



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

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An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Today at First Church





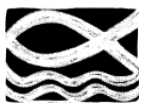
January 24, 2016

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
 12:00 p.m. SHF returns from Silver Lake



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>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Carol Tiroff
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Carol Tiroff
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Science Room 206 Amanda Garrity
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Science Room 206 Amanda Garrity

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 (February 3, 17)***. 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.

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.

Mission Immersion Day February 6



Join us ***Saturday, February 6*** to volunteer and help others. Spend a few hours serving meals in two shelters, distributing free clothes to the homeless, repairing low-income housing or working with the intellectually disabled. Please sign up 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.



Stay up to date with what’s going on around church, and “like” us!

Food and Servers Needed for Lunch on February 15

On **Monday, February 15**, 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.



Are You Ready for Camp?

Registration for summer 2016 at Silver Lake Conference Center is open. Log on to the Silver Lake registration site (<https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=399&campCode=slc>) to find conferences for 4th through 12th graders, CIT training weekend, biking adventures, the National Youth Event, a trip to Mexico with Simply Smiles, and more! It's all waiting for you! **If you register by January 31, you can take \$50 off** (some exclusions apply) your registration fee! Use coupon code **JAN2016** at checkout!

Food Collection

First Church has 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!

Book Group Selections

Thursday Morning Study Group:
Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time by Karen Armstrong (for **January 28 and February 4**).

Biography Book Group: *Einstein: His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson (for **March 8**).

Second Sunday Book Club: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (for **March 13**).

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!



Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

MOSTLY BAROQUE PLAYERS



A Program of Sacred Music

**Saturday, March 19, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC

This Week at First Church

Monday, January 25, 2016

6:30 p.m. JH Fellowship, Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Council, Parlor

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00 a.m. Prayer and Share, Schultz Hall
 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
 7:00 p.m. Korean Partnership, Library

Thursday, January 28, 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

Saturday, January 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Douglas Graves

Sunday, January 31, 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
 6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Youth Room

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!



Spark! Afternoon Service on February 7



Come celebrate with joyful song and praise the lives of people who have made a difference in this world – and in your life! Kate and David will deliver the message: “Be Strong and Courageous – One Life Can Make a Difference!”

Sing with gusto these familiar songs, “Shine, Jesus, Shine!,” “I Saw the Light” and “This Little Light of Mine!” Kate Ersevim and Eric Anderson

will lead our singing, and Eric will offer one of his recent compositions, “Lift the Veil, Moses.”

Spark!, our new worship service, is held on the **first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m.**

Children are always welcome, but childcare will be provided for the littlest among us for those who desire it. 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, *Office Manager*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

Jack Farrell, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

Peggy Hartman, *Director of Handbell Program and Children's Choirs*