



The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

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Today at First Church






January 31, 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. 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>	Cooking Room 205 Beverly & Spencer Miller
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Art Room 103 Judy Burr
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Cecilia Krause

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.)

Today during Church School, members of the Board of Deacons will visit classes and talk to the children about the sacrament of Holy Communion in preparation for **Family Communion on Sunday, February 7.**

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.



Be Strong and Courageous –

A Lenten Series:

Eunice Medwinter

Bloomfield Backpack Project,

February 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday, February 24**, come hear the story of Eunice's vision, commitment and hard work in establishing this exciting program, and First Church's role in helping her dream to become a reality! The Board of Deacons will host a simple meal of soup and bread. In a recent letter to supporters, Eunice Medwinter, the founder of the Bloomfield Backpack Project, reported that the year 2015 closed with eighty-seven families enrolled in the backpack program. Each week the project sends home 13-15 pounds of food, delivering approximately 36,540 pounds of food during 2015. Please call the church office at 860-633-4641 to sign up.

Please save the date for our second presentation on **Wednesday, March 9**, when we will welcome Elisabeth Kennedy of HELO Haiti.

Wish School Children's Hat, Mitten and Sock Collection

Thank you all for your generous donations of hats, mittens, gloves and socks to the kindergarten students at Wish School. Your response was wonderful with enough to share with all the children!!! When the kindergarten boys and girls come to school and when they go out to play over the weekend in the snow, they all have warm heads, hands and toes.



Calling All Volunteers!



Are You Able?

Would you like to get more involved in this vibrant church community? If so, this is your time! It takes a tremendous amount of people power to make our programs, events and worship happen. Currently we're recruiting new members for our boards and committees. Some of our boards and committees include: **Trustees** (focuses on our property and building), **Youth Ministry**, **Christian Education**, **Deacons** (focuses on worship), **Music**, **Christian Service** (focuses on mission and outreach work), **Lay Life and Ministry** (organizes church fellowship events) **Church Growth and Membership** (welcomes people to our church), **Adult Education**, **Media**, **Stewardship**, etc.

If you have an interest in joining a specific board or committee, call or email Lynn Baronas, chair of Human Resources (860-543-3301 or lbaronal@gmail.com), our church officers, board or committee members or pastors. Thank you to all the volunteers who make First Church such a wonderful place! We are truly blessed.

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.



Looking for something fun to do on a Friday evening? Come to:

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Fun for all ages!

Friday, February 19
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Fun!



Prizes!



Fellowship!

Light refreshments provided

Childcare available

Sign up during Common Fellowship through February 14 or call the church office at 860-633-5826 by February 16

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**.

SHF Mission-Focused Session Today!

Today from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Senior High Fellowship will hold a Mission-Focused Session in preparation for our mission trip. This is a regular SHF session, open to all, but is mandatory for mission trip participants. Youth are encouraged to think about missions as a spiritual practice, using our trip theme as a case study. Mission trip payment 2 is also due (\$150).

SHF Super Bowl Sunday Event!

On **Sunday, February 7**, Senior High Fellowship will meet at the regular time, **6:00-8:00 p.m.**, at **Jenny Giguere's house, 1559 Main Street** (1.5 miles south of the church, same side). Watch the first half of the Super Bowl and enjoy the commercials! Bring a snack to share if you are able. Please RSVP to Jack at jack@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641, ext. 113.

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.

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This Week at First Church

Monday, February 1, 2016

5:45 p.m. Youth Board, Lehman Library
 6:00 p.m. Mission Immersion Day
 Leadership, Quiet Room
 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
 Room 204
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 202

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
 5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
 6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Lehman Library

Thursday, February 4, 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, February 6, 2016

off-site Mission Immersion Day

Sunday, February 7, 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
 11:20 a.m. CE Board, Lehman Library
 11:30 a.m. Human Resources, Parlor
4:30 p.m. Spark! Service & Child Care
 6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Giguere Home

Offering Envelopes Are Here!

Please pick up a 2016 boxed set of offering envelopes in Schultz Hall. Please remember to print your first and last name if you contribute cash so it can be included on your giving statement. Thank you!



Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and "like" us!

Join Us for a Service of Farewell for Eric Anderson

Eric Anderson is known by many around First Church. He has blessed us with his music, preaching and presence. Recently Eric has accepted the position of pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, UCC, in Hilo, Hawaii. Eric has been a valuable member of the CT Conference United Church of Christ staff for 17 years, and he will be missed throughout the state and especially here at First Church. A time of farewell will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 21, here at the First Church of Christ at 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend the service, followed by a reception in Schultz Hall.

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>	