



# The REMINDER

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

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## June 2016

Dear Friends,



2183 Main Street. [www.glastonburyfirst.org](http://www.glastonburyfirst.org). 860.633.4641. Sunday morning.

How easy it would be to use a few computer strokes to "Delete" that line. And so, what would happen if 2183 Main Street, First Church, 633.4641, and Sunday morning were to somehow vanish - poof! - from our lives and from our world?

It has been written that a church exists to worship God and to work for God's reign of justice and peace. But then, the sage writer goes on in this fashion,

**The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform.**

The world would be much poorer without 2183. And each of us would be much poorer without 2183.

During the "church year" now drawing to a close, this family of faith has encouraged, built, prayed, learned, taught, set examples and challenges and performed urgent tasks.

The most urgent task it has performed??? **Loved. Loved God. Loved one another. Loved the world. Loved people in need.**



That's why 2183 is here. That's why you and I are here. **To love, and love, and love some more.**

Thanks be to God for all that we have accomplished together over the past nine months. Now we have three months of a few more burgers and salmon on the grill, a few more afternoons in a hammock, a few more hours of visiting a national park, a few more dips in a cool refreshing lake, a few more sandy feet to rinse off, a few more bike rides, a few more ball games or band concerts to attend.



2183...While all of us are renewed, refreshed, and reinvigorated by the gift of summer, may we always remember that 2183 is still here to encourage, build, pray, learn, teach, be an example and face challenges. May we always remember there are urgent tasks of feeding starving children and welcoming the stranger. May we always remember the urgent task to love God and to love one another!

Wishing you and those you love a joyous, safe and happy summertime,

## 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 Service at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. starting June 19

Church School: 9:15 a.m.

Childcare is provided

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**THE REMINDER submission deadline:**  
Friday, June 10: July 2016 issue

## Search for Director of Children and Youth Ministries Underway

The Search Committee appointed to fill our Children and Youth Ministries position is continuing to meet on a regular basis. We have interviewed seven candidates, three of whom are still under consideration. Our interim staff is all set through this program year, and it is our hope that our new Director will start this summer.

Serving on the Committee, in addition to Kate and David, are Jake Anderson, Michael Couture, Danae Dwyer, Gail Gagnon, Judy Harding, Cecilia Krause, Ellen McNab, Sally Riddell, Bruce Sill, Nicole Wronski, Alex Richter, Alex Kimmel and Diana Ruddick (Chair). Please feel free to contact any member of the Search Committee.

## Refugee Resettlement Update

First Church's planning to host a refugee family is continuing on multiple fronts. First, the Committee is excited to announce that our \$6,000 funding goal has been reached and exceeded, thanks to First Church's generous supporters. Meanwhile, volunteers are being organized into ten groups (housing, furnishings, healthcare, ESOL, employment, etc.) according to areas of interest.

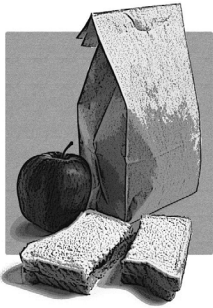
Great progress has been made in collecting and temporarily storing furnishings for the refugees' apartment. Special thanks go to First Church members and friends for the donations, and to the Committee volunteers and Good Samaritans who turned out in droves recently to move almost an entire apartment's furnishings on a cold, rainy late Friday afternoon. By early June, the Committee expects to complete planning and give the "Green Light" to let IRIS know we're ready to take in a family. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact committee co-chairs John Dugan (860-659-2193) or Rosemary Richter (860-633-2320).

## Sunday, June 5, 4:30 p.m.



Join us as we come together for a time of fellowship and worship! All are welcome! Our service on **June 5** will include prayer, scripture, music and communion. Focusing on the

topic "*Compassion: Just Do It!*," this service will challenge us all to think about ways we are called to be faithful and loving disciples. The **Spark!** Band will be our music leaders, and together we will sing a variety of songs, including *Blessed Be Your Name*, *They'll Know We Are Christians*, *You Are My All in All* and *Mighty to Save*. After the service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and food (soup and bread) in Schultz Hall.

