



The REMINDER

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

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An open, welcoming and affirming congregation

May 2016

Dear Friends,

As a general rule, my overall philosophy in life is "moderation in all things." As a general rule, I am convinced that philosophy can serve one well. Exercise? **Moderation**. Working? **Moderation**. Eating? **Moderation**. Sleeping? **Moderation**.



I must confess, however, that I am often guilty of straying from this goal. For example, organic compost for my shrubs and perennials? **20 yards delivered**. Morning coffee? **6 double shots of French Roast espresso**. Personally-picked fruit in the freezer? **An untold number of quart-size bags of peaches and blueberries**.

While moderation may suit one's **personal** life very well, when it comes to the life of a church filled with committed,

compassionate and caring congregants - all bets are off!! Besides, the great commandments don't ask us to love God and neighbor with **part** of our heart, **part** of our soul, and **part** of our mind. Likewise, when it comes to a vital and vibrant, faithful and fun-filled family of faith - all bets are off! "Open window, out with moderation!!"



For instance, the month of May is filled-to-overflowing with special worship and special events - Silver and Gold Member brunch; Confirmation Sunday; Music Celebration Sunday; Back Bay Mission Shrimp Boil and Silent Auction; Senior High Craigville Retreat; Foodshare Walk Against Hunger. Take a look inside this **Reminder** for all the details.

Similarly, various initiatives in the life of this beloved family of faith are ongoing with great **energy, excitement and enthusiasm** - the search for staffing for our Children and Youth Ministries; the Micah House and Chapel Building and Campaign committees; fundraising and planning for refugee resettlement; the closing weeks of our Church School Mission Project for the Family Life Education Children's Wellness Center - and so much more!



In short, moderation may not be such a great philosophy when doing God's work in the world. Knitting a prayer shawl? **Excess!** Bringing in non-perishable foods? **Excess!** Writing a check for refugee resettlement? **Excess!** Giving a hug? **Excess!** Singing or ringing God's praises? **Excess!** Loving one's neighbor. **Excess!**

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul, and with **all** your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as **yourself**.'"

So much for **moderation!**

Faithfully,

First Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ
2183 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

*The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr., Pastor
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:
Tuesday, May 10: June 2016 issue

“Building a Legacy” Capital Campaign The Micah House and Chapel at the Thomas Hale Homestead

Building a Legacy



The Capital Campaign and Building Committees are excited to report wonderful progress and support towards making The Micah House project a reality. Since the kick-off of the “Building a Legacy” capital campaign, we have received \$602,500 in commitments towards our \$700,000 campaign goal!!

On April 18, 2016, the Glastonbury Historic District Commission conducted a public hearing on First Church’s application to approve The Micah House project. The Building Committee cleanup crew has worked hard to clear plaster from the Hale House which will significantly lower contracting costs. The Historic District Commission’s April 18 public hearing is anticipated to be the first of several steps leading toward ultimate town approval for the project.



Over the past month, the Capital Campaign Committee has been calling and visiting members of the congregation to solicit financial support.

If you have already returned your pledge card – thank you!! While progress has been made towards reaching the capital campaign goal, additional funds must still be raised in support of this project. We ask all who have not yet made a commitment, to give faithful consideration in making a donation. The success of the capital campaign requires the generous support of all who are able to contribute.



Thanks to our volunteers and congregation members for helping make The Micah House a lasting legacy for future generations.

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?”**



Sunday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we come together for a time of fellowship and worship! All are welcome! Our **service on May 1** will include prayer, scripture, music and communion. Focusing on the topic “*God’s Peace and Blessing*,” Kate and David will lead those gathered in a discussion about how we, in this Easter and springtime season, are granted so much peace and so many blessings from God. Each of us will be invited to answer the question, “*Where do I see God??*” The **Spark!** Band will be our music leaders, and together we will sing a variety of songs, including *Be Thou My Vision*, *Open the Eyes of My Heart*, *Amazing Grace* and *The Heart of Worship*. After the service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and food (soup and bread) in Schultz Hall.

