

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church

September 25, 2016

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| 8:00 a.m. | Worship Service & Child Care |
| 9:30 a.m. | Church School registration, Back Lobby |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service & Child Care |
| 10:15 a.m. | Church School |
| 11:00 a.m. | Cherub Choir, Room 112 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Spark! Worship , Meetinghouse, and dinner, Schultz Hall |
| 6:00 p.m. | Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room |



Church School Schedule

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| <u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> | Cooking Room 205 Bryce Grissom |
| <u>2nd grade</u> | Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel |
| <u>3rd grade</u> | Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel |
| <u>4th grade</u> | Games Room 110 Karen & Kyle Vigeant |
| <u>5th grade</u> | Games Room 110 Karen & Kyle Vigeant |

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 1, "Burning Bush and Other Images of God," 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.



Join Us TODAY at 4:30 p.m.! We invite one and all to come together during our first *Spark!* service of the year! The service will include prayer, scripture, a message and the lively and beautiful music of our *Spark!* Band. After the service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and food (soup and bread) in Schultz Hall.

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. ***Caroler Choir needs more members!*** This is a great opportunity for children in second and third grade to learn how to sing and build upon the rudimentary musical skills needed to play other instruments, as well as participate in a larger choral or bell ensemble. Please contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining.

12th Annual Adult Mission Trip

Are you ready to spend a week working to spread God's love on the Gulf Coast? We invite anyone 18 and older to spend a meaningful and fun week with other church folks at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The work is varied, and participants don't have to have construction skills. If you are interested in learning more, look for the green flyer around the church or on the church website or contact Diana Ruddick at 860-463-3049 or dianakates525@gmail.com.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

NAVY BAND NORTHEAST



***Crosswinds Trio
Top Brass Quintet***

Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Free concert

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Stewardship Update

With your prayerful support of First Church's vital and vibrant mission, together we can build the beloved community to share God's beautiful love with one another and with the world! The pledge letters for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign will be in the mail in the coming days. Please mail your pledge to the church office or put it in the offering plate ***at your earliest convenience, or no later than October 20***. Please help us exceed our goal of \$750,000! Thank you in advance for your support! ~ The Stewardship Committee

Proportional Giving Chart

| If Family Income is: | 3% Pledge | | 5% Pledge | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Annual Total | Average Per Week | Annual Total | Average Per Week |
| \$25,000 | \$750 | \$15 | \$1,250 | \$24 |
| \$50,000 | \$1,500 | \$29 | \$2,500 | \$48 |
| \$75,000 | \$2,250 | \$43 | \$3,750 | \$72 |
| \$100,000 | \$3,000 | \$58 | \$5,000 | \$96 |
| \$125,000 | \$3,750 | \$72 | \$6,250 | \$120 |
| \$150,000 | \$4,500 | \$87 | \$7,500 | \$144 |
| \$175,000 | \$5,250 | \$100 | \$8,750 | \$168 |
| \$200,000 | \$6,000 | \$115 | \$10,000 | \$192 |
| \$250,000 | \$7,500 | \$144 | \$12,500 | \$240 |
| \$300,000 | \$9,000 | \$173 | \$15,000 | \$288 |

World and Family Communion Sunday, ALL Are Welcome!



On **October 2**, Christians around the world celebrate communion and remember how connected we all are to one another. To honor this, we move communion to the first part of the service so our children can participate in this meaningful sacrament. There are only two sacraments that we practice at First Church, and Holy Communion is one of them.

Sacraments are ritual actions in worship which, according to Scripture, were instituted by Jesus. Communion is a time of remembrance, praise and thanksgiving, confession, fellowship and commissioning. During communion, when we receive the elements, we eat the bread immediately symbolizing that we come before God as individuals. We wait to drink the juice together symbolizing that together we are one body of Christ. In our denomination, children are welcome to eat the bread and drink the juice.

We Need YOU to Help With Church School!

We are always looking for volunteers to participate in the Church School program! If you haven't taught Church School in a while, our Rotation Model Curriculum (RMC) provides you with all the activities and supplies for a whole unit! Sign up to be a Station Leader, Explore teacher or Puppet Skit Leader! If any of these roles interest you, **please contact Karin Carlino at ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org**. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have already stepped up to help fill these positions! Together we can create a safe, nurturing environment for our children to learn about their faith.

Church Closed October 5

The church will be closed on **Wednesday, October 5** while the staff is on retreat. The church will **reopen at 4:00 p.m.** If you may need something that day, please be in touch the day prior. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Help with Our Potato Booth to Support the Mission Trip!

From Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16, Glastonbury is in the throes of our annual fair – Apple Fest! The Senior High Fellowship will be running our traditional Potato Booth again this year. Stop by for a delicious baked potato, say “hi” to our awesome youth and drop some cash in the tip jar – all proceeds go toward sending our youth on our Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi in April!

We need your help to operate this booth!

Anyone interested in volunteering, both youth and parents, please sign up at the table in Schultz Hall after church. We need help setting up the booth, picking up potatoes, washing them and, of course, staffing the booth throughout the weekend.

Families are also asked to bring in a case of bottled water (16.9 oz bottles) in support of our efforts!

Please contact Elizabeth Gleich with questions at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org. Thank you!

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! **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.

This Week at First Church

Monday, September 26, 2016

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Schultz Hall
7:00 p.m. Media Volunteer Training,
Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, September 29, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group,
Lehman Library
1:00 p.m. Memorial Committee,
Lehman Library
4:00 p.m. Cantate Choir
5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir
6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:30 p.m. Music in the Meetinghouse: Top
Brass Quintet & Crosswinds Trio

Sunday, October 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
8:30 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
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
and Schultz Hall
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Serve a Meal in Hartford

Four times a year, we provide food and servers for a meal for the hungry in Hartford, starting **Monday, October 10**. Sign up in Schultz Hall starting today. To volunteer, please contact Suzanne Schwartz at stonehill126@gmail.com or 860-430-1350.

Second Sunday Book Club

The fall selection is ***The Last Painting of Sara de Vos***, by Dominic Smith. Please join them in Lehman Library on **Sunday, November 13, at 4:00 p.m.**

Winter Clothes Needed

First Church will be holding a winter clothing drive for the Al Abas family, the Syrian family we are sponsoring, and for the family sponsored by South Church. We will be collecting new or gently used winter clothing **until Thursday, September 29**. **Please bring the items directly to Room 102**. On Saturday, October 1, we will have the two families come in and “shop.”

Sizes needed are: women’s sizes 14/large and medium (long sleeves and high neck); men’s sizes small, medium and large; men’s shirts with sleeve length 23” and 24”; men’s pants with inseam 28” and 29” and waist sizes 30”-34”; girls’ sizes 7/8, 12/14, and youth extra small, small, and medium; and boys’ size 4T.

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*

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Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

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