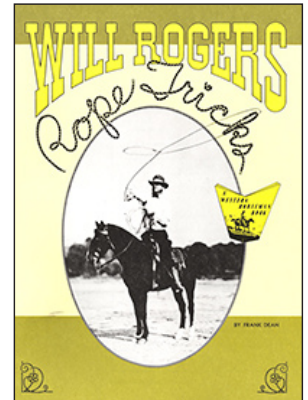


## **BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

Our popular brown bag lunches return this summer for more fun opportunities for you to learn about your fellow parishioners! Bring a packed lunch and head over to Schultz Hall on June 15, July 13 and August 17 from noon – 1:15 p.m. We'll provide the dessert, beverages and a guest speaker! Each month will feature a different church member offering a presentation on an exciting topic. Check out the speakers below.

### **Wednesday, June 15 – Rob Cork** *Will Rogers Appears at First Church!*

Will Rogers' wisecracking, folksy humor and topical philosophical observations made him one of America's most popular entertainers throughout the long days of the Great Depression. Rob Cork, who recently joined First Church, recreates the rope-twirling and slyly grinning comedian in select moments from some of his stage and radio performances. Rob, who is also the artistic director of Kaleidoscope Theatre Company in Alexandria, VA, is delighted to reintroduce Will Rogers and his one-man show to our First Church audience!



### **Wednesday, July 13 – Andrew Wicks** *Journeying Through Israel*

The Holy Land is one of the most sacred, and contested places on earth. Sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews, it's filled with people from around the earth seeking a connection to the divine. Every hillside, every stone, every river is a witness to thousands of years of history. Come hear about Andrew Wicks' pilgrimage and his 10 days in the Holy Land.

### **Wednesday, August 17 – George Norman** *What's Life Like Aboard a Sub, You Ask?*

George Norman retired from the Navy after 27 years, where he served on five submarines and was the Captain of two Ohio class subs. He will talk about life on a submarine to include the daily routine, how the crew learns to get along (and how they handle it when they don't), what they do for entertainment, how they manage their separation from family, how they manage their spiritual well-being and a host of other topics.



## **Sunday Morning Worship**

*Season of Celebration, One Service at 10:00 a.m.*

- 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**     **Children's Celebration Sunday**

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

# Shrimp Boil and Silent Auction Success

On the evening of Saturday, May 14, approximately 100 members and friends gathered in Schultz Hall at First Church to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and fundraising to support mission activities of the church. Items for the silent auction were donated by church members and friends, by church Boards, and by local businesses. Winning bids on these donations provide a means to underwrite the costs of the adult/alumni and youth mission trips of our church and to make a direct donation to the Back Bay Mission of Biloxi, Mississippi. Several of the attendees had traveled to Biloxi to assist in rebuilding homes in the coastal region damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.



Schultz Hall was decorated in a Gulf Coast theme, and the dinner featured a garden salad, delightfully flavored boiled shrimp, macaroni and cheese, and a variety of desserts. High school-aged young people enthusiastically served the various tables. Tips provided to the servers became part of the evening's proceeds. Dr. Ron Kimmel served as emcee for the event. We were honored to have Dr. Alice Graham, Executive Director of the Back Bay Mission, as a special guest at the event.



Brian Thompson, leader of the silent auction, challenged guests to compete in the silent auction for the 100



exciting items donated. Many of the attendees responded with generous bids. The profit from tickets sales, tips, direct donations and auctioned items exceeded the \$10,000 made in last year's event.

