



# The REMINDER

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Member of United Church of Christ

*An open, welcoming and affirming congregation*

April 2016

***“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”***  
~ Joshua 1:9

*Dear Friends,*

I grew up listening to Harry Chapin, an amazing folk singer, and recently I've been playing his music a lot. His songs are poignant and share great truths about love and life.

When I graduated from high school, my Mom wrote an emotional editorial about raising children and the passage of time. Although she didn't quote Harry Chapin's song, "All My Life's a Circle," she could have.

*All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown.  
The moon rolls through the nighttime, till the daybreak comes around.  
All my life's a circle and I can tell you why...  
There's no straight lines make up my life and all my roads have bends.  
There's no clear-cut beginnings and so far no dead-ends.*



Andrew

Life is a journey filled with mountain highs, dark valleys, unexpected bumps and turns and straight joy-filled stretches. Some days we don't know what to expect – what happiness or challenge might be just around the corner. And yet each morning there is a sunrise, and each evening there is a sunset. There are some things in life that are predictable. The weather is getting warmer. The sun is out for longer. Bulbs are sprouting. Spring is coming!

Here at First Church we are on a journey, and some days we don't know what to expect – what joys and challenges will come our way. Yet there are some parts of First Church that never change. We worship. We care. We come together to celebrate and mourn. We share God's love in the world. We share God's love with one another.

Many of you ask about my boys on a regular basis, and Rob and I appreciate all the care, prayers and love shown to us. Andrew and Lucas turned three on February 21, and we are certainly on a journey with

them. Because they both have special needs, they started preschool through Cromwell Public Schools the day after their third birthday. Some days we don't know what to expect – what joy or challenge might be just around the corner, but there are some things that never change. The love, joy, curiosity and affection they share is amazing! The village that it takes to raise them is one of our biggest blessings. Thank you for being part of that village!

Friends, time marches on, and life brings us challenges and blessings. When life feels uncertain and overwhelming, may we know the certainty of God's abiding love. Life is a journey, and I'm thankful to be walking it with you.

Peace,

*Kate*



Lucas

## First Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ  
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Emeritus (1932 - 2012)

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Church School: 10:15 a.m.

Spark! Service at 4:30 p.m.  
on the first Sunday of the month

Childcare is provided

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**THE REMINDER submission deadline:**  
Sunday, April 10: May 2016 issue

## "Building a Legacy" Capital Campaign The Micah House and Chapel at the Thomas Hale Homestead

Building a Legacy



We are excited to report tremendous progress and support for the the Micah House project. A mailing last month encouraged members to make a donation or a pledge to support the \$700,000 capital campaign. Commitments for this project are \$525,000 and building every day!!

The Building Committee submitted an application last week to the Glastonbury Historic District Commission to approve the Micah House project. In the coming weeks, you will see a dumpster next door, and a cleanup team will begin emptying the house so that construction can commence as soon as the HDC approves the application.

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee will be calling and visiting members of the congregation during March and April. If you have already returned your pledge card – thank you!! Members' donations for this project are a testament to our congregation's commitment to Christian love and mission. Please give faithful consideration to making a donation so that the Micah House becomes a lasting legacy for future generations. Despite the progress to date, achieving the funds required for the project will require the generous support of all who are able to contribute.

