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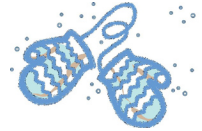
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Today at First Church





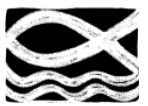
January 17, 2016

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
 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>	Storytelling Room 111 Carol Tiroff
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Cooking Room 205 Beverly & Spencer Miller
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Cooking Room 205 Beverly & Spencer Miller

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.)

Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the 2015-2016 Church School Mission Project, **The Children's Wellness Center**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.



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

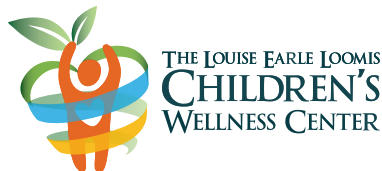


Volunteers from First Church have been helping kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford with basic reading skills. We

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.

Please Donate to The Wellness Center

Our Church School Mission Project, ***The Children’s Wellness Center***, needs your support! We’ve set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 *and we’ve got a long way to go!* With a focus on creating safe and secure places for Hartford’s low-income families, ***The Children’s Wellness Center*** strives to develop healthy lifestyles through nutritional education (*a teaching kitchen*), through physical education (*large exercise space*) and through encouragement of a joyful childhood (*indoor playground*) – goals that aren’t much different from First Church’s mission! **Please visit our table during Common Fellowship to learn how to donate to this mission project.** Thank you for your continued support, and thank you for supporting our children so that they can support Hartford’s children.



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!

Childcare at First Church

First Church is blessed with a hired childcare provider, Cheryl Foley, who is here each week during the Sunday service throughout the summer to look after our infants and toddlers. Cheryl has a wonderful team of volunteers working with her.

*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.

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!

Women's Theological Reflection Group January 20

We hope you will mark your calendars to join us around the table at the Women's Theological Reflection Group, where we discuss a variety of faith questions, reflect on our personal journeys and share friendship and community. We meet on the **third Wednesday (January 20!) of each month, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** in the Lehman Library. Feel free to contact Lynn Baronas at 860-543-3301 or baronas@hartford.edu for further information.

Munson's Candy Fundraiser

The Cantate and Cantabile Choir members will be selling Munson's Candy for Easter as their Choir Camp fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get organized and order your favorite chocolates early, before the Easter rush to fill baskets. Order forms will be available at the **Board of Music table during the month of February** and your candy will be available to pick up two weeks before Easter. The Board of Music will also have for sale **Munson's Chocolate Hearts** (\$2.00 each) at their table on **February 7 and February 14** for Valentine's Day or Easter Baskets. Thank you for your support of Choir Camp!

This Week at First Church

Monday, January 18, 2016

office closed MLK, Jr. Holiday
 off-site Serve lunch through Hands
 On Hartford

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Prayer and Share, Schultz Hall
 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee,
 Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
 Group, Lehman Library
 9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers
 10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
 5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

Thursday, January 21, 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

Friday, January 22, 2016

6:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship Retreat
 at Silver Lake, parking lot

Sunday, January 24, 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
 12:00 p.m. SHF returns from Silver Lake

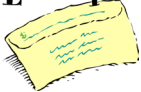


First Church now has a Facebook page! Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and make sure to "like" us!

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!

Offering Envelopes



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 by students from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, prize-winning films of Hartford Reel Film Festival, skits, role playing, discussions, music and speech. Please bring nonperishable food to benefit the Glastonbury Food Pantry. For more details call 860-633-8284 or check www.glastonburymlkci.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*

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>	