

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church






8:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Child Care
9:30 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 (make-up), 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)

September 20, 2015



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are beginning our unit called “**Creation**,” and the schedule is below. Please note: 4th and 5th grade classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Art Room 103 Shannon Jeroszko
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Victor Grin
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Science Room 205 Susan Clancy
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Science Room 205 Susan Clancy

Preschool is in Room 105. Children in grades 6-8 can choose between Puppet Troupe in 204/206, 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 Our First Church 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.



Bloomfield Backpack Project: Service and Supper Opportunity!

Come help to feed the hungry and then share a quick meal together! In partnership with Foodshare and other local churches, we will be providing backpacks filled with 11 pounds of nonperishable food to 100 Bloomfield children in need. Come join us the **2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** We are organizing the following groups but **anyone and everyone** is welcome to join us on any date that works for you! Call Karen Vigeant at 860-432-4985 or K4kota@cox.net to sign up or feel free to sign up on the poster outside of the Christian Education office.

October 8 Junior & Senior High Fellowship
November 12 Junior & Senior High Fellowship
More dates: **December 10, January 14,
February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9.**

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

THE U.S. COAST GUARD SAXOPHONE QUARTET



A Premier U.S. Military Band
**Saturday, September 26, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC

All Hands on Deck!

The Trustees are calling on all Weeders, Window Washers and Helpers of any age to spruce up our beautiful church home and grounds! Here are some projects that need attending:

- 1) Weeding around the church and the Hale House properties.
- 2) Washing windows (from the inside) in the Church School classrooms.

Please check the Trustees bulletin board to sign up for a task. You can choose whatever is convenient for you!

Thank you in for your help,
Your Board of Trustees



Stewardship Update

The pledge letters for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign were mailed recently. 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! Every gift is important to support First Church. 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

Brown Bag Lunches

We hope to see you for these fun and informal travelogue lunches! These events are "BYOL" - bring your own lunch, but beverages and dessert will be provided.

*Please join us in Schultz Hall
from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.*

October 15: Kate's Summer Adventures!

Come see photos from Kate and Rob's family trip to Maine and New Brunswick! They followed the Atlantic Ocean northeast through the beautiful Acadia National Park in Maine, stopped at the easternmost point in the USA at West Quoddy Head lighthouse, and into the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, home of the most dramatic tides in the world. Andrew and Lucas smiled and threw rocks every step of the way!

November 4: Gordon Bates' Recent Great Britain Trip!

Our own Gordon Bates will treat us to a presentation about his walking tour of the Lake Region of Great Britain. We hope you can join us.

Stewardship Quiz

Think you know a lot about First Church? See how well you do on our weekly Stewardship Quiz!!

Question: When should I turn in my pledge?

- A. On the day of the last game of the World Series
- B. As soon as possible
- C. By October 25th
- D. January 2016



Answer: B. Please send in your pledge as soon as possible! Our Stewardship Celebration will be on October 25 but we want to receive all pledges no later than October 19.

Found: Food Containers

If you are missing a food container from the Homecoming Picnic, please check for it on a table in Schultz Hall. Thanks for your contribution to the meal!

This Week at First Church

Monday, September 21, 2015

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Church Council, Parlor

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
6:00 p.m. Korean Partnership,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family
Orientation, Schultz Hall

Thursday, September 24, 2015

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group,
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

Friday, September 25, 2015

3:30 p.m. First Church Play Group, off-site

Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:30 p.m. Music in the Meetinghouse: U.S.
Coast Guard Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care,**
Confirmation Commissioning,
Third Grade Bible Presentation
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112



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

*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.*



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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