Faithfully yours,

Earl Thompson

Chair, Capital Campaign Committee

Jonathan Russell

Chair, Building Committee

***"God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"***

~ Micah 6:8



### Sunday, April 3, 4:30 p.m.

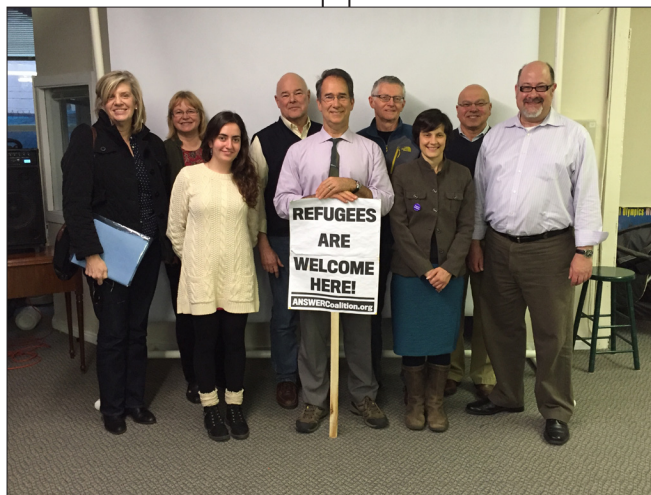
Join us as we come together for a time of fellowship and worship! All are welcome! Our service on April 3 will include prayer, scripture, music and communion. Focusing on the topic "Easter's Over: Now What?!!" Kate and David will lead those gathered in a discussion about how we are called to be witnesses to the resurrection. Kate and Michael Ersevim will be our music leaders, and together we will sing a variety of songs, including *Blessed Be Your Name*, *There Is a Redeemer*, *I'll Fly Away* and *We Beseech Thee* from "Godspell." After the service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and food (soup and bread) in Schultz Hall.



## Contribute to the Needs of the Saints – Extend Hospitality to Strangers

In the book of Romans, Christians are reminded to “extend hospitality to strangers.” First Church’s Refugee Resettlement Committee is one of a number of groups from across Connecticut now preparing to co-sponsor a refugee family. We look forward to helping Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), headed by First Church member Chris George, to greatly expand the number of refugees they will settle this year. In late February, five of our committee members attended an all-day training session at IRIS in New Haven, which highlighted the key aspects of refugee resettlement. The committee’s efforts will focus on a dozen topics: Housing, Clothing and Apartment Furnishing, Social Security/ Department of Social Services, Healthcare, ESOL Classes for Adults, Children’s Education and Childcare, Employment, Finance, Transportation, Shopping for Groceries, Worship, and Hospitality and Acculturation. We are continuing to organize volunteers into these areas of interest, and are raising

\$6,000 to supplement government funding to help with the family’s initial expenses. By May, we expect to give IRIS the “green light,” indicating we’re ready to host a family. It may be a month or more later that a family is assigned to our group. As we know from previously settling families from Vietnam, Bosnia, and Iraq, this will be an “all hands on deck” endeavor, with intense activity and attention to details in the initial months. We cannot have too many First Church volunteers involved with this important work, and invite all who are able to offer their help. Please contact committee co-chairs John Dugan (860-659-2193, [jdugan1967@gmail.com](mailto:jdugan1967@gmail.com)) and Rosemary Richter (860-633-2320, [rosemaryrichter59@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryrichter59@gmail.com)).



## Dear First Church Friends and Members,

Last fall we were all moved when the pictures began to appear on the front pages of our newspapers and on the evening news. Some photos were heart wrenching, some disturbing, and others hopeful as people all over the world responded to an unfolding humanitarian disaster.

Boatload upon boatload of refugees arrived on the shores of Greece and other Mediterranean nations, fleeing the horrors of war and terrorism in Syria and Iraq. Together, the global community has witnessed the worst refugee crisis since World War II.

The natural human and faith response was, and continues to be, “*What can I do?*” At this writing, members of the First Church

family are generously giving hours and hours of their time to prepare for the resettlement of a refugee family. As described in the article to the left, this tradition of extending hospitality to the stranger has deep roots in First Church’s rich history.

To aid our resettlement committee, we are asking those who are able to contribute financially to support this beautiful endeavor. While the philosophy of resettlement includes enabling the refugees to live on their own as soon as possible, a fund of \$6,000

from a sponsoring church is the norm to enable a family to get established in an entirely new, and foreign, community. Please support our Resettlement Committee, and please welcome God’s beloved children, with a generous gift. Checks may be made out to “First Church”, with the memo line, “Refugee Resettlement.”

