



**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






September 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 Third Grade Bible Presentation
 Confirmation Commissioning
 Church School
 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 11:00 a.m. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room
 6:00 p.m.



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in 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>	Science Room 205 Amy Dalton-Kay
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Movie Room 102 Sarah Lieschke-Bodge
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Victor Grin
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Victor Grin

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.)

Responding to the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Working with partners inside the country of Syria, and in surrounding countries, the United Church of Christ is providing emergency assistance to the millions of refugees who are trying to flee the conflict in Syria. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, and specially designated gifts to this critical situation, food, water, blankets, hygienic items, essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment have been and will continue to be provided.

How You Can Help

1. **Prayers are always needed.** Please share this information with others, and continue to pray for all people finding themselves having to flee their homes for safety.
2. **Make a special gift.** Please make your check out to “First Church” with the memo line, “Syrian Crisis.” 100% of gifts designated to the Syria situation will directly go to help Syrian refugees and those who are displaced in the Middle East and in Europe.
3. **Become an advocate.** Encourage your elected officials to increase the number of refugees accepted into the US each year. Despite their dire circumstances, only 1,500 Syrian refugees have entered the US this year. Contact your representatives and urge them to increase these numbers. Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, a New Haven-based agency supported by our Board of Christian Service and with whom we have resettled refugees in the past, is asking concerned people to join in a global campaign urging the US to increase arrivals by 65,000 Syrians in 2016. Learn more at <http://irisct.org/>.

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.

First Church at Apple Fest 2015



We're excited to be operating our Potato Booth again this year at Apple Fest! The Youth Board is working hard to coordinate this operation, and they need your help! We're asking youth and parents to volunteer to help with sales at the Potato Booth on **October 17 and 18**. Greg LaChance has set up an online sign-up system, which you can access at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949aea72fabf49-apple>. Thank you!

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!

Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish Elementary School

Volunteers from First Church have been helping 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 spend two hours weekly on a day of their choice. If you are interested or have questions call Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or email at grammasal@att.net.

Serve a Meal in Hartford October 12



Four times a year, we provide the food and servers for a meal for the hungry in Hartford. Our first meal of this program year will be **Monday, October 12**. You can sign up in Schultz Hall starting Sunday, September 20. For more questions or to volunteer, please contact Sharon Conway at shartc@cox.net or Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350.

Brown Bag Lunch 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! We hope to see you for this fun and informal travelogue lunch! It's "BYOL" - bring your own lunch, but beverages and dessert will be provided. ***Please RSVP to the church office and join us in Schultz Hall from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.***

World and Family Communion Sunday

On **October 4**, 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.



Foodshare Help Needed



Beside 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. With more volunteers, we can better support and expand our help to those in need. If you would like to help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.

This Week at First Church

Monday, September 28, 2015

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

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

7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

Thursday, October 1, 2015

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

4:00 p.m. Cantate Choir

5:00 p.m. Ribbon Work

5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir

Sunday, October 4, 2015

World Communion Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**

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Communion

10:15 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112

11:20 a.m. CE Board

4:30 p.m. Spark! Service

5:30 p.m. Dinner after worship, Schultz Hall

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

New Sunday Worship Schedule



The Board of Deacons and the Church Council are pleased to announce a new schedule.

Sunday morning worship services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. service will be 45 minutes long, and

it will be a more intimate service of prayers, music, Scripture and a sermon. The 10:00 a.m. service will be our traditional celebration of our church's life and ministry as a vibrant and vital community of faith! Childcare will be available during both services, while Church School will take place during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Stewardship Quiz

Think you know a lot about First Church?

See how well you do on our weekly Stewardship Quiz!!



Question: The estimated median household income for a Glastonbury household is \$101,076. For a family with that household income, a 3% pledge would amount to how much on a yearly/weekly basis?

- A. I was told there would be no math questions at First Church so refuse to answer this question.
- B. Can I use the calculator on my smartphone?
- C. \$3,032 a year or approximately \$58.00 a week

Answer: C. Every gift to First Church is important and a 3% request will vary based upon the household income of each member.

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*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Jack Farrell, *Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

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

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*