Refugee Resettlement - How You Can Help!

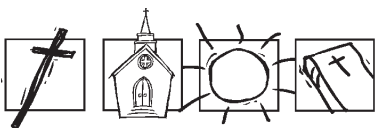
Last fall we were all moved when the pictures began to appear on the front pages of our newspapers and on the evening news. Some photos were heart wrenching, some disturbing, and others hopeful as people all over the world responded to an unfolding humanitarian disaster.

The natural human and faith response was, and continues to be, “*What can I do?*” Members of the First Church family are generously giving hours and hours of their time to prepare for the resettlement of a refugee family. This tradition of extending hospitality to the stranger has deep roots in First Church’s rich history. If you are interested in helping, please contact committee co-chairs John Dugan (860-659-2193, jdugan1967@gmail.com) or Rosemary Richter (860-633-2320, rosemaryrichter59@gmail.com).



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.

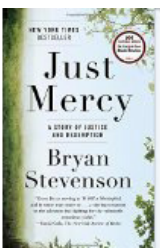
The committee can’t give the “green light” to IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) until the funding is secured. So, please if you are able, help us welcome God’s beloved children with a generous gift. Checks may be made out to “*First Church*”, with the memo line, “*Refugee Resettlement*.” Thank you for your support and prayers!



Adult Opportunities



Thursday Morning Study Group



The Thursday Morning Study Group will have an active group of subjects to consider during the month of May! Continuing the study of modern Islam, they will ask questions and try to understand by using the text, *What Everyone Needs to Know about Islam*, by John L. Esposito for **May 5 and 12**. Next, on **May 19 and 26**, there will be a change of direction by asking about the call from all sides to fix the broken system of justice in these United States. They will use the text by Bryan Stevenson entitled *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. All are welcome for the discussions even if the text has not been read. We meet nearly every **Thursday in the Lehman Library from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m.** For more information, please email Forbes Warren at fwarren2@cox.net.

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!

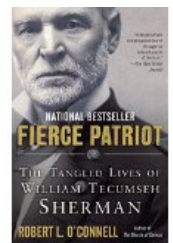


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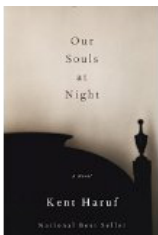
Biography Book Group



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 with any questions.



Second Sunday Book Club



The last meeting of the Second Sunday Book Club for the year will be on the third **Sunday, May 15**, due to Mother’s Day. All are welcome. 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.

Women’s Theological Reflection Group

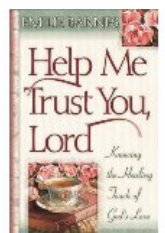
Perhaps you’ve heard or read about the Women’s Theological Reflection Group, affectionately known as “TRG,” and wondered, “What is TRG, anyway?” Thank you to First Church member Lorie Martin for this terrific description of the purpose and spirit of TRG:

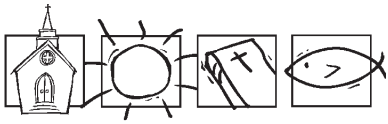
“[TRG] is a group of women who intentionally gather and attempt to grapple with important issues of faith, and seek to see how these issues are woven into the fabric of their lives. They trust one another to be honest, make allowances for their differences, hold each other up and say prayers together. 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). 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 for further information.

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).





Caring Ministry



Calling Knitters and Crocheters!



Knitters and crocheters will gather on **Monday, May 16, 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.



