

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*
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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

October 25, 2015



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are starting our new unit called “**Out of Egypt**,” and the schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Cooking Room 205
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111

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.)

Thanks for Your Support of the Apple Fest Potato Booth!

Thank you so much to everyone who braved the cold temperatures last weekend and helped out with the Potato Booth sales or bought baked potatoes at the Apple Festival! All the proceeds help us take our annual Mission Trip, this year in April to Washington, DC.

Prospective New Members Gathering TODAY!

The Church Growth and Membership Committee would like to cordially invite those persons who have worshipped here and would like to make First Church their church home to attend the next prospective member gathering on **today at 11:30 a.m.** At that time, church leaders will be present to greet you and to tell you about the many wonderful programs and ministries of our congregation. **A second session is Sunday, November 1, at 11:30 a.m.** **New members will join on Sunday, November 15, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** For more information, please speak to one of the Pastors or contact Kathy Ciolkosz in the church office at 860-633-4641 extension 110 or kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org.

Stewardship Quiz

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

Question: What happens if our Stewardship Campaign does not reach its pledge target of \$716,000 or more?

A. Another bucket of ice water will be dumped on David's head



B. Our church leaders will need make difficult funding choices based upon the support of our congregation

Answer: B. Just like our household expenses, the yearly expenses of First Church continue to grow. If our support of First Church does not keep pace with these increases, our church leaders will need to balance our budget based upon the support of our congregation. The mission and outreach of First Church is impacted by our financial support so thank you for your support!

We Need You: Time and Talent Forms Available!

It takes many people to keep our church vibrant, and First Church is blessed by all of you who give so freely of your time, money and energy. Thank you! There are so many ways to get involved here, and we look forward to working with you!

Each fall we have our *Time and Talent* form available and encourage



Are You Able?

parishioners to fill it out so we know where you feel called to serve. In order to save paper, the *Time and Talent* forms aren't being mailed in the Reminder. Instead, they will be available at church starting today during worship and then at other times in the back lobby and the narthex. If you have filled it out in the past and your interests haven't changed, then you don't need to fill it out again, because we have that information stored in our database.

Join Us For a Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, November 4

Gordon Bates will recount his 17-day, September Road Scholar tour of two historic regions in England: The Lake District in a western area historically called Cumbria; and the area called Northumbria that lies below the border with Scotland and extends down to the city of York on the east coast of England. 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.**

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 **today 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 26, 2015

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship (Halloween Party), Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Hale House/Chapel Design Committee, Lehman Library

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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

Thursday, October 29, 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

Saturday, October 31, 2015

8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Breakfast

Sunday, November 1, 2015

All Saints' Sunday and Communion

8:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
8:30 a.m. Board of Lay Life and 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, Room 202
11:30 a.m. Prospective New Members Second Session, Parlor
4:30 p.m. Spark! Worship Service
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 November 1



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>
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 Ministries</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>	