



**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: Homecoming!

September 13, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Church School, Youth and Choir Registration
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care,**
- 11:15 a.m. **Homecoming Picnic - ALL ARE WELCOME!!**
- 12:00 p.m. JHF Members and Parents Meeting, Meetinghouse
- 12:30 p.m. JHF Rally Day
- 4:00 p.m. Second Sunday Book Club, Lehman Library
- 4:30 p.m. SHF Rally Day, off-site



“Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to Church” Sundays!



The First Church Growth & Membership Committee is excited to announce our annual **BAFON Sundays, TODAY and Sunday, September 20**. 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! We hope that each of you will consider spreading the good news by bringing a friend or neighbor.

Church School Begins September 20!

Our Church School program year begins on **Sunday, September 20 during the 10:00 am worship service**. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces! Our first unit focuses on Creation, and we can’t wait to learn and share through art, storytelling, games, science and a new station combining two of these fun activities! The schedule will be posted around the church, and it is available for viewing online at the church website. If you have any questions about Church School, please contact Jack Farrell, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at jack@glastonburyfirst.org.



*Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the 2015-2016 Church School Mission Project, **The Children’s Wellness Center**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.*



Join Our First Church Choirs!

On Homecoming Sunday, sign up to join our choirs! September is a great time to join any of our various choirs and share in the wonderful joy of “prayer through music.” Music is a wonderful gift to share and to express praise to God. You can do this through singing or ringing. The music ministry at First Church is a successful and large component in the spiritual life of this church family! We have choirs for all ages meeting at different times throughout the week. Take the plunge and join! For more information, please contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641.

Musicians Needed for New Service!



We are looking for experienced musicians who have a desire to celebrate and share God’s love in praise and worship through music. First Church is starting a new worship service this fall, and we are looking for strong leadership. For more information, please contact Arwen Norman at gnanorman@me.com or 860-430-1852.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

THE U.S. COAST GUARD SAXOPHONE QUARTET



*A Concert of Jazz
and Dixieland Music*

**Saturday, September 26, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

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Stewardship Update

The pledge letters for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign were mailed this week. Please call Rebecca in the office if you didn’t receive one. Please mail your pledge to the church office or put it in the offering plate at your earliest convenience, or **no later than October 19**. Please help us exceed our goal of \$716,000! Thank you in advance for your support! ~ The Stewardship Committee

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

All Sixth through Eighth Graders
are Invited to...

**Junior High Fellowship Rally Day!
TODAY!**

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 best friends
and a donation of canned food.

The Youth Board will provide the rest!

**Important: Registration forms must be
filled out in order to attend Rally Day.**

You can find those forms at the Junior High
Fellowship table before and after church today,
on the church website, on the Youth Room door
or from Jack Farrell.



All Ninth through Twelfth Graders are Invited
**Senior High Fellowship Rally Day!
TODAY!**

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Vincent and Katharyn Laudone
**Meet at First Church promptly at 4:30 p.m.,
with a return at 7:30 p.m.**

Please bring: bathing suit, towel, *all* your
friends, a donation of canned food AND

Freshmen: Chippy, Dippy & Snacky Things

Sophomores: Side Dishes (Green/Pasta salad, etc.)

Juniors: A Selection of Fresh Beverages

Seniors: Desserts!

The Youth Board will provide the rest!

**Important: Registration forms must be
filled out in order to attend Rally Day.**

You can find those forms at the Senior High
Fellowship table before and after church today,
on the church website, on the Youth Room door
or from Jack Farrell.

CE and Youth Volunteer Orientation Make Up Session

For anyone interested in teaching or assisting in our Church School program who was unable to attend our August 24 meeting, please join us at **11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 20** in the Library (2nd floor) for introductions and important information about church safety, classroom procedures, schedules and special events happening throughout the year. This orientation meeting is required for all volunteers who help with our Church School and Youth Fellowship programs. See Jack Farrell if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

An Extravagant Welcome!

Trustee chairperson Mick Gifford is seen here installing some new “First Time Visitor” and “Welcome to Our Church” parking signs to help offer our extravagant hospitality to first-time worshipers at First Church! These dedicated parking spaces, located by the playground, will help express our congregation’s heartfelt welcome to anyone visiting us for the first time to experience our Sunday morning worship services. And to continue our extravagant welcome to these visitors, please remember to wear your name tag!



This Week at First Church

Monday, September 14, 2015

- 5:45 p.m. Youth Board, Youth Room
 6:00 p.m. Mission Immersion Team,
 Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
 Room 206
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

- 7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
 4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group,
 Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee,
 Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
 Group, Lehman Library
 9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers
 10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
 5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Book 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
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 20, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care**
 9:00 a.m. Church School Registration
10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 11:30 a.m. Church School Volunteer
 Orientation, Youth Room
 4:00 p.m. Expanded Worship Committee,
 Lehman Library
 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room
 (Parents and students)
 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room
 (Students)



Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and "like" us!

Consider Volunteering for our Church School Program!

It truly takes a village to raise our children, and our Church School program wouldn't function without the loving and dedicated effort of all our volunteers! Consider signing up to teach, shepherd or lead a puppet skit for 2015-2016! For teaching, the commitment is only 4-5 weeks, and all the lesson plans are ready for you! **Contact michaelkarin.carlino@cox.net to see our available teaching slots, or sign up outside the CE Offices!**

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, <i>Office Manager</i>	Angela Salcedo, <i>Director of Music Ministries</i>	Cheryl Foley, <i>Child Care Provider</i>
Wes Grove, <i>Facilities Manager</i>	Kathy Ciolkosz, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Karin Carlino, <i>Church School Administrator</i>
The Rev. Gordon Bates, <i>Minister of Visitation</i>	Jack Farrell, <i>Director of Children and Youth Ministry</i>	Valerie Escalera, <i>Program Administrator</i>
Susan Feller, <i>Publications Specialist</i>	Peggy Hartman, <i>Director of Handbell Program and Children's Choirs</i>	