Scenes from a Memorable Lenten and Easter Season

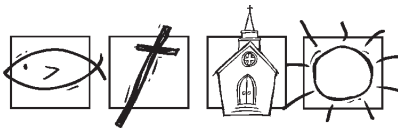


Children's Ministries



Search for Director of Children and Youth Ministries Underway

The Search Committee appointed to begin a new quest to fill this position has gotten off to a strong start. We have interviewed two candidates, both of whom we have invited back for a second session. A number of other prospective candidates have submitted resumés; we're screening those to determine suitability. Serving on the committee, in addition to Kate and David, are Jake Anderson, Michael Couture, Danae Dwyer, Gail Gagnon, Judy Harding, Ceci Krause, Ellen McNab, Sally Riddell, Bruce Sill, Nicole Wronski, and Diana Ruddick (chair).



Children's Ministries



Unit 8: "Pentecost"

Bible Story Reference: Acts 2:1-42






Bible Verse: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4)

Main Idea: Through the Holy Spirit, we know God is with us, helping us live as faithful disciples.

Objectives: Children will:

- hear the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost;
- identify how the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples;
- understand that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and that it is present in our lives, too;
- define the Holy Spirit as "God with us now"
- understand why we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church.



		<u>Sunday 5/15</u>	<u>Sunday 5/22</u>	<u>Sunday 5/29</u>	<u>Sunday 6/5</u>
	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan	Storytelling Room 111 Lisa Charles	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan	Storytelling Room 111 Lisa Charles
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan	Storytelling Room 111 Lisa Charles
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Lisa Charles	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Lisa Charles	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan

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!

Kids' Night In/Parents' Night Out, April 30, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

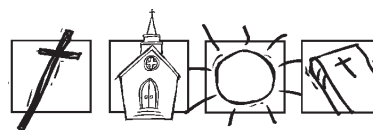


Kids' Night In/Parents' Night Out will be held on **April 30 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** to benefit the Church School Mission Project, The Children's Wellness Center. Children ages 3 and up will enjoy an evening of fun, games, and a movie with a pizza dinner, while adults have some time to enjoy an evening out. The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family. To sign up, contact Laurie DiTomasso at ditomasso@cox.net.





Children's Ministries



Silver Lake this 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.silverlakect.org.

Children's Ministries Calendar

Sunday, May 8

Season of Celebration begins, each Sunday there is one service at **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, June 12

Children's Celebration Sunday

Sunday, June 19

Summer Church School begins, starting June 19, there is one service at **9:00 a.m.**

Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5

Vacation Bible School here at First Church!



Need a Mother's Day Gift Idea?

Are you looking for a meaningful way to celebrate and honor your mother or grandmother this year? Consider giving a donation to the Church School Mission Project in her honor! 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*), physical education (*large exercise space*) and encouragement of a joyful childhood (*indoor playground*). Our informational *Children's Wellness Center* "thank you" postcards will be wrapped in pretty Mother's Day packaging, available during coffee hour or at the church office **the week of May 1**. With your help we can reach our challenge goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your support!

Vacation Bible School



August 1 – 5, 2016
8:45 a.m. – noon

4 yr olds* through 5th graders

Leadership opportunities available for 6th graders & up

\$35/week; \$70 family maximum

\$10/week for 6th – 8th graders

Financial assistance available

Sign up on May 15 during coffee hour,

visit our website at

www.glastonburyfirst.org

or contact Meredith Krauss

at meredana@aol.com

*Children must be 4 years old by 8/1/2016

Summer Church School 2016!

This summer all children will have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. By implementing a modified Rotation Model curriculum, our children will learn about important Bible stories and themes through fun, hands-on activities. **Summer Church School will begin on June 19.** Childcare will be provided throughout the summer as well!

VBS T-Shirt Design Contest

Love to draw? Then we need you! The Vacation Bible School Committee is looking for children and teens to design this year's VBS t-shirt. The theme is "Surf Shack" and your design should include the phrase, "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love" along with the daily Wave Words: "God Creates, God Helps, God Loves, God Calms, God Sends." Please be creative with how you'd like to depict the theme! Entries should be in black and white on an 8.5" x 11" piece of unlined white paper, and are **due by May 15**. Drawings should be done with a sharpie marker (no pencil). Please hand in to Meredith Krauss, Karin Carlino, or any First Church staff. Include your name and contact information on the back. Winners will receive an art gift basket and will get their own design on the VBS t-shirts!!!



