

# The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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An open, welcoming and affirming congregation  
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### Today at First Church






8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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.	VBS Meeting, Lehman Library
3:00 p.m.	Magic Show, Schultz Hall
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room

March 20, 2016



### Church School Schedule

**Attention Parents:** We are in Unit 6, "The Lord's Supper," and our schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	<b>Games</b> <b>Room 110</b> <b>Emily Keel</b>
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	<b>Cooking</b> <b>Room 205</b> <b>Susan Bonitsky</b>
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	<b>Cooking</b> <b>Room 205</b> <b>Susan Bonitsky</b>
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Remain in Service</b>
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Remain in Service</b>

Preschool is in Room 105.

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.

Puppet Troupe and Explore classes will remain in the service.

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.



Please join us for



at First Church

Performed by the award-winning



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Andy!



**TODAY at 3:00 p.m.**

**ALL are invited  
no sign-up required**

Brought to you by the Board of Lay Life & Ministry

## OGHS Banks Collected Today

Today we'll collect the OGHS banks during the children's message! But don't worry, if you forgot to bring your bank today, you can bring it next Sunday or drop it off at church during the week.

## Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School



Volunteers from First Church have been helping kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford 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. Books appropriate for their grade level and skills are provided. It is rewarding to see their progress and how proud they are when they begin to read to us. Volunteers spend *two hours weekly* on a day of their choice. If you are interested or have questions call Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or email at [grammasal@att.net](mailto:grammasal@att.net).

## 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! If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Zalewski 860-930-9506 or [cherylzalewski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cherylzalewski@sbcglobal.net). Thanks for your support!



## Prospective New Members' Gathering on April 3

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).

## Sock Collection - Last Chance!



The Board of Christian Service is sponsoring a sock collection for a foot clinic that will be held at Church Street Eats (A Manna Program) at Christ Church Cathedral Hartford on **Wednesday, March 23**. Many of the clients who attend Church Street Eats are in need of someone to care for the health of their feet. This population is at risk for poor foot health. The intention is to educate the attendees on proper foot care, showing them how to prevent or look for signs of infection, bathe feet, inspect feet for the beginning of wounds, check pedal pulses, file toenails, apply Aquaphor lotion, provide clean white cotton socks, and refer clients for treatment, if need be, to a wound care center in Hartford. There will be a basket for the white cotton socks in the back lobby.



First Church now has a Facebook page! Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and make sure to "like" us!

## Munson's Candy

Candies ordered through the Choir Camp fundraiser **can be picked up TODAY, and there will be additional candy for sale**. Thank you for your support of Choir Camp!

*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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## Cooking Class



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)

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

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2015 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.

# This Week at First Church

## Monday, March 21, 2016

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Lehman Library  
7:00 p.m. Church Council, Parlor

## Tuesday, March 22, 2016

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

## Wednesday, March 23, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Tenebrae Rehearsal,  
Meetinghouse

## Thursday, March 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study  
Group, Lehman Library  
12:15 p.m. **Meal of the Upper Room**,  
Schultz Hall  
4:00 p.m. Cantate and Cantabile Choirs  
5:00 p.m. Ribbon Work  
5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae**, Meetinghouse  
8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Friday, March 25, 2016

Good Friday: Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship Lock-In

## Saturday, March 26, 2016

9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast and  
Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, March 27, 2016: Easter

6:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service**  
9:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**

## Book Group Selections

**Second Sunday Book Club: *Just Mercy*** by  
Bryan Stevenson (for *April 3 - date changed  
from March*).

**Thursday Morning Study Group: *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now*** by  
Ayaan Hirsi Ali (for *March 24 and April 7*).

**Biography Book Group: *Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman***  
by Robert O'Connell (for *May 10*).



## You Can SHARE in the Youth Mission Trip Experience

We encourage everyone in the First Church family to support this year's youth mission trip to Washington, DC in April by purchasing "Shares" for \$20 each. This is a great way to participate in our mission outreach and there is no limit to the number you can buy! You'll receive a share certificate and be included in our year-end report to shareholders of mission activities. Your donation will be included in your First Church giving statement. Please stop by the Youth table **TODAY** during Common Fellowship!

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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*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

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