

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church






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



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>	Storytelling Room 111 Deborah Willard
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Movie Room 102 Victor Grin
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Movie Room 102 Victor Grin

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.



Lenten Series: Be Strong and Courageous – One Life Makes a Difference:
Eunice Medwinter, Bloomfield Backpack Project,
February 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



This 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

We're happy to be collecting donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) again this year! At Church School, children will be given banks to bring home and collect any sort of donations from loose change to heartfelt dollar donations! OGHS is a Christian organization that works in disaster-stricken areas and around the world to provide food, clean water and disaster relief to victims. Thank you for your support!



Consider Fasting from Carbon

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.

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

Service of Farewell for Eric Anderson - TODAY!

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 **this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend the service, followed by a reception in Schultz Hall.

Board of Lay Life and Ministry Invites New Hospitality Volunteers

One of the most visible ways the Board of Lay Life and Ministry provides hospitality is during our **Common Fellowship time each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.** There's always plenty of coffee and juice on hand (and sometimes baked goodies, too), served by a number of dedicated volunteers. The Board is always looking for people to help serve during Common Fellowship or to serve punch on the front lawn during the summer months. Simple instructions or hands-on training can be arranged! If this is something you'd like to help with even one Sunday per year, please talk with Kathy Ciolkosz, the Board's Coordinator for Common Fellowship Coffee Hour, by calling her at 860-633-4641, x110, or by emailing her at kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org. It's such a great way to connect with members and visitors alike!



Handbell Festival/Concert on March 6

The Mallets and Jubilate Ringers will be participating in a Handbell Festival on **Sunday, March 6** at St. Mary's Church in Willimantic. All are invited to attend the **Handbell Festival concert at 7:00 p.m.** that evening. Thank you to Peggy Hartman for organizing this event, which is a fundraiser for the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition sponsored by the Northeastern CT Chapter of the AGO. Other bell choirs participating are the Simsbury United Methodist Church and Manchester High School.

Munson's Candy Fundraiser

The Cantate and Cantabile Choir members will be selling Munson's candy as their Choir Camp fundraiser. **Candy order forms** will be available and orders will be taken **today.** **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. 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 22, 2016

- 6:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship,
Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Annual Financial Meeting,
Meetinghouse
- 7:30 p.m. Council, Parlor

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- 5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Supper,
Schultz Hall

Thursday, February 25, 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 27, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class MACC
Service Day, off-site

Sunday, February 28, 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
- 11:30 a.m. Tableau for Palm Sunday
Rehearsal, Meetinghouse
- 6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Youth Room

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!

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*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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