Let us remember the words found in the book of Hebrews, “*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*”

Faithfully,

*David Kate Michael Diana*

## Search Committee Seeking Director of Children and Youth Ministries

The congregation approved reconvening the search committee, formed last spring, to fill the position recently vacated by Jack Farrell. Church president Michael Ersevim was given authority to appoint new members to fill vacancies and to designate a chair. Members are Jake Anderson, Michael Couture, Danae Dwyer, Gail Gagnon, Judy Harding, Cecilia Krause, Ellen McNab, Sally Riddell, Diana Ruddick (chair), Bruce Sill, Nicole Wronski, David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden. Options being explored include finding a full-time ordained or lay person to handle the role, or two part-time people, one to lead the Children’s Ministries program and the other to manage Junior and Senior High Fellowship. We have reached out to regional divinity schools and to the Connecticut Conference of the UCC to publicize the opening, and are also pursuing word-of-mouth leads.

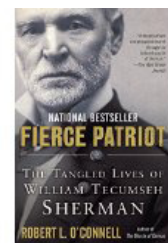


# Adult Opportunities

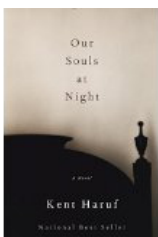


## Biography Book Group

The Biography Book Group meets every other month to review a book and enjoy fellowship in an informal setting. We invite you to join us for our upcoming selections. The **May 10** biography selection is *Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman* by Robert O’Connell. “Sherman remains one of the most celebrated and controversial military icons in American history. Adored by his Union troops during the Civil War as Uncle Billy, he was despised by Southerners as the monster who mercilessly waged war upon the civilian population in Georgia and the Carolinas. Praised by some for his effective campaigns against the Plains Indians, he was condemned by others as a proponent of genocide. By nature and inclination, he despised the pretensions and affectations of the wealthy, but he mixed with them freely and aspired to match their financial success. He claimed to hate politicians and journalists, yet he talked incessantly in their presence, and his off-the-cuff remarks often served to distort his true views. Despite the apparently wanton destruction of Sherman’s March, he actually kept tight discipline over his troops. This is a well-written and revealing reexamination of the character and career of an undeniably great American.” Jay Freeman from a *Booklist* review. Join us on **Tuesday, May 10 at 4:00 p.m.** for this discussion. We hope you will join us in the Lehman Library for these book discussions. Call or email Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452 or [miguel.escalera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miguel.escalera@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.



## Second Sunday Book Club



The Second Sunday Book Club meets next on **April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lehman Library** to discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. All are welcome. The last meeting for the year will be on the third **Sunday, May 15**, due to Mother’s Day. The selection is *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf, described on Amazon as “A spare yet eloquent, bittersweet yet inspiring story of a man and a woman who, in advanced age, come together to wrestle with the events of their lives and their hopes for the imminent future.” Join us for discussion and suggestions for great summer reads! If you have any questions, contact Amy Thompson at [thompson.amy72@gmail.com](mailto:thompson.amy72@gmail.com).

## New! Cooking Class Forming

Our resident chef extraordinaire, Sallie Graves, is offering a cooking class! This will be a hands-on lesson with a chance to consume our creations afterwards. Class size is limited, so if this catches your eye (and belly!), a quick response is in order! Date and time is to be determined by the availability of those responding. Please email Sandi Philbrook at [novakgrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:novakgrl@sbcglobal.net) if you’re ready to roll up your sleeves and have some fun!



## Women’s Theological Reflection Group

Perhaps you’ve heard or read about the Women’s Theological Reflection Group, affectionately known as “TRG,” and wondered, “What is TRG, anyway?” Thank you to First Church member Lorie Martin for this terrific description of the purpose and spirit of TRG:

“[TRG] is a group of women who intentionally gather and attempt to grapple with important issues of faith, and seek to see how these issues are woven into the fabric of their lives. They trust one another to be honest, make allowances for their differences, hold each other up and say prayers together. There is a lot of laughing. We nod and shake our heads. There is some sighing. Okay, sometimes we cry. We leave better for having been there and glad there will be a next time.”

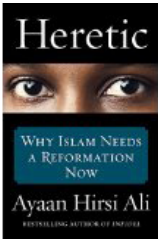
(If you’d like to read more of Lorie’s article about TRG, which was published in the United Church News publication, ConnTact, in April of 2012, go to [http://ctucc.org/news/20120417\\_ct1204\\_grappling.html](http://ctucc.org/news/20120417_ct1204_grappling.html)). We hope you will mark your calendars to join us around the table for one or more of our TRG gatherings, which take place on the **third Wednesday of each month, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the Lehman Library**. Feel free to contact Lynn Baronas at 860-543-3301 or [baronas@hartford.edu](mailto:baronas@hartford.edu) for further information.



