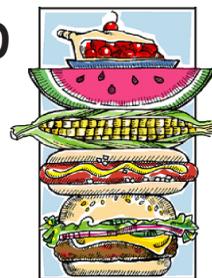
9:15 a.m. Church School

10:15 a.m. Board of Christian Education,
Lehman Library

HOMECOMING SUNDAY FAMILY PICNIC!

September 10

IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
the 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service



Come join in the fun, games and
fellowship as a new Church Year begins!

We provide the hamburgers, hot dogs
and veggie burgers.

We ask that you please bring
a dish to share.

If your last name begins with

A-H: Salad or Side Dish
I-Z: Dessert



Please drop food off in Schultz Hall before the service.

Bring Family and Friends!

See you there!

Sponsored by the Board of Lay Life & Ministry

Thursday Morning Study Group

The Thursday Morning Study Group is currently reading Gordon Bates' wonderful study/history, *The Connecticut Prison Association and the Search for Reformatory Justice*, in order to study the subject with him on **September 14 and 21**. Please feel free to meet with TMSG in the **Lehman Library at 9:30 a.m.** for either or both of those meetings.



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

MINISTERS

All the members of the church

Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr. (1932 - 2012)

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The Rev. David T. Taylor, *Senior Pastor*

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

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