

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church





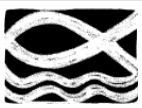
April 3, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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
11:20 a.m.	Board of Christian Education, Lehman Library
11:30 a.m.	Prospective Members Meeting, Parlor
4:00 p.m.	Second Sunday Book Club, Lehman Library
4:30 p.m.	Spark! Worship Service
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



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 & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Art Room 103 Adam Garrity
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Emily Keel
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Emily Keel
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Cooking Room 205 Susan Bonitsky
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Cooking Room 205 Susan Bonitsky

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.)

Prospective New Members' Gathering - TODAY!

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 ***this morning 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.

Youth Mission Trip SHARE Sales - TODAY!

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 coffee hour!

Help with our Hartford Lunch on April 25



On **April 25**, we will provide the food and servers for this lunch meal at Center City Church through Hands On Hartford. Sign up during coffee hour or contact Sharon Conway at shartc@cox.net or Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350.

Join Us April 30 for 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 this Mission Immersion Day or to sign up, go to our table during coffee hour or contact Linda Sill at LindaSinCT@yahoo.com or 860-430-1676.

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.



Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare or Help Deliver Food

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 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.

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 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) if you are interested in chaperoning.

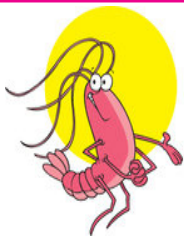
Cooking Class



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 will be determined by the availability of those responding. Please email Sandi Philbrook at novakgrl@sbcglobal.net if you're ready to roll up your sleeves and have some fun!

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 for more information or **come to our table during coffee hour on April 10.**



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 coffee hour on
Sunday mornings or through the
Church Office 860-633-4641

This Week at First Church

Monday, April 4, 2016

5:45 p.m. Youth Board, Lehman Library
 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, April 5, 2016

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
 6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Lehman Library

Thursday, April 7, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study
 Group, Lehman Library
 4:00 p.m. Cantate Choir
 5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir
 5:00 p.m. Ribbon Work
 6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
 7:00 p.m. Micah House Campaign, Library
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

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 Angela Salcedo, Organist

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(new members join)
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 Talk/Tea, Lehman Library
 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Fundraiser at Bertucci's on April 5

Bertucci's in Glastonbury will donate 15% of purchases on **Tuesday, April 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.** to the Church School Mission Project: **The Children's Wellness Center** (eat in or take out, bring the flier or just mention the First Church fundraiser). Thanks!

Covenant to Care for Children: Bike Helmets Needed

A single mother of four kids recently received a gift of bicycles for her children – a dream come true! However, they are in need of helmets in order to be safe. If you have a gently used one or are willing to help purchase one, please call Lorie Martin, Board of Christian Service, at 860-430-5398. We are looking for two adult-sized and two child-sized (not toddler) helmets to get those kids moving and having fun!! Thanks for all your boundless generosity!



*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.*



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*

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

Jenny Giguere, *Interim Co-Director of Senior High Fellowship*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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Kyle Kulas, *Interim Co-Director of Senior High Fellowship*