



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

Member of the United Church of Christ
An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Television Ministry: **LIVING THE WORD**,
 Sundays, 7:30 a.m. and noon, Cox Cable Channel 15
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Today at First Church






February 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
 10:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
 10:15 a.m. Church School



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 5, "The Good Samaritan," and our schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Science Room 205 Linda Sill
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Science Room 205 Linda Sill
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Art Room 103 Sandi Philbrook
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Art Room 103 Sandi Philbrook

Preschool is in Room 105. Children in grades 6-8 can choose between Puppet Troupe in 302/303, and Explore in the Youth Room.

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.)

Consider Fasting from Carbon During Lent

Over the past few years, thousands of people (initiated by the UCC) have welcomed a day-by-day opportunity to fast from carbon as their Lenten discipline. Living at a time when our actions - along with the actions of only a few generations - have threatened creation as we know it by the excessive burning of fossil fuel, it is fitting to engage in a spiritual discipline of fasting from carbon. Visit <http://www.macucc.org/carbonfast> to sign up.

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). **In February, we're asking for contributions of soup, canned veggies and other items people are willing to donate.** Please be sure the items are not expired or open. Thank you!

Be Strong and Courageous – 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.

Calling All Volunteers!

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!

CALL TO ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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

Pursuant to Section 7.1.2 of the Church By-Laws, you are hereby notified of, and cordially invited to attend, the Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Meetinghouse on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act upon the Treasurer's 2015 Financial Report;
2. To hear and act upon the Church Budget recommended by the Church Council, for the fiscal year January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016;
3. To transact any other business relating to the above proper to come before the meeting.

Daniel L. Martin, Church Clerk

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!



BINGO

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

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry February 15

Knitters and crocheters will gather on *Monday, February 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.* in the Lehman Library for knitting and fellowship. Yarn is available, just bring along a pair of #13 needles and we will get you started. All are welcome. For questions, call Co-Coordinators Judy Burr at 860-643-9368 or Liz Webb at 860-593-7831.

Women's Theological Reflection Group

Please join us around the table *Wednesday, February 17 at 8:00 a.m.* 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. 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 as their Choir Camp fundraiser. **Munson's Chocolate Hearts** (\$2.00 each) are for sale at the Board of Music table *today*. **Candy order forms** will be available and orders will be taken *today and February 21*. **Candies can be picked up March 13 and 20**, and there will also be some additional candy for sale on those dates. (Easter Sunday is March 27.) You can also review the order form at the link on our website (<http://www.glastonburyfirst.org/upcoming-events>) and **email an order** to Courtney King at kcrpking@aol.com **by February 18**. 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, February 15, 2016

Office closed: Presidents' Day
off-site Serving at Hands On Hartford
Lunch at Center City Church
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Lehman Library

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 17, 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

Thursday, February 18, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study
Group, Lehman Library
1:00 p.m. Memorial Committee,
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, February 19, 2016

6:30 p.m. Bingo Night, Schultz Hall

Sunday, February 21, 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
3:00 p.m. Farewell Service and Reception
for Eric Anderson



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.



Prospective New Members Gathering Sunday, March 13!

The Church Growth and Membership Committee would like to cordially invite those persons who have worshipped here and would like to make First Church their church home to attend the next prospective member gathering on **March 13 at 11:30 a.m.** At that time, church leaders will be present to greet you and to tell you about the many wonderful programs and ministries of our congregation. **A second session is Sunday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m. New members will join on Sunday, April 10, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** For more information, please speak to one of the Pastors or contact Kathy Ciolkosz in the church office at 860-633-4641, extension 110, or kathyc@glastonburyfirst.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, *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*