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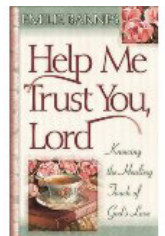
## Thursday Morning Study Group



The study activity of TMSG will find them on **April 7** completing the study of what a disillusioned Muslim woman, who has been affected by modern Islam, thinks should be considered by its leadership. We are studying this topic by using the Ayaan Hirsi Ali text *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now*. On **April 14** the group will take a one week look at how paralyzing fear can affect a family. We will use as a resource Sandra Brown's novel *Rainwater*. Next, on **April 21 and 28** the group will consider what it must have been like for west coast Japanese Americans during World War II and what became of them using Jamie Ford's novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. We meet **every Thursday in the Lehman Library from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m.** For more information, please call Forbes Warren at 860-633-3982.

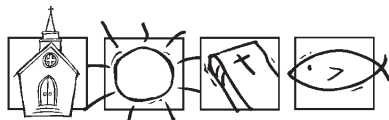
## Prayer and Share

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 learn and grow from our study and from each other. 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 Nancy Higgins at 860-633-6604 or Donna Smith at 860-633-4428 (feel free to leave a message).



## Potpourri

What is Potpourri? It's breakfast and fellowship on the **first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m.** The church kitchen is alive with coffee, conversation and a delicious breakfast cooked up by Al Reid! No reservations necessary, come anytime, a place is always set for you!



# Caring Ministry



## Calling Knitters and Crocheters!



Knitters and crocheters will gather on **Monday, April 18, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** at the church in the Lehman Library. Whether you are new to the group or would like to learn to knit or crochet, all are welcome for handicrafts and fellowship. Yarn is provided. Bring a #11 or #13 pair of knitting needles, or a medium to large crochet hook, and receive some instruction. If you have questions, call Co-Chairs Judy Burr at 860-643-9368 or Liz Webb at 860-593-7831. Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month.



# Children's Ministries



## Vacation Bible School August 1 – 5



Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at First Church! VBS will run from **August 1-5** and is for children ages 4 through incoming 5th graders. Get ready to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love! Contact Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org) for more information.



## Unit 7: "Teach Us How to Pray"

**Bible Story Reference:** Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1






**Bible Verse:** *One of his disciples said to him (Jesus), "Lord, Teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)*

**Main Idea:** Prayer is talking with God. There are many ways to talk with God and many different kinds of prayers. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and gave them an example that we still use today. We call this example the Lord's Prayer.

**Objectives:** Children will discover that:

- the Bible tells us that Jesus was a man who frequently talked with God;
- the disciples were curious about how Jesus prayed;
- Jesus taught the disciples a special prayer;
- Christians today still pray this prayer; it is called the Lord's Prayer;
- talking with God helps us feel closer to God;
- we can talk with God at any time about anything;
- there are many ways to pray.



		Sunday 4/17	Sunday 4/24	Sunday 5/1	Sunday 5/8
	<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle

**Please note:** The Preschool Room is in Room 105. Puppet Troupe is in Rooms 302/303. EXPLORE is in the Youth Room.

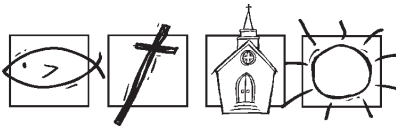
Church School runs until 11:10 a.m. each Sunday. If worship gets out earlier than that, please enjoy some time in Schultz Hall before picking up your children. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Night In - April 30!

"Kids Night In" will be held on **Saturday, April 30 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Drop your kids off at church for pizza and fun while you enjoy an evening out. All proceeds will go towards the Church School Mission project – *The Children's Wellness Center*.



Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the Church School's mission project. We ask that you consider having your child give \$1 each week to help other children who are desperately in need. Thank you.



# Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries Calendar

**Tuesday, April 5**

Church School Mission Project Fundraiser at Bertucci's

**Sunday, April 10**

Teacher Talk and Tea

**Thursday, April 14**

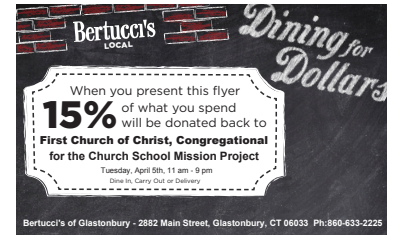
Bloomfield Backpack Project

**Saturday, April 30**



## Our Children Helping Hartford's Children

Please support our Church School Mission Project by **eating at Bertucci's on April 5**. There is a flier enclosed in this *Reminder* to bring to the restaurant with you. *The Children's Wellness Center* needs your support! We've set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 and *with your generosity we've raised over \$5,100!!* With a focus on creating safe and secure places for Hartford's low-income families, *The Children's Wellness Center* strives to develop healthy lifestyles through nutritional education (*a teaching kitchen*), through physical education (*large exercise space*) and through encouragement of a joyful childhood (*indoor playground*) – goals that aren't much different from First Church's mission! Thank you for your continued support, and thank you for supporting our children so that they can support Hartford's children.



## Join Us for the Bloomfield Backpack Project!

ALL are welcome to help pack backpacks filled with nonperishable food for Bloomfield children in need on **Thursday, April 14**. We work in partnership with Foodshare and other local churches on the **2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Contact Karen Vigeant at [karenvigeant@outlook.com](mailto:karenvigeant@outlook.com) or 860-432-4985 for information or to sign up.



# Youth Ministry



## Important Youth Mission Trip Dates!



The Senior High Fellowship will head down to Washington, DC, from **April 17-23** for our annual mission trip. See below for important dates.

**Sunday, April 10:** Mission Focused SHF, 6:00-8:00 p.m., *final payments due!*

**Saturday, April 16:** Mission Trip kick-off dinner

**Sunday, April 17:** Mission Trip Commissioning during worship!

**April 17-23:** Mission Trip departure and return

**May 8:** Mission Trippers lead worship

## Senior High Fellowship Schedule

Senior High Fellowship is open to any student in 9th – 12th grades. We meet Sunday nights from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

**Sunday, April 3:** Regular Session

**Sunday, April 10:** Mission Focused Session

**Sunday, April 17 – April 23:**

Mission Trip to Washington, DC!

**Sunday, April 24:** No SHF

**Sunday, May 1:** Regular Session

**Sunday, May 8:** Mission Trippers lead worship; No SHF

## Confirmation Class Schedule



Our regular class sessions will be Wednesday from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

*\*Denotes Special Time*

**\*Sunday, April 3: Confirmation Class Leads Worship Services**

**Wednesday, April 6:** Regular Class Session

**Wednesday, April 27:** Credo Study Hall

## Jr. High Fellowship Schedule

Junior High Fellowship is open to any young person in 6th – 8th grades. Regular fellowship sessions are 2nd and 4th Monday of each month during the school year from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

**Monday, March 28:** Easter Egg Bonanza!

**Monday, April 11:** Regular Session

**Monday, April 25:** Regular Session



# Youth Ministry



## Heads Up! Hartford

Heads Up! Hartford is a not for profit, 501(c)3 volunteer association whose mission is to create a loving, supportive, fun and productive environment at a summer mission work-camp for high school students. This faith-based initiative brings urban and suburban students in the greater Hartford area together to break down the barriers between them as they improve their city through integrated work groups. Camp dates for 2016 are **Thursday, June 23, to Thursday, June 30**. Registration forms are available at [headsuphartford.org](http://headsuphartford.org) and **due April 24** to Charley Smith ([cmsmith100@cox.net](mailto:cmsmith100@cox.net)). For information email Andrew at [youth@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:youth@glastonburyfirst.org).

## SHF Craigville Retreat, May 27 – 29

All students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to attend this fabulous, fun and faithful weekend on the Cape. Permission forms will be available soon on the church website. Stay tuned for more information.

## Scholarship Available

If you are a confirmed member of First Church, a senior in high school, planning to attend a four year college and can demonstrate need for financial aid, you may be eligible for the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship. If you meet the eligibility requirements of the Fuller Scholarship Fund, you may request an application packet by writing to [financial-aid@trincoll.edu](mailto:financial-aid@trincoll.edu) and inquiring about the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship Fund.

