

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church






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
11:15 a.m.	Micah House Capital Campaign Meeting, Room 202
11:20 a.m.	Board of Christian Education, Lehman Library
11:30 a.m.	Human Resources, Parlor
4:30 p.m.	Spark! Service & Child Care
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Gigueres' home



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: Today begins 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>	Science Room 205 Linda Sill
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Movie Room 102 Victor Grin
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Movie Room 102 Victor Grin
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Deborah Willard
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Deborah Willard

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.)

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 – 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!



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

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.

Prayer and Share

Prayer and Share meets **Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. Come join us for a time of prayer, sharing, strengthening your faith and forming friendships. Being part of a small group within a large church fosters a feeling of belonging and caring. We will continue discussing Emilie Barnes' *Help Me Trust You, Lord: Knowing the Healing Touch of God's Love*. Barnes, the bestselling author of more than 35 books, shares how our Savior will mend your broken heart and give you lasting peace and strength to go on. All are welcome. For more information please call Dianne Schwegler at 860-633-6326 or Nancy Higgins at 860-633-6604.

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 **today 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 8, 2016

6:30 p.m. JH Fellowship, Schultz Hall

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse
7:00 p.m. **Spark!** Meeting, Lehman Library

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. **Worship Service**
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
7:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Thursday, February 11, 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

Sunday, 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

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!

Senior High Super Bowl Sunday!

Today from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Senior High Fellowship will meet **at Jenny Giguere's home, 1559 Main Street** (1.5 miles south of the church, same side) to watch the first half of the Super Bowl and enjoy the commercials! Bring a snack to share if you are able. RSVP to Jack at jack@glastonburyfirst.org.

Junior High Fellowship Monday!

Tomorrow night, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., JHF will meet for the first time in February! This special session will begin in **Schultz Hall at 6:30 p.m.** for an evening of games and topical exploration! All 6th-8th graders are invited to join!

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 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. Thanks!

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>	