



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
CONGREGATIONAL**

*Member of the United Church of Christ*  
*An open, welcoming and affirming congregation*  
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**Today at First Church**






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



**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 &amp; 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	<b>Art</b> <b>Room 103</b> <b>Sandi Philbrook</b>
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	<b>Storytelling</b> <b>Room 111</b> <b>Deborah Willard</b>
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	<b>Storytelling</b> <b>Room 111</b> <b>Deborah Willard</b>
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	<b>Science</b> <b>Room 205</b> <b>Linda Sill</b>
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	<b>Science</b> <b>Room 205</b> <b>Linda Sill</b>

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.*





## Spark! Sunday Afternoon Service March 6!

Spark!, our new worship service, had a rousing debut in October. These monthly services (on the *first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m.*) are spiritually moving, feature contemporary music and allow parishioners to interact in meaningful ways throughout the service. Children are always welcome, but childcare will be provided for the littlest among us for those who desire it. Join us as we learn how encounters with Jesus can make you the person God wants you to be. Drama, music and praise are a wonderful way to worship together. A light supper of soup and bread will be offered following our service. Meditation: *Encounters With Jesus*. Scriptures: *1 John 4:7-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*. Songs: *To God Be the Glory, Let the Praises Ring, How Deep the Father's Love For Us, and Take My Life and Let It Be*. We are an open, welcoming and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join us!

## Lenten Series: Be Strong and Courageous – One Life Makes a Difference: Elisabeth Kennedy of HELO Haiti, March 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

On *Wednesday, March 9*, hear how Elisabeth Kennedy fell in love with the children of Haiti on a church mission trip. They won her heart, and she knew God was calling her to do all that she can for them. In 2007, she founded HELO, an orphanage, with a Haitian pastor she had met on one of her trips. Come hear the stories of these precious children and how their lives are being transformed by having a place to call home where love, education and opportunities abound! The Board of Christian Service will host a simple meal of soup and bread. Please call the church office at 860-633-4641 to sign up.



## Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 26

“Hop” on over to this “egg-citing” annual pancake feast in Schultz Hall where “every bunny” is invited! We’ll begin serving pancakes at **9:00 a.m. with a second seating available after the kids join Peter Rabbit at 9:45 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt**, rain or shine. This all ages event is sponsored by the Junior High Fellowship and the Youth Board to benefit the Senior High Mission Trip fund. Your suggested donation of \$5 per person (family maximum of \$25) is much appreciated! **Attention Flapjack Flippers & Syrup Slingers: We need your help!** We are looking for Junior and Senior High students, parents, alumni or anyone else who’d like to help us with this tasty fundraiser. Interested? Contact Cheryl Zalewski 860-930-9506 or [cherylzalewski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cherylzalewski@sbcglobal.net).

## 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.



**Are You Able?**

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 [baronas@hartford.edu](mailto:baronas@hartford.edu)), our church officers, board or committee members or pastors. Thank you to all the volunteers who make First Church such a wonderful place!

## Interfaith Friendship Initiative: March 2016 Film Opportunities

Please join the Interfaith Friendship Committee in its continuing exploration of various religious beliefs and practices and their role in today's world. Our next events are trips to the Interfaith Film Series jointly presented by the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding, Inc. and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. We plan to attend two films, shown at the Aetna Theater, Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main St., Hartford. The first film, at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6**, is *A Borrowed Identity*, which details "The complex interrelated identities of Jewish and Palestinian Israelis – two peoples divided by a shared culture..." The second film, on **Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m.**, is *Hassan & Marcus*, a "comedy featuring Mahmoud, a Muslim sheik...and Boulos, a Christian theologian..."

Admission to each film is \$9; Seniors and Students: \$8; Wadsworth Atheneum Members: \$7. Those wishing to carpool should meet in the church parking lot no later than 1:20 p.m. Following the film, we will go out for a light meal and an informal discussion before returning to the church parking lot. Please call the church office at 860-633-4641 to sign up.



## 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](mailto:kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org).

*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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## Easter Flower Orders Due March 14

Easter flower order forms are available in your *Reminder* or in the narthex. Please note the deadline to return them to the church office is **9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 14.**

## Food Collection

Our donations for our neighbors in need go to Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry in Hartford and MACC. **In March, we are collecting oatmeal, canned veggies and other items people are willing to donate.** Thanks!

## 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.

# This Week at First Church

## Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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

## Wednesday, March 2, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare  
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir  
6:00 p.m. Campaign Committee, Lehman Library  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Youth Room  
6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Room 202  
7:00 p.m. Refugee Committee, Parlor  
7:30 p.m. Campaign Visitor Training, Lehman Library

## Thursday, March 3, 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, March 4, 2016

7:00 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship Overnight

## Saturday, March 5, 2016

11:00 a.m. Campaign Visitor Training (make-up), Lehman Library  
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Alice Weil

## Sunday, March 6, 2016

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care**  
8:30 a.m. Board of Lay Life & 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. Board of Christian Education, Lehman Library  
**4:30 p.m. Spark! Worship Service**

## Join Choir for “Elijah”

On **Thursday, April 14**, the Chancel Choir will not be rehearsing. Instead, they will be taking a trip to The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts to see Mendelssohn’s epic oratorio, “*Elijah*.” This full-scale symphonic performance will be presented by the 170 professional quality voices of the Hartford Chorale, along with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and Connecticut Children’s Chorus. Baritone Stephen Bryant will perform his signature role as the prophet Elijah. If you would like to join the First Church Chancel Choir to take advantage of the group discounts, and see a not-to-be-missed performance, **contact Arwen Norman by Sunday, March 13** at [gnanorman@me.com](mailto:gnanorman@me.com).

## Munson’s Candy Fundraiser

Candies ordered through the Choir Camp fundraiser **can be picked up March 13 and 20, and there will also be some additional candy for sale on those dates.** Thank you for your support of Choir Camp!



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### 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*

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