



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

Member of the United Church of Christ
An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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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 24, 2016

- 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. Vacation Bible School Committee, Lehman Library
- 12:00 p.m. Interfaith Friendship Initiative Event: Introduction to Islam
 Speaker, Schultz Hall



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in 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>	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Tammy Gillespie

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.



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.

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!



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 (stonehill126@gmail.com or 860-430-1350). Thank you!





The
Interfaith Friendship
Initiative

TODAY!! 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.

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Schultz Hall

Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School



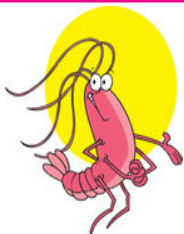
Volunteers from First Church have been helping kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford with basic reading skills. We hope to encourage their love of reading by spending time with each child reading books, talking about what excites them and what they have learned from the stories. 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.

Are You Ready for Camp?

Registration for summer 2016 at Silver Lake Conference Center is open. Check out the Silver Lake website (<http://silverlakeect.org>) to find conferences for 4th through 12th graders, CIT training weekend, biking adventures, the National Youth Event, a trip to Mexico with Simply Smiles, and more! It's all waiting for you!

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 25, 2016

Off-site Serve lunch through Hands on
Hartford at Center City Church
6:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship,
Youth Room

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class:
Credo Study Hall, Youth Room

Thursday, April 28, 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
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 30, 2016

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4:00 p.m. Kids' Night In/Parents' Night Out

Sunday, May 1, 2016

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
11:20 a.m. Board of Christian Education,
Lehman Library
11:30 a.m. Silver/Gold Brunch, Schultz Hall
4:30 p.m. Spark! Service & Child Care

Food Collection

First Church has 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 to Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). **In April, we're collecting pasta sauce, jelly, cereal and other items people are willing to donate.** Thanks!



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.

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*

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Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

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