

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

Member of the United Church of Christ
An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Today at First Church






May 1, 2016

8:00 a.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>
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
11:30 a.m.	Silver & Gold Members' Brunch, Schultz Hall
1:00 p.m.	Foodshare Walk Against Hunger, Hartford (registration 12:30 p.m.)
4:30 p.m.	<i>Spark! Service & Child Care</i>
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



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>	Games Room 110 Ann Hadley
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Movie Room 102 Emily Daigle
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Art Room 103 Nicole Wronski

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.)

Walk Against Hunger TODAY!

Foodshare's 33rd Annual Walk Against Hunger *today* 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 today, and registration at the event begins at 12:30 p.m.** Contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 to carpool.

Need a 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 *this week*. With your help we can reach our challenge goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your support!

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!

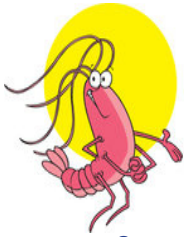


Carol's Closet Collection

Carol's Closet, a paper pantry, was started by the faithful members of St. James Episcopal Church, and the Board of Christian Service has been supportive of this project. The paper pantry serves the elderly and low income families of Glastonbury who do not have the resources to purchase paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, Depends, shampoo, soap, and other personal items. It was recently brought to our Board's attention that there is significant need for incontinence products. The Board of Christian Services would like your help collecting **men's and women's incontinence products, as well as toilet paper** (preferably the 4-pack). There will be a **collection box in the back lobby through the month of May**. Thanks!

Welcome the Stranger!

The global community has witnessed the worst refugee crisis since World War II. The natural human and faith response 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. 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. Please support our Resettlement Committee, and please welcome God's beloved children, with a generous gift. Please make your check out to "First Church" with "Refugee Resettlement" on the memo line.



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!

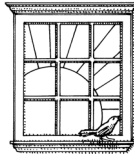
**Saturday, May 14, 2016
 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Schultz Hall**

**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

2016 Pentecost Offering



Pentecost is Sunday, May 15. This year the Pentecost offering will be used for new windows for the Youth Room. Those wishing to contribute to this needed and important project can find special Pentecost envelopes in the church pews, in your offering boxes, or by simply noting "Pentecost" in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for giving!

Your Board of Trustees

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) if you are interested in chaperoning.

Choir Camp

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

ELM CITY GIRLS' CHOIR



***New Haven's Premiere
 Female A Cappella Choir***

**Saturday, June 4, 2016
 7:30 p.m.**

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

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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.

This Week at First Church

Monday, May 2, 2016

5:45 p.m. Youth Board, Lehman Library
 6:00 p.m. MID Leadership, Room 204
 6:00 p.m. Spark! Meeting, Quiet Room
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 202

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
 6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Lehman Library
 7:00 p.m. Refugee Committee, Room 202

Thursday, May 5, 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

Sunday, May 8, 2016 *Mother's Day*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112

Vacation Bible School August 1 – 5

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!

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** (Service at 10:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. *Spark!* Service)
Faith & Faithfulness Awards
- June 12 **Childrens' Celebration Sunday**



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*

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Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

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