## A Silver Lake Summer!

Attention parents of children in 3rd grade and up! Sign-ups are now on for Silver Lake Conference Center's amazing summer programs. Silver Lake is a ministry of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC and has hosted youth for summer camps since 1957. Each week throughout the summer they offer opportunities for children going into 4th grade to 12th grade, as well as several conferences for families, from baking to boating, ropes courses to theatre, weaving to wilderness survival, hiking and biking. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, go online to [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org).

## Puppet Troupe Shines!

On February 28, the youth members of our puppet troupe danced, sang and reminded us all to let the light of God's love shine into the world!



## Support Our Youth Mission Trip Through SHARES!

We encourage everyone in the First Church family to help support our SHF youth on their mission trip to Washington, DC in April! **Please visit the Youth Table through April 10 to contribute to the mission trip by purchasing "Shares" for \$20 each.** This is a great way to support our Youth Mission Outreach and to participate in their efforts! There's no limit to the number you can buy, and all donations will be included in your First Church giving statement. You'll receive a share certificate and be included in our year-end report to shareholders of mission activities. For questions, please contact Patti Jagoe at [ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com](mailto:ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com) or Andrew Wicks at [youth@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:youth@glastonburyfirst.org), and be sure to look for our table at Common Fellowship!



# Music Ministry



## 2016 Music Scholarships

First Church is pleased to offer music scholarships of up to \$1,000 to student musicians in the First Church family or the Glastonbury community to defray the cost of private lessons. The selection process will focus on an applicant's interest in classical music, especially music appropriate for sacred settings. Through these scholarships, the Board of Music seeks to encourage the appreciation and performance of church music through formal education and to foster church musicians, both professionals and lay volunteers. Applications are now available in the church office, the choir room, and on our website, <http://www.glastonburyfirst.org>. **Applications and personal statements must be received at the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 10, 2016**, addressed to The Music Scholarship Committee, First Church of Christ, Congregational, 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033, or emailed to [kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org). Questions should be directed to Bruce Munshower, Chair of the Music Scholarship Committee, at [bruce.munshower@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.munshower@gmail.com).





# Music Ministry



Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

## ANGELA R. SALCEDO, ORGANIST



An Organ Recital featuring  
Calvin Hampton's "Five Dances" and  
the music of Bach, Reger and Karg-Elert

Saturday, April 9, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. \$20 family maximum.

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## For Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs, August 21-24

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend  
Choir Camp 2016 from **August 21-24**, held at the  
Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. This camp is  
nestled in a quiet Connecticut town with its quaint  
New England beauty. It has an amazing lake and lots



of extra-curricular activities organized by the camp itself. The choristers  
will have a fun-filled week of singing, ringing, playing games, swimming,  
hiking, storytelling over a campfire and great fellowship. Like last year, we  
are inviting those choristers in Caroler Choir who are moving up to Cantate  
Choir to join us, so that they can begin to build friendships with the Cantate  
Choir members. **The total cost per chorister will be \$230, which includes  
accommodations and meals. A deposit of \$100 to reserve your place  
at the camp is due by June 1.** Sign up forms are available in the church  
office and choir room. Please contact Angela Salcedo ([angelasalcedo@  
glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org)) if you are interested in chaperoning.

## Thanks for Your Support!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2016 Choir Camp fundraiser  
by ordering Easter candy through the Munson's candy sale. The Board  
of Music appreciates your support!



# Christian Service



First Church is a place where we are constantly serving our neighbors in need. It is our call and our  
privilege to spread God's love in our church community, in Glastonbury, in Hartford, in other Connecticut  
towns and cities, throughout our nation and all around the world.

## Mobile Foodshare



Mobile Foodshare is a "farmer's  
market" style food distribution

service that provides fresh produce and other food items to  
between 90 and 150 lower income people. Foodshare sponsors  
this service, and it takes place **every other Wednesday (April  
13 and 27)** in our back parking lot. If you are interested in  
volunteering (adults, youth and children are welcome), contact  
Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715. Besides distributing food to  
needy people in our parking lot twice a month, our volunteers  
collect food from ShopRite in East Hartford, bringing 500 to  
1,000 lbs of meat, produce, baked goods and groceries weekly  
to shelters and soup kitchens in Hartford. If you would like  
to help, please contact John Dugan at 860-659-2193 or Paul  
Fraleigh at 860-643-1571.