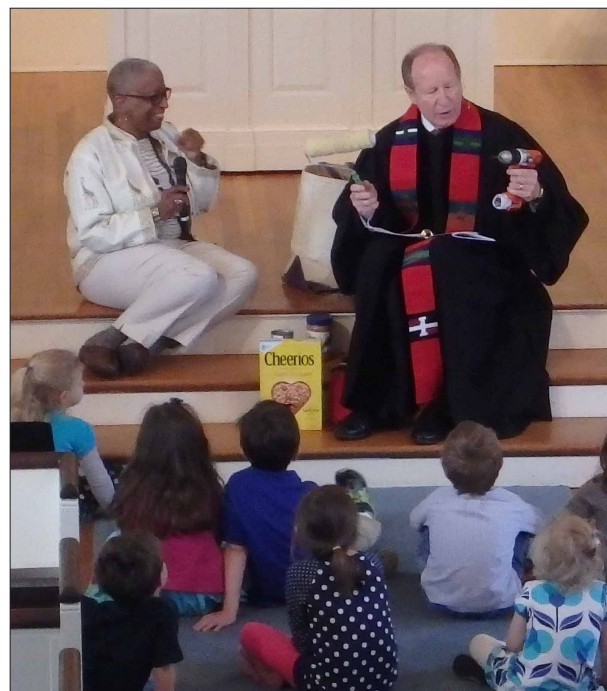
We were thrilled with the outcome and the enthusiasm of the participants. We thank all who contributed to the success of the

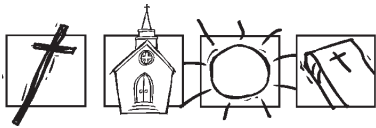
evening. We plan to repeat the dinner and auction again next year. The 5th annual event is scheduled for May 20, 2017. Save the date!



The organizing committee operated under the auspices of the Boards of Christian Service and Youth Ministry and consisted of Sharon Conway, Donna Daniels, Sharon LaFargue, John McNab, Rita Rehm, Diana Ruddick, Suzanne Schwartz, Meg Seitz, Rick Standish, Brian Thompson and Earl Thompson. John and

Karen Dugan assisted in the meal preparation. Ruth Miller was a key helper in the cleanup during and after the dinner.

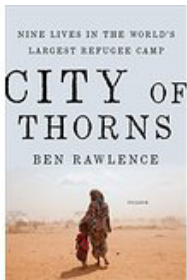




# Adult Opportunities



## Thursday Morning Study Group



The month of June will find the Thursday Morning Study Group with three questions to consider. First, on **June 2 and 9** they will look at the current refugee problems by using *City of Thorns* by Ben Rawlence as a study of nine lives in the world's largest refugee camp. Second, they will consider a small portion of Vincent Van Gogh's religious life by using the novel *The Season of Migration* by Nellie Herman on **June 16** as a reference. And third, they will ask what might it have been like on the Japanese side during WWII by using the novel *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twang Eng as a basis for discussion. Meetings are held in the **Lehman Library nearly every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome to participate in the discussions even if the text has not been read. For more information, please email Forbes Warren at [fwarren2@cox.net](mailto:fwarren2@cox.net).

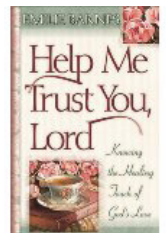
## Biography Book Group



The Biography Book Group will be on summer break until September, when we invite you to join us to discuss *Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism* by John Norris. This is an “entertaining biography of the trailblazing Washington columnist and first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Mary McGrory achieved national syndication and reported on American politics for five decades. From her first assignment reporting on the Army–McCarthy hearings to her Pulitzer-winning coverage of Watergate and controversial observations of President Bush after September 11, McGrory humanized the players on the great national stage while establishing herself as a uniquely influential voice. Behind the scenes she flirted, drank, cajoled, and jostled with the most important figures in American life, breaking all the rules in the journalism textbook (*Amazon.com*).” We’ll meet to enjoy an informal discussion of this book on **Tuesday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lehman Library**. Call or email Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452 or [miguel.escalera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miguel.escalera@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

## 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).



## Women’s Theological Reflection Group

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. In the past, we discussed prayer, healing, faith journeys, doing justice, finding quiet time, our addiction to hurrying and gratitude. We often circulate short articles of interest to those who attend, but there is no homework - the resources we share are for those who wish to learn more about the topic before we meet. We hope to see you at one of our gatherings from **8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the Lehman Library**. Please contact Lynn Baronas at 860-543-3301 or [baronas@hartford.edu](mailto:baronas@hartford.edu) for further information.

