



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

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An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Today at First Church






January 10, 2016

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
 11:15 a.m. Chapel Idea Session, Parlor
 4:00 p.m. Second Sunday Book Club, Lehman Library
 4:00 p.m. Spark! Meeting, Room 202
 6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in our unit called “**Calling the Disciples,**” and the schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Science Room 206 Amanda Garrity
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Science Room 206 Amanda Garrity
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr

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.)

Refugee Resettlement

Over many decades, First Church has a rich tradition of “welcoming the stranger” as exhorted by our Biblical tradition. The Board of Christian Service held an information meeting on November 23 with Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS. Some parishioners went to an informational session at IRIS about sponsoring a refugee family, and the Board of Christian Service enthusiastically endorsed this initiative. A committee is being formed to begin the process of sponsoring a family. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Nagy Mishriky (860-214-5240 or nmishri@gmail.com), member of the Board of Christian Service, or come to a **meeting on January 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

Food and Servers Needed for Lunch January 18

On **Monday, January 18**, we will provide the food and servers for lunch at Center City Church through Hands on Hartford. Please sign up during Common Fellowship or contact Sharon Conway at shartc@cox.net or Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350.



Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare or Help Deliver Food

Mobile Foodshare is a “farmer’s market” style food distribution service that provides fresh produce and other food items to between 90 and 150 lower income people. Foodshare sponsors this service, and it takes place every other Wednesday in our back parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering (adults, youth and children are welcome!), contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

Besides 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. If you would like to help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or Paul Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.

Mission Immersion Day February 6

Join us **Saturday, February 6** to volunteer and help others. If you can spare just a few hours, we invite you to sign up! For more information or to sign up, go to the table during fellowship hour in January or contact Tina Sparrow at tsparrow21@gmail.com or 860-430-9484.

Wish School Children’s Hat, Mitten and Sock Collection

Hats, mittens and socks (size 5-6) are needed to keep the Fred Wish Kindergarteners warm this winter. Donations can be put in collection boxes located in the narthex and back lobby of the church. **We will be collecting items until the end of January.** Please contact Linda Sill at lindasinct@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you!!



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.

YOU are Invited

Would you like to be a greeter. . . or help usher at one of our Sunday morning worship services? We are ever so thankful for the warm welcome our Sunday morning greeters extend to everyone coming through our doors, as well as for the head ushers and ushers who help in seating and participate in the offertory. The Board of Deacons invites anyone who would love to be a greeter, head usher, or usher to please make a note in the fellowship pew pad, speak to the host at the Welcome Table in Schultz Hall or call Kathy Ciolkosz at the church office (860-633-4641). We would love to add your name to our list!



Prayer Shawl Ministry January 18



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Knitters and crocheters will gather on **Monday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** in the Lehman Library for knitting and fellowship. If you are new to knitting, one of our members will be able to help. Yarn is available, just bring along a pair of #13 needles and we will get you started. All are welcome to come and join us. If you have any questions call Co-Coordinators Judy Burr at 860-643-9368 or Liz Webb at 860-593-7831.

Second Sunday Book Club TODAY!

The Second Sunday Book Club is meeting **TODAY at 4:00 p.m.** to discuss My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante, as well as any other great reads for the winter months! Please join us in the Lehman Library!

Biography Book Group January 12

The Biography Book Group meets every other month to review a book and enjoy fellowship in an informal setting. We invite you to join us whether it is for just one selection or for every book. Come to the Lehman Library on **Tuesday, January 12** and join us for a discussion of the newly released ***Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*** by Linda Hirshman. Call or e-mail Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452 or Miguel.escalera@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Food Collection

First Church has had a long tradition of collecting food items for our neighbors in need. Our donations go to Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry in Hartford and to Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). There are baskets at church in the back lobby and in the narthex. **In January, we are collecting crackers, canned meat and other items people are willing to donate.** Please be sure the items are not expired or open. Thanks!



Donate to The Wellness Center



Consider giving a donation to this year's Church School Mission Project. We are helping fund a teaching kitchen at the exciting new **Children's Wellness Center** in Hartford. The Center promotes overall wellness among lower-income city children from birth to age 12 through three interlocking components: nutrition, exercise/movement and early childhood development. Donations are accepted in the form of cash or checks – please make checks payable to First Church with *Children's Wellness Center* written in the memo line. Thank you for supporting the Church School Mission Project and helping our children help Hartford's children lead healthy, sustainable lives!



This Week at First Church

Monday, January 11, 2016

6:30 p.m. JH Fellowship, Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
Lehman Library

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
6:30 p.m. Music Board, Room 202
7:00 p.m. Refugee Resettlement Meeting,
Lehman Library

Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

Sunday, January 17, 2016

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
6:00 p.m. SHF, Youth Room

*Please join us for upcoming
Music at the Meetinghouse events...*

MOSTLY BAROQUE PLAYERS

A Program of Sacred Music
Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ANGELA R. SALCEDO, ORGANIST

An Organ Recital featuring
Calvin Hampton's "Five Dances"
and the Music of D'Grigny, Bach and Widor
Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ELM CITY GIRLS' CHOIR

New Haven's Premiere Female A Cappella Choir
Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Offering Envelopes Are Here!

Please pick up a 2016 boxed set of offering envelopes in Schultz Hall. They are no longer labeled or numbered, so please remember to print your first and last name if you contribute cash so it can be included on your giving statement. Thank you!

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15th Annual MLK Day Celebration

All are invited to "Reaching Beyond Boundaries; Making a Difference" on **Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at Smith Middle School (Glastonbury). This FREE program is an evening of artistic expressions of passion for social justice, skits, role playing, discussions, films, music and speech. Please bring nonperishable food to benefit the Glastonbury Food Pantry. For more details call 860-633-8284 or check www.glastonburymkci.org.

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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Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

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Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*