## First Church's "Good Samaritans!"



The First Church family  
of faith has many  
talented people, and  
some of these talents include "handyperson" skills and  
abilities. Our "Good Samaritan" group is up and running,  
and they are willing to help individuals in the congregation  
who might be having trouble finding the right people or  
the adequate resources to do the job – various "odd" jobs  
around the house or yard. If you are interested in seeing if  
your household task or project is something they would  
be able and willing to take on, at no charge, please contact  
David Taylor or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden.



# Christian Service



## Serving Together at Family Mission Immersion Day

Come one, come all, to share God's love in the world! Spend a few hours on **Saturday, April 30** volunteering your time to help others. For more information about one of our sites, please read about a wonderful opportunity to be a part of our Rebuilding Together Hartford team.

For more information about this Mission Immersion Day or to sign up, go to the table during fellowship hour or contact Linda Sill at [LindaSinCT@yahoo.com](mailto:LindaSinCT@yahoo.com) or 860-430-1676.

## April 30 Mission Day in Hartford



For the 4th year in a row, on National Rebuilding day, a team from First Church will work on homes in Hartford. This year our team will work side-by-side with over 500 other volunteers

who together will repair 29 homes on three blocks in the Upper Albany neighborhood of Hartford. **First Church is taking on two homes on Adams Street, so there is plenty to do and we need your help!** Our work will help the homeowners stay in their home by making it safer and more energy efficient.

Join our team for a free lunch, a t-shirt, your photo with the homeowners, new friends and a lot of fun – ask any of the past volunteers. The work scope includes carpentry, plumbing, electrical, roofing, yard work, trash removal and more.

Everyone can do something, so don't think for a moment that you can't – bring your enthusiasm and we will put you to work.

More details will follow about how to register on the Rebuilding Together website, but our work crew number is limited so reserve your spot now by contacting Dave Liscinsky at [david.liscinsky@cox.net](mailto:david.liscinsky@cox.net) or 860-816-3708, Bruce Fleahman at [bfleahman@yahoo.com](mailto:bfleahman@yahoo.com) or call the church office.



## Food Collection

First Church has had 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 Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). Please continue to bring in food for our neighbors in need. There are two baskets at church (one in the back lobby and one in the narthex) where the food is collected. **In April, we're asking for contributions of pasta sauce, jelly, cereal and other items people are willing to donate. Please bring food that is not expired or open. Thanks for your help!**



## Serving Lunch at Center City Church on April 25

On **Monday, April 25**, we will provide the food and servers for this lunch meal. Please sign up during Common Fellowship or contact Sharon Conway at [shartc@cox.net](mailto:shartc@cox.net) or Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350.

## Volunteer at Wish School

Fred Wish School is an elementary school on Barbour Street in Hartford. During the past three years, volunteers from First Church have been helping the kindergarteners with basic reading skills. We hope to encourage their love of reading by spending time with each child reading books, talking about what excites them and what they have learned from the stories. It is rewarding to see their progress and how proud they are when they begin to read to us. Volunteers are asked to spend **two hours weekly on a day of their choice**. We are assigned two students and spend 30 minutes with each child. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or [grammasal@att.net](mailto:grammasal@att.net).

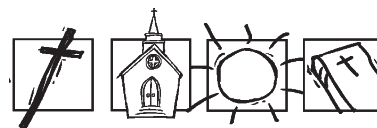
## Walk Against Hunger May 1

Foodshare's 33rd Annual Walk Against Hunger on **May 1** is the region's largest antihunger event raising funds and awareness to fight hunger. The 2.5 mile walk starts at Hartbeat Park off Asylum Ave. and continues through Bushnell Park. Bring along your friends and family and be a part of this event.





# General Info Corner



## New Members Welcome!

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 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).