Youth Ministry



Senior High Fellowship Schedule

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

**Denotes special time*

Sunday, May 1: Regular Session

***Sunday, May 8:** No SHF (Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 15: Regular Session - 8th graders invited

Sunday, May 22: Regular Session

***Friday – Sunday, May 27-29:** Craigville Retreat

Sunday, June 5: Senior Recognition Sunday (10:00 a.m. Worship Service), Senior Celebration Party and New Driver Blessing at Regular Session (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Junior High Fellowship Schedule

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

**Denotes Special Time*

Monday, May 9: Regular Session - 5th graders invited

Monday, May 23: Regular Session

Monday, June 6: Reverse Rally Day!

Movin' On Up!

Attention all current 5th and 8th graders! Have you started thinking about your plans for the fall? Are you wondering what could be in store for you in the First Church Youth Ministry programs? You won't know unless you check it out! On **Monday, May 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, all 5th graders are invited to the Junior High Fellowship meeting, and on **Sunday, May 15, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**, all 8th graders are invited to the Senior High Fellowship meeting. Clear your schedules for these special welcoming sessions as you learn about why our Youth Fellowship programs are such a hit! Get a preview of what's up next!

Confirmation Class Schedule

Our Confirmation program aims to help young people explore and articulate their faith as they prepare to reaffirm their baptism and become full members of First Church.



Wednesday, May 11: Credo Night & Reaffirmation of Faith (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.: Students at 6:00 p.m., family and mentors at 7:00 p.m. in the Meetinghouse)

Sunday, May 15: Confirmation Sunday (Service at 10:00 a.m., arrive at 9:30 a.m.)

New Driver Blessing at SHF!



On **Sunday, June 5**, we will have a new driver blessing at SHF. If you have received your driver's license anytime since June 2015, please be in touch with Jenny Giguere (jennygiguere@cox.net) and join us for a special blessing and receive a First Church SHF keepsake. Hope to see you there!

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 and inquiring about the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship Fund or be in touch with Andrew Wicks at youth@glastonburyfirst.org.

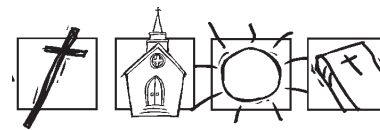


Cards: \$1 Each To Support the Youth Mission Trip

Each year our youth create an inspirational thematic image that reflects our coming year. Individual cards are available for \$1 (or you can purchase sets of 10) by contacting Andrew Wicks at youth@glastonburyfirst.org.



Youth Ministry



Faith and Faithfulness Award



Hey graduating seniors, have you been an active and faithful volunteer throughout your years here at First Church? Our annual Faith and Faithfulness Award, presented at Senior Celebration Sunday each year is for you!

Applicants must be graduating from high school in spring 2016 and planning to continue their education next year. They also must be church members or be part of a family of church members. Candidates will be evaluated based on their engagement in four areas: confirmation, youth fellowship, mission trips or other mission work, and other service to the church (for example, Church School teacher, video tech, Board representative or choir member). Applications are available in the church office and have been emailed to all seniors. We give thanks for all the ways our youth give to our church community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrew Wicks at youth@glastonburyfirst.org.

Pancake Breakfast Thank You!

The Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! Thank you to the many youth and adult volunteers who made it happen. And thank you to the friends and families who attended! All of the money raised helped fund our youth mission trip.

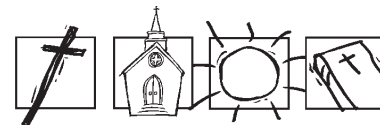


SHF Craigville Retreat Save the Dates: May 27 - 29

All students in grades 9 - 12 are invited to attend this fabulous, fun and faithful weekend on the Cape. Permission forms are available at SHF meetings, in informational emails and on the church website.



