



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

Member of the United Church of Christ
An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033
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Television Ministry: **LIVING THE WORD**,
 Sundays, 7:30 a.m. and noon, Cox Cable Channel 15
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Today at First Church






April 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service*
 10:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
 (*Commissioning of Youth Mission Trippers*)
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 11:00 a.m. Interfaith Friendship Initiative, Lehman Library
 11:15 a.m. Tours of Hale House leaving from Schultz Hall



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are starting Unit 7, "Teach Us How to Pray," 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 Nicole Wronski
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley

Explore students (grades 6-8) will attend the service together today.

Preschool is in Room 105.
 Puppet Troupe is in 302/303.

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.)

Youth Mission Trip Blog: Follow the volunteer work and adventures of our Mission Trippers as they learn about refugees, immigrants, migrants and others on the move in DC this week - <http://shfindc2016.blogspot.com/>.

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.



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.



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 on 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.

Rummage Sale 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 (stonehillz6@gmail.com or 860-430-1350). Thank you!



2016 Membership Directory

The 2016 membership directory has been updated and limited copies are available in the church office. Please contact the office if you would like a copy emailed to you. This directory contains information for all our active members, and should be used for church purposes only. Thank you.



The
Interfaith Friendship
Initiative

Presents . . .
**An Introduction
to Islamic
Beliefs and Practices**

with Guest Speaker, **Dr. Reza Mansoor**,
president of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford

Sunday, April 24, 12:00 p.m.

A continuing series of explorations of many faiths
This session is a chance to deepen your understanding of
Islam, the faith of many of your neighbors and friends.
We invite you to join the conversation.

Dr. Mansoor is President of the Islamic
Association of Greater Hartford,
advisory board member of MSA-CT
Council, and founding president of
MCCT. He is First Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of
Hartford Seminary.



Join us for a lively and enlightening gathering!
All are welcome!

Please RSVP to the church office at 860-633-4641.

Free to the public. Refreshments provided.

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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 or **come to our table
during coffee hour on May 15!**



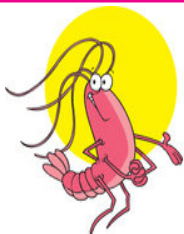
For Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs, August 21-24

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs
will attend Choir Camp 2015 from **August
21-24** at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton,
CT. 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 and choir
room. Please contact Angela Salcedo ([angelasalcedo@
glastonburyfirst.org](mailto: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.



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 18, 2016

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:30 a.m. Potpourri, Kitchen
9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Search Committee,
Lehman Library

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
Group, Lehman Library
9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers

Thursday, April 21, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study
Group, Lehman Library
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. Search Committee,
Lehman Library

Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
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10:15 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
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Committee, Lehman Library
12:00 p.m. Interfaith Friendship Initiative
Event: Introduction to Islam
Speaker, Schultz Hall



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

Women's Theological Reflection Group on April 20!

We invite all interested First Church women to join us on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss a variety of faith questions, reflect on our personal journeys and share friendship and community. We hope to see you from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the Lehman Library. Please contact Lynn Baronas at 860-543-3301 or lbaronal@gmail.com with questions.

Covenant to Care for Children: Bike Helmets and Furniture 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. We are looking for two adult-sized and two child-sized (not toddler) helmets (gently used or new) to get those kids moving and having fun!! We are also in need of a used dresser and four kitchen chairs. If you can help, please call Lorie Martin, Board of Christian Service, at 860-430-5398. Thanks for your generosity!



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*

Andrew Wicks, *Interim Director of Junior High Ministries*

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