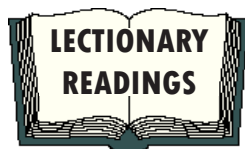
## Save the Dates! May 20 and 21

Please save your extra items and the dates, **Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21**, for the Spring Rummage Sale! For more information, to volunteer, or if you have items that need to be stored now, please contact Nancy Higgins ([nnhigg@att.net](mailto:nnhigg@att.net) or 860-633-6604) or Suzanne Schwartz ([stonehill126@gmail.com](mailto:stonehill126@gmail.com) or 860-430-1350). Thank you!

### Media Ministries at First Church

Watch a First Church service on television...

“Living the Word,” each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and noon on Cox Cable, Channel 15



**April 3, 2016 - Second Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31;  
Psalm 118:19-24 or Psalm 150

**April 10, 2016 - Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Revelation 5:11-14;  
John 21:1-19; Psalm 30

**April 17, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17;  
John 10:22-30; Psalm 23

**April 24, 2016 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6;  
John 13:31-35; Psalm 148

## Prayer Corner



### Prayers of Joy:

We are ever so grateful for the years Eric Anderson has blessed First Church with his music, preaching and presence. He has recently accepted the position as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross (United Church of Christ) in Hilo, Hawaii. A worship service of celebration and a time of farewell was held here at First Church on February 21. He will be missed by our First Church family, by the Connecticut Conference staff where he has served for 17 years, and by the many friends whose lives he has touched throughout the state.

### Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Barbara Harding     Audrey Hernandez  
Lois Harwick         Chris Hernandez

### Prayers of sympathy to:

Family and friends of Lois LaSalle, who died on February 24. Lois had been a valued First Church member since 2004.

Gail and Adam Gagnon on the recent death of Gail's father, George H. Downing, Jr. of Swansea, Massachusetts.

## Altar Flowers Requested

Church members are invited to provide flower arrangements for the altar. Flowers can be in memory of, in celebration of or in honor of people, events or accomplishments. Susan Bonitsky can order arrangements from Keser's and have you billed, you can use another florist or you can create your own arrangement. If you are interested, please contact Susan by phone 860-633-7128 or email [kowsz@juno.com](mailto:kowsz@juno.com). Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the second service.



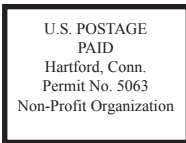
### IN CASE OF HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please inform the hospital of the code for First Church:

**Hartford Hospital – Code C18**  
**St. Francis Hospital - Code 17**

In addition, if you would like the church to know of an upcoming hospitalization, please give the church office a call at 860-633-4641 to inform the pastoral staff.





Return Service Requested.

# April Worship SCHEDULE

**April 3, *Second Sunday of Easter***  
**Confirmands Leading Worship**

8:00 a.m. 2015 Scholarship Winners: Genny Norman, piano and Nicholas Giamalis, double bass

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

4:30 p.m. **Spark!** Service, “*Easter’s Over! Now What?!?*”

**April 10, *Third Sunday of Easter***  
**Reception of New Members**

David Taylor preaching

8:00 a.m. Chris Stone, baritone; 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

**April 17, *Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
**Commissioning of Senior High Mission Trippers**

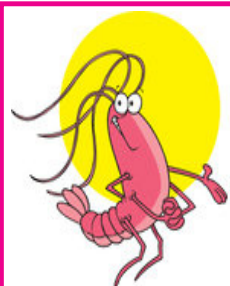
Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching

8:00 a.m. Sarah Wilson, violin; 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

**April 24, *Fifth Sunday of Easter***

David Taylor preaching

8:00 a.m. Lola Elliott-Hugh, solo; 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir



## It’s feasting time! **SHRIMP BOIL & SILENT AUCTION**

Come to this traditional  
**Southern Shrimp Boil**  
Serving: Shrimp, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Caesar Salad, Cornbread,  
Decadent Desserts and more!

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**  
**6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Schultz Hall**

**Proceeds will benefit our own  
Mission Outreach Programs**

**Adults: \$15 Children 6-12: \$10**  
**5 and under: FREE**

**Tickets on sale during Common Fellowship on  
Sunday mornings or through the  
Church Office 860-633-4641**



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