

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church: Welcome New Members






November 15, 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
11:00 a.m.	Kindergarten/First Grade Bake Sale, Schultz Hall
11:30 a.m.	Micah Center at Hale House Information Session, Parlor
5:45 p.m.	Youth Mission Trip Information Session, Youth Room
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room
6:30 p.m.	Board of Lay Life and Ministry, Room 202



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in our 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>	Storytelling Room 111 Kathy McGuire
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Movie Room 102 Bryce Grissom
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Movie Room 102 Bryce Grissom
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel

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.)

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2015

To the members of the First Church of Christ, Glastonbury:

You are hereby notified of, and cordially invited to attend, a Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., to hear and act upon the following matters:

- 1. To establish a Building Committee to finalize plans and specifications, to obtain the required building permits and authorizations, and to solicit bids and enter into construction contracts necessary for building The Micah Center at Hale House.*
- 2. To establish a Capital Campaign Committee with the anticipated goal of raising the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) to be used in the construction of The Micah Center at Hale House.*
- 3. To transact any other business relating to the above proper to come before the meeting.*

Daniel L. Martin, Church Clerk

Micah Center Information Session

You are invited to bring your questions and hear more about the proposed Micah Center at the Hale House at our information session **today at 11:30 a.m.** The congregational meeting to vote on the project will take place on **November 22 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Meetinghouse.

Collecting Turkeys and Twenties

Foodshare is the heart of greater Hartford's fight against hunger, and each year First Church members and friends bring in turkeys and raise money to help our neighbors in need. On **November 22, help us reach our goal of 250 turkeys this year!** If you have questions, contact Nagy Mishriky at nmishri@gmail.com or Jon Brown at 860-657-9223 or brownjre@cox.net.

SERRV Handcrafts Return!

The Board of Christian Service will offer beautiful handmade SERRV products for sale at Common Fellowship **beginning Sunday, November 22 through December 20, and will also be at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 5.**

Refugee Resettlement Open Informational Session

The Board of Christian Service invites you to attend an open, informational session to explore the possibility of our congregation once again welcoming and sponsoring refugees into our community. Over many decades, First Church has a rich tradition of "welcoming the stranger" as exhorted by our Biblical tradition. While year after year there are more than 10 million refugees in the world at any given time, the current plight of Syrian refugees has once again brought this critical need to our attention. On **Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.**, Chris George, church member and executive director of IRIS, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, will be on hand to offer a step-by-step overview of how a congregation like First Church might sponsor either Syrian refugees, or any other refugees who have been living for years in refugee camps. Come hear more!

Support our Giving Trees

Look for our giving trees in Schultz Hall. If you are able, take a tag and support area children and families during the Christmas season. Look for more details in the *Reminder* and at the sign near the trees. Thanks!

The Pageant Needs You!



Christmas
PAGEANT

We need shepherds, sheep, kings, angels, techies and more for this year's Christmas Pageant, which takes place at our **4:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve**. We're

looking for students from grades six through twelve to help portray the roles in this joyous event! Contact Jack Farrell at jack@glastonburyfirst.org to sign up!

Boston Choir Trip December 19

The Cantate and Cantabile Choirs will travel to Boston on **Saturday, December 19, from 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**, to sing Christmas Carols at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The trip will entail a morning visit to the Boston Science Museum, lunch at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Christmas shopping and singing on the grounds of the Marketplace from 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Please confirm your child's participation on this trip by December 5.**

Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar

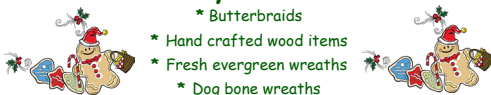
Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers Needed!!

- * TO BAKE DELICIOUS COOKIES
- * TO HELP AT THE EVENT

Please contact Alison Franklin at amfranklin1@cox.net or sign up on our website www.glastonburyfirst.org

Festive Holiday Cookies and More



- * Butterbreads
- * Hand crafted wood items
- * Fresh evergreen wreaths
- * Dog bone wreaths
- * Handmade quilt, table runners and hand towels
- * First Church Choirs CD: "Praise and Thanksgiving"
- * SERRV products

Cookie Walk proceeds to benefit the First Church music programs.

Children's Choirs will sing carols at 9:30 a.m.

Church School Mission Project

This year's Church School Mission Project is about helping support healthy lifestyles for children of low-income families in Hartford. **The best way to support our goal of raising \$10,000 is through our weekly Children's Offering donations!**

Stewardship Update

In 2015, we received 305 pledges totaling \$716,000. We currently have received 216 pledges totaling \$631,437. If you have not done so please complete your pledge as soon as possible or contact the First Church Office Manager (Rebecca Fleahman; e-mail: rebeccafleahman@glastonburyfirst.org; Phone: 860-633-4641 ext. 122) to provide your pledge for 2016. Thank you for your support!!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP Harvest Supper & Talent Show

November 21 from 5-8 PM, Saturday night (THAT'S NEW!!)
RIVERFRONT Community Center, Welles St., Glastonbury
A POT LUCK with NO last name assignments (THAT'S NEW TOO!!)

Please bring **YOUR favorite dish** to share with 8 and ready to be served (carved, sliced, etc.)

LET "THE SHOW" BEGIN!

Headliners (Entrée dish) – How about a roasted chicken, a pan of lasagna, or meatballs?

Co-Starring (Vegetables) – Roasted veggies are nice, or some glazed carrots? Salad anyone?

Understudies (Pasta, Rice, Potato) – Rice pilaf? Scalloped potatoes? Baked ziti?

Grand Finale (Dessert) – Pie (sweet potato, apple...) or maybe those killer cookies?

What role will YOU play?

Stop by our table during Common Fellowship to reserve your seat. Reservations can also be made through 11/16 by calling the church office at 860-633-4642, or emailing Sandi Philbrook at novakgr1@sbcglobal.net.

Suggested donation: \$5 per person, \$25 family

And join us for an **Encore** of entertainment provided by talented members of our First Church family. Children's activities will also be provided.

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This Week at First Church

Monday, November 16, 2015

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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

Wednesday, November 18, 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, November 19, 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, November 21, 2015

8:00 a.m. Choir Breakfast, Schultz Hall
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Meetinghouse
5:00 p.m. Harvest Supper (Glastonbury
Riverfront Community Center)

Sunday, November 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
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. Congregational Meeting,
Meetinghouse
6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Youth Room



“So Hallowed and So Gracious is the Time” – Art for the Advent and Christmas Season

For centuries, musicians have been inspired by “**our Saviour’s birth**” to compose works of great beauty, and those compositions have come to be an important part of our Christmas celebration. Though less familiar than music, the visual arts can also enhance and enrich our experience of the birth of the Christ Child. Through the centuries, artists, painters and sculptors have sought to capture the wonder of the Incarnation. A deeper understanding and appreciation of some of these works of art, and their scriptural origins, can likewise enrich our experience of this holy season.

For four Thursdays, the **Thursday Morning Study Group** will look at works of art, and the artists, whose inspiration came from the Christmas story. There will be presentations by the participants who will reflect on this art, some of which can be found in nearby museums such as the Yale Art Gallery, the New Britain Museum of Art and the Wadsworth Atheneum. **Come one, come all, for this seasonal series on religious and spiritual art!** Please call the church office at 860-633-4641 to reserve your space at the table, and join us on **November 19 and December 3, 10 and 17.**

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>	