Music Ministry



Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

ELM CITY GIRLS' CHOIR

*New Haven's Premiere
Female A Cappella Choir*



Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Social following

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

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

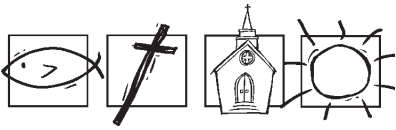
The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2016 from **August 21-24**, held at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. This camp is nestled in a quiet Connecticut town. It has an amazing lake and lots of extra-curricular activities organized by the camp itself. The choristers will have a fun-filled week of singing, ringing, playing games, swimming, hiking, storytelling over a campfire and great fellowship. **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, choir room and on the church website. Please contact Angela Salcedo (angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org) if you are interested in chaperoning.



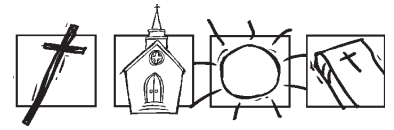
2016 Music Scholarships

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. 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, www.glastonburyfirst.org, and are **due at the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 10, 2016**, or emailed to kathyc@glastonburyfirst.org. Questions should be directed to Bruce Munshower, Chair of the Music Scholarship Committee, at bruce.munshower@gmail.com.





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.

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 this Mission Immersion Day or to sign up, go to the table during fellowship hour or contact Linda Sill at LindaSinCT@yahoo.com or 860-430-1676.

Walk Against Hunger May 1

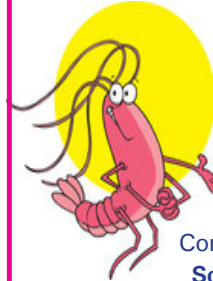
Foodshare's 33rd Annual Walk Against Hunger on *May 1* is the region's largest event raising funds and awareness to fight hunger. The 2.5 mile walk starts at Hartbeat Park off Asylum Ave. and continues through Bushnell Park. Bring along your friends and family and be a part of this fun event helping Foodshare to meet this year's goal of \$630,000. You can participate in one of three ways: join in the walk yourself and recruit donors, sponsor someone who is walking, or register and/or donate online at www.FoodshareWalk.org. Registration forms are available during coffee hour. *You can sign up through May 1, and registration at the event begins at 12:30 p.m.* Contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 with questions or if you are interested in carpooling.

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. **In May, we're asking for contributions of soup, chili, cereal and other items people are willing to donate. Please bring food that is not expired or open. Thanks for your help!**

Volunteer at Wish School

During the past three years, volunteers from First Church have been helping the kindergarteners at Fred Wish School with basic reading skills. 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.



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

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Proceeds will benefit our own Mission Outreach Programs

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

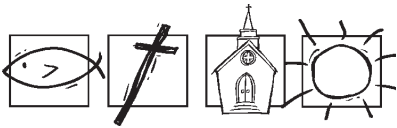
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Tickets on sale during Common Fellowship on Sunday mornings or through the Church Office 860-633-4641

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 (May 11 and 25)** 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.



Christian Service

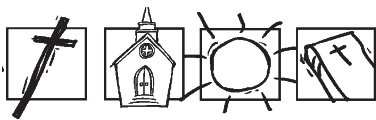


Save the Dates! May 20 and 21

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 or 860-633-6604) or Suzanne Schwartz (stonehill126@gmail.com or 860-430-1350). Thank you!

Our "Good Samaritans!"

The First Church family has many talented people, and some of these talents include "handyperson" skills and abilities. Our "Good Samaritan" group is 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 is something they would be able and willing to take on, at no charge, please contact David Taylor or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden.



General Info Corner



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.

Prayer Corner



Prayers of Joy:

For our newest First Church members Linda Beauchemin, Rob Cork, Jennifer and Quinten LaChapelle, Courtney MacDonald, and Aaron and Jacquelyn Mumford, received in membership at our worship service held on April 10.

