



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

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An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Today at First Church






October 18, 2015

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
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 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 4:00 p.m. Spark! Planning Committee, Lehman Library



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>	Movie Room 102 Cheryl Zebold
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Victor Grin
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Science Room 205 Susan Clancy
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Art Rom 103 Shannon Jeroszko
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Art Rom 103 Shannon Jeroszko

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.)

Apple Fest Potato Booth TODAY!

A big, BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Apple Fest Potato Booth! You are all greatly appreciated! ***If you haven't stopped by the Potato Booth yet, you can still come on down this afternoon!*** If you would like to help, **please donate water bottles** for our volunteers. Come and support the volunteers and youth who are making this possible!

Looking Ahead – Our Thanksgiving Offering

For a number of years now, First Church's annual Thanksgiving offering has supported two wonderful programs that reach out to persons in need – the **Bloomfield Backpack Project** and **Back Bay Mission** of Biloxi, Mississippi. Our generous dollars have reached “the poorest of the poor” who are served by the United Church of Christ mission agency on the Gulf coast, and children in nearby Bloomfield for whom a backpack of food over the weekend can make them better students on Monday morning!

On September 21 our church council voted to affirm the recommendation of the Board of Christian Service that our Thanksgiving offering once again include a donation to each of these two vital mission partners. In addition, the Board of Christian Service recommended that the needs of **Syrian refugees** also should be the recipient of our Christian love. The council overwhelmingly endorsed this recommendation!

In order not to dilute our annual giving to Back Bay Mission and to the Bloomfield Backpack Project, **a goal was set for \$6,000 for our Thanksgiving offering**, so that we might generously support all three worthy causes.

Your **Thanksgiving offering contribution** can be sent to the church office at any time, or simply put in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, with checks made out to “*First Church*” with the memo line, “*Thanksgiving offering.*”

Meanwhile, we are still receiving **gifts for the desperate need of the refugees in the Middle East and Europe**. Those designated gifts can be made with a check to “*First Church*” with the memo line, “*Syrian crisis.*”

The time is now for First Church to arise with its compassionate and caring heart to reach out with God's love to children in need both near and far!

Stewardship Quiz

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

Question: If First Church received the same amount of pledges as last year but every member agreed to increase their pledge by just \$10.00 a week – how much more would First Church raise in our Stewardship campaign?

- A. I was told there would be no math questions at First Church so refuse to answer this question.
- B. \$38,000
- C. \$160,000
- D. \$84,000



Answer: C. Even small increases can make a difference!



October 23 and 24

Items and Help Needed

The fall Rummage Sale will be on *Friday, October 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.* Donations can be left on the stage in Schultz Hall through Thursday, October 22. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the sale. Please contact Nancy Higgins at 860-573-6092 or Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350 if you have any questions about donations or volunteering.

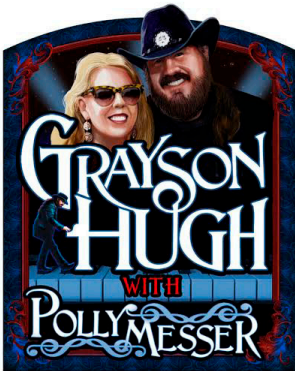
Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School

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.

Butterbraids are Back!

Pre-sale orders for our delicious winter pastry will be held on **Sunday, October 24, and Sunday, November 1**. This is part of our Cookie Walk fundraiser. If you are ready to fill your freezers once again with these breakfast or dessert pastries that bake in 25 minutes, stop by the Music Board table and order one or more! These will be available for pick-up at the Cookie Walk on December 5.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...



**Saturday,
November 7
7:30 p.m.**

A donation of
\$10 per person
is suggested. \$20
family maximum.

The Blue-Eyed Soul Legend

Serving Together at Family Mission Immersion Day

Spend some time on **November 14** helping others and spreading God's love. If you can spare just a few hours, you can **sort food** at the Foodshare distribution center in Hartford, **put together Christmas packages** for children and families on the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Indian Reservation through Hawkwing in Glastonbury, work on **simple home repair jobs** through First Church Coventry's affordable housing program, or **make soup, cookies and cards and deliver them** to our First Church members. If you can't join us that day, we invite you to drop off a bar of soap that will go in the Christmas packages for the Hawkwing families. You can leave your bar of soap at the sign up table in Schultz Hall or in the back lobby in the designated box. For more information or to sign up for this mission experience, go to the table during Common Fellowship or contact Linda Sill at LindaSinCT@yahoo.com or 860-430-1676.

Cantate and Cantabile Choirs Sleepover November 6

On **Friday, November 6**, there will be a sleepover for the Cantate and Cantabile Choirs. This fun-filled event will entail an evening of baking Christmas Cookies for the "Cookie Walk" fundraiser followed by board games and a movie. **Choristers should arrive at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening.** We will order pizza for dinner, and have pancakes and sausages for breakfast on Saturday, followed by a 45-minute choir rehearsal. **The sleepover will end at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.** The cost for the sleepover is \$5 per chorister to cover breakfast and pizza. Mrs. Salcedo is looking for a total of six parents to help chaperone. Please contact her at the church office (860-633-4641) if you are interested in chaperoning or need more information.

This Week at First Church

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
Group, Lehman Library
9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

Thursday, October 22, 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
6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 23, 2015

2:30 p.m. Rummage Sale, Schultz Hall

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, Schultz Hall

Sunday, October 25, 2015

First Church Celebration Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
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10:15 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
11:30 a.m. Prospective New Members
Gathering, Parlor
6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Youth Room

Bloomfield Backpack Project

Come join us on the **2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** to fill backpacks with food for Bloomfield children in need. Call Karen Vigeant at 860-432-4985 or karenvigeant@outlook.com to sign up or feel free to sign up on the poster outside of the Christian Education office.

Spark! Sunday Afternoon Service



Spark!, our new worship service, had a rousing debut in October. These monthly services (on the **first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m.**) are spiritually moving, feature contemporary music and allow parishioners to interact in meaningful ways throughout the service. Children are always welcome, but childcare will be provided for the littlest among us for those who desire it. **On November 1, we will gather for a time of fellowship after the worship service and eat a simple meal of soup and bread together.** We are an open, welcoming and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join us!

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>
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