

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church

March 6, 2016

8:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Service & Child Care</i>
8:30 a.m.	Board of Lay Life & Ministry, Room 202
10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Service & Child Care</i>
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.	<i>Spark! Worship Service & Child Care</i>



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>	Movie Room 102 Victor Grin
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Art Room 103 Sandi Philbrook
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Art Room 103 Sandi Philbrook
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons

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.



Interfaith Friendship Initiative: Films TODAY and March 13



The

Interfaith Friendship
Initiative

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. TODAY**, 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.

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.

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.

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.



Please Donate White Cotton Socks



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.

Family in Need, Can You Help?

A single mother with three children in Manchester recently had a fire in their home. They are in desperate need of clothing for the kids. They are two girls, aged 12 and 16, and a 9-yr-old boy. The fire destroyed so much of their things, especially the oldest girl's. **Gift cards to Target** would be the most appreciated. Our social worker, Kara Lam will collect them and deliver them. Please leave the cards in the office at the church. Questions, call Lorie Martin 860-430-5398. Thank you!!!

Munson's Candy

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!

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.**

Handbell Festival/Concert TODAY!

The Mallets and Jubilate Ringers will be participating in a Handbell Festival **TODAY** at St. Mary's Church in Willimantic. All are invited to attend the **Handbell Festival concert at 7:00 p.m.** Thank you to Peggy Hartman for organizing this event, 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.

Join Chancel Choir for "Elijah"

On **Thursday, April 14**, the Chancel Choir 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.

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, March 7, 2016

5:45 p.m. Youth Board, Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
Room 204
7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 202

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper/Program,
Schultz Hall

Thursday, March 10, 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, March 13, 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
11:00 a.m. 4th & 5th Grade Bake Sale,
Schultz Hall
11:30 a.m. Prospective New Members
Gathering, Parlor
11:30 a.m. Spark! Meeting, Lehman Library
6:00 p.m. SH Fellowship, Youth Room

Second Sunday Book Club: **DATE CHANGE**

The Second Sunday Book Club will meet on ***Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m.*** to discuss ***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson. Those who have read this gripping nonfiction narrative of the state of our justice system claim it is a life-changing read. Join us for a vibrant discussion in the church library!

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.** Thanks!

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!

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