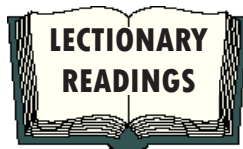
Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Barbara Harding Audrey Hernandez
Lois Harwick Chris Hernandez

Prayers of sympathy to:

Family and friends of Bob Johnson, who died on April 3 at Hartford Hospital. Bob was a Golden Member, having joined in 1964. Throughout his years since then, Bob was active in numerous activities and church ministries: Church School Superintendent, Caring Ministries, Deacons, Health Cabinet, and Sunday Morning Drivers. He was often quick to help out in our church rummage sales and as an usher or greeter for Sunday services. A memorial service in celebration of his life was held here on April 9.

Nancy and Norman Higgins on the recent death of their brother-in-law (Nancy's sister Ann's husband), Eugene Carney, of West Hartford.



May 1, 2016 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9; Psalm 67

May 8, 2016 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21;
John 17:20-26; Psalm 97

May 15, 2016 - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27); Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

May 22, 2016 - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5;
John 16:12-15; Psalm 8

May 29, 2016 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39; Psalm 96 or
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96:1-9;
Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

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

WELCOME OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

April 10, 2016

Sunday, April 10, was a very exciting day in the life of our church! The Church Growth and Membership Committee would like to join our entire congregation in welcoming all of our newest members, listed below.



Linda Beauchemin (41 Nina's Way, Manchester, 860-803-5024) Linda had joined First Church in 1986 and served on the Board of Lay Life and Ministry from 1986-1989. After a long hiatus, she is rejoining today and will be serving on that Board once again. Now a retired Registered Nurse, she enjoys genealogy, photography, travel and social activities.



Rob Cork (11 Wolf Den Drive, Unit 1, Pomfret Center, 571-278-8741) Rob works as a Client Relationship Manager for Community Health Charities in Rocky Hill and also has a home in Virginia. He enjoys space exploration and aviation. His special interest and talents are in theatre production and acting, having served as a drama team leader in his former church.



Jennifer and Quinten LaChapelle (81 Leland Drive, Manchester, 860-268-3497) Jenn and Quint were both involved in the youth group at their former church. They have a son, Nathan, who was born in September 2015. Jenn is employed by United Health Group and enjoys horseback riding, camping and skiing. Quint is a Quality Inspector for TOMZ Corp. and calls himself a "jack of all trades," working on carpentry and woodworking projects in his spare time.

Courtney MacDonald (202 Ferry Lane, South Glastonbury, 860-652-8995) Courtney has been coming to First Church since she and her husband, Jeff, moved to South Glastonbury in 2000. She has enjoyed getting involved in Foodshare and loves hearing her two children, Finlay and Tatum, singing in the Cantabile Choir.

Aaron and Jacquelyn Mumford (257 Ludlow Road, Manchester, 860-288-4337) Joining in absentia, Aaron and Jackie were drawn to First Church for its worship, music, adult education opportunities and children's and youth ministries. Jackie enjoys ballet and arts/crafts. Aaron enjoys woodworking and travel. They both have a background in finance.

SILVER (40 years+) and



GOLD MEMBERS (50 years+)

On May 1, we will honor and recognize those who have been members of First Church for 40 years or more. We honor them for the blessing of their service to God and to First Church. Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, in Schultz Hall, we will hold the Annual Brunch prepared for them and their guests by the Board of Lay Life and Ministry.

