



The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church

August 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 205
10:15 a.m. Board of Christian Education, Lehman Library



Summer Church School

This summer all children have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. Our children are learning about important Bible stories through fun, hands-on activities. Childcare is provided throughout the summer as well! For more information, please contact Karin Carlino at ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org. Thank you!

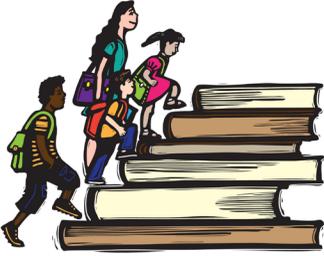
All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 206.

Date	Unit	Room	Station	Main Idea
28-Aug	Lost & Found	206	Games	In the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the forgiving father, Jesus teaches us that God's love is always there for us, no matter where we go or what we do
04-Sep			Movie	

“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!

Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School



During the past four years, volunteers from First Church have been helping the kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford with basic reading skills. We hope to encourage their love of reading by spending time with each child reading books, talking about what excites them and what they have learned from the stories. Books appropriate for their grade level and skills are provided. It is rewarding to see their progress and how proud they are when they begin to read to us.

Volunteers are asked to spend two hours weekly on a day of their choice. We are assigned two students and spend 30 minutes with each child. If you are interested or have questions call Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or email at grammasal@att.net.

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.



In addition to 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.

Altar Flowers Requested

Please contact Susan Bonitsky 860-633-7128 or kowsz@juno.com to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments.

Food Donations Needed

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 September, we’re asking for contributions of pasta, sauce, soup and other items people are willing to donate.*** Thank you!



Donations Requested for Covenant to Care



For a family they serve, Covenant to Care requests a bed frame for a double bed (can be used) and monetary donations towards a new mattress and boxspring (approximately \$200 needed). For more information please contact Jim O’Brien at 860-977-2890 or james_f_obrien@sbcglobal.net.

Book Group Selections

If you are looking for ideas for summer reading, check out some of our book group selections. . .

Thursday Morning Study Group: *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach (*September 8*).

Second Sunday Book Club: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson (*September 11*).

Biography Book Group: *Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism*, John Norris (*September 13*).

YOU are Invited



Would you like to be a greeter. . . or help usher at one of our Sunday morning worship services? We are ever so thankful

for the warm welcome our Sunday morning greeters extend to everyone coming through our doors, as well as for the head ushers and ushers who help in seating and participate in the offertory. The Board of Deacons invites anyone who would love to be a greeter, head usher or usher to please make a note in the fellowship pew pad, speak to the host at the Welcome Table in Schultz Hall or call Kathy Ciolkosz at the church office (860-633-4641). We would love to add your name to our list!

All Sixth through Eighth Graders
are Invited to...

Junior High Fellowship Rally Day! Sunday, September 11, 2016

12:00 to 12:30 p.m. - Youth and parent meeting
(in the Meetinghouse)

12:30 to 2:00 p.m. - Youth only

Please bring: a great attitude,
your friends and canned food.

The Youth Board will provide the snack.

A registration form must be filled out in order to attend Rally Day. The form is available before and after church on Homecoming Sunday, on the website and on the Youth Room door.



All Ninth through Twelfth Graders are Invited to...

Senior High Fellowship Rally Day! Sunday, September 11, 2016, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Vincent and Katharyn Laudone

Meet at First Church promptly at 4:30 p.m., returning at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring: bathing suit, towel, your friends, canned food
AND Freshmen: Chippy, Dippy & Snacky Things
Sophomores: A Selection of Fresh Beverages
Juniors: Side Dishes (Green/Pasta Salad, etc.)
Seniors: Delicious Desserts!

The Youth Board will provide the rest!

A registration form and a permission form must be filled out in order to attend Rally Day. The forms are available before and after church on Homecoming Sunday, on the website and on the Youth Room door.

Look! Out on the lawn...

It's a cookout - it's a party - it's the



Homecoming Sunday Church Picnic

September 11

Following the
10 a.m. Worship Service

Come and join the fun!

Hot dogs and burgers (beef and veggie!) provided

We ask that you bring something yummy to share as follows:

If your last name begins with:

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

Please drop food off in Schultz Hall before the service.



Remember! It's a **BAFON** Sunday -
Bring a friend or neighbor - or both!

See you there!

Sponsored by the Board of Lay Life & Ministry

This Week at First Church

Monday, August 29, 2016

7:00 p.m. Church School Volunteer
Orientation, Schultz Hall

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

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

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare

Sunday, September 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 206



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

Share Your Gift of Song!



September is an excellent time to join one of our various choirs. We offer four graded levels for children who love to sing; youth and adult bell choirs; and the Chancel Choir for adults. Please see the start date below for each of our choirs and contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining. On Homecoming Sunday, there will be signups for all the youth choir and bell choir programs.

CHOIR NAME	DAY OF REHEARSAL	REHEARSAL TIME	FIRST REHEARSAL
Cherub (K-Grade 1)	Sundays	11:00-11:30 a.m.	September 18
Carolers (Grades 2-3)	Wednesdays	5:00-5:45 p.m.	September 14
Cantate (Grade 4-6)	Thursdays	4:00-5:00 p.m.	September 15
Cantabile (Grades 7-12)	Thursdays	6:00-7:00 p.m.	September 15
Chancel	Thursdays	7:15-8:45 p.m.	September 8
Jubilate Ringers	Tuesdays	7:00-8:30 p.m.	September 13
Mallet Ringers (Grades 5-12)	Thursdays	5:00-6:00 p.m.	September 15

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, September 4, one service at 9:00 a.m. 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
Preacher: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden; Worship Leaders: David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden
Special Music: Hot Cat Jazz Band

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*

Elizabeth Gleich, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Ceryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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