GOLD MEMBERS

- 1941 Marion Hallas
- 1944 Robert Nystrom
- 1946 Jane Nystrom
Carol Ruff
- 1950 Susan Motycka
- 1953 Shirley Bailey
Winston Bailey
Frederick Bruening
Mary Gavin
Janis Jackson
Patricia Weibust
- 1954 Eva Bowden
Robert Bowden
- 1955 Helen Behrens
Pat Norton
- 1956 Jean Greene
Joe Greene
Robert Pikula
Barbara Thompson
- 1957 Sandee Brown
Donald Keller
Eileen Oldman
Aaltje Rovers
- 1958 Lois Charron
Robert Charron
Barbara Fletcher
Althea Heacock
Janet Shannon
Robert Shannon
- 1959 Donna Chatterton
Fred Henrikson
Bruce Lester
- 1960 Miriam Oberz
- 1961 Elsie Bauer
George Dolde
Jean Haberman
Janice Habicht
Donna Henrikson
Phyllis Knickerbocker
Gary Lawrence
Shirley Lawrence
David Motycka
Thia Paternoster
Elio Paternoster
- 1962 Joanne Connolly
- 1963 John Hill, Jr.
Ann Rogers
- 1964 Eleanor Chapman
Lois Gamer

- Georgia Grunder
Walther Grunder
Edward Stewart
- 1965 Becky Glezen
John Glezen
Heather Pulito

NEWEST GOLD MEMBERS

- 1966 Tom Andrew
Barbara Bailey
Lynne Campbell
Susan Dixon
Nadine Lester
John Manion
Mary Reitze
Judith Tomlinson
Richard Tomlinson

SILVER MEMBERS

- 1967 Jay Brown
Kay Earle
Scott Olenick
Susan Phillips
Janice Raff
Doris Rudd
- 1968 Susan Carpenter
John McNab
Della Schultz
- 1969 Brad Benson
Linda Cook
Barbara Jenkins
Robert Jenkins
Blanche Marlow
Lester Marlow
Barbara Parker
Clem Pontillo
Frank Reichenbach
Judy Reichenbach
Norma Vaughn
- 1970 Isabel Higgins
Al Reid
Corrinne Reid
Warren Viele
- 1971 Carolyn Blackmore
Martha Leland
Robert Pulito
Gil Spencer
- 1972 Albert Birrell
James Conner
Marti Curtiss

- Nancy Dixon
Jennie Elliott
Doris Hoffenberg
Roberta Jaime
Charlotte Mowry
Wes Mowry
Ann Voorhis
- 1973 Judy Arth
Lucia Focht
Michel Gifford
Nancy Jefferson
Debbie Korper
Les Korper
Janet Pikula
Willard Pinney, Jr.
Earl Thompson
Sylvia Thompson
- 1974 Eva Berch
Michael Berch
Richard Bowden
Robert Hoyt
Sarah Kelly
Ernest Mandeville
Harriett Mandeville
Paula Tripp
Peter Tripp
- 1975 Nancy Bailey
Janet Bassilakis
Susie Bragdon
Marian Huepper
Steven Huepper
Marjorie Juul
Kim Kowsz
Beverly McGraw
Jackie Pancavage
Ed Smith
Margaret Smith

NEWEST SILVER MEMBERS

- 1976 Donald Boehler
Pat Boehler
Shirley Cole
Kathy Nussbaum
Shelby Nussbaum
William Rishell, II
Brenda Sperry
Kathleen Tambling
Philip Tambling

Sunday Morning Worship

May 1 **Sixth Sunday of Easter** (services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.)
Holy Communion, Gold and Silver Member Brunch
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching
4:30 p.m. *Spark! Service*



Season of Celebration, May 8 – June 12, One Service at 10:00 a.m.

May 8 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Justice Celebration Sunday, Youth Mission Trippers

May 15 **Pentecost Sunday**
Confirmation Sunday
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching

May 22 **Trinity Sunday**
Music Celebration Sunday
David Taylor preaching

May 29 **Second Sunday of Pentecost**
Memorial Day Weekend, David Taylor preaching

June 5 **High School Senior Celebration Sunday**
Faith & Faithfulness Awards
4:30 p.m. *Spark! Service*

June 12 **Childrens' Celebration Sunday**



Summer Worship, June 19 – September 4, One Service 9:00 a.m.