## 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!

# Prayer Shawl Ministry: Worldwide Knitting in Public Day

On **Saturday, June 18**, a group of knitters from our Prayer Shawl Ministry group will be gathering for **Worldwide Knitting in Public Day**, a day when knitters from around the world gather in their neighborhoods to knit in a public space. We invite anyone from our church who knits or wants to learn how to knit to join us for what we expect will be a fun event! We will gather **on the green in Glastonbury at Hebron Avenue and Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** You can come and go as you please. Rain location to be determined. Please contact Liz Webb (860-593-7831) or Judy Burr at (860-643-9368) for details or go to the Knitting in Public website, [www.wkipday.com](http://www.wkipday.com).

Knitters and crocheters will gather for their regular meeting on **Monday, June 20, 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.



## Summer Church School 2016!

This summer all children will have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. Our children will learn about important Bible stories through fun, hands-on activities. **Summer Church School will begin on Sunday, June 19.** Childcare will be provided throughout the summer as well! If you are interested in volunteering for a two-week unit, please contact Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org). Thank you!



All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 205.

Date	Unit	Station	Main Idea
19-Jun	Noah's Ark	Art	The Bible story of a faithful man named Noah reminds us that God loves all creations and that God made a special Covenant with Noah and all living things.
26-Jun		Science	

### Children's Ministries Calendar

#### Sunday, June 5

Rehearsal for Children's Celebration Sunday  
Grades 6, 7 and 8 will host a bake sale during coffee hour

#### Sunday, June 12

Children's Celebration Sunday  
Puppet Troupe and Cherub Choir perform

#### 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

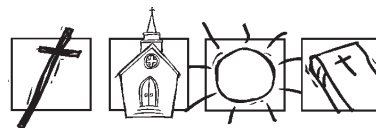
Vacation Bible School here at First Church!

### Children's Celebration Sunday

During our worship service on **Sunday, June 12**, we will celebrate our children and all of the wonderful volunteers involved in our Church School program. There will be no Church School that day as children will be participating in many aspects of the service. On **Sunday, June 5, the week prior, we will hold a rehearsal during our regular Church School time.** If you have any questions about Children's Celebration Sunday, please contact Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org).



# 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.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org).



Please note that the monies collected in the envelopes with this logo are used to support the Church School's mission project. We ask that you consider having your child give \$1 each week to help other children who are desperately in need. Thank you.

## Vacation Bible School



**August 1 – 5, 2016**

**8:45 a.m. – noon**

**4 yr olds\* through 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Leadership opportunities available for 6th graders & up**

**\$35/week; \$70 family maximum**

**\$10/week for 6th – 8th graders**

**Financial assistance available**

Visit our website at  
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or contact Meredith Krauss  
at [meredana@aol.com](mailto:meredana@aol.com)

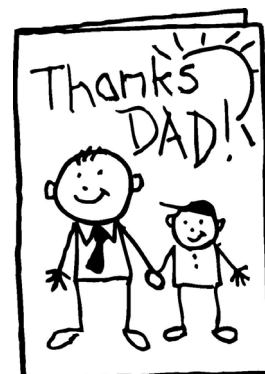
*\*Children must be 4 years old by 8/1/2016*

## Want to Know what Dads and Grandpas Really Want for Father's Day?

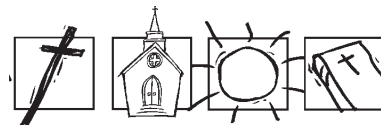
He may enjoy a donation to the Church School mission project in his honor! With a focus on creating safe and secure places for Hartford's low-income families,

*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 festive Father's Day packaging, available during coffee hour or at the church office **the weeks of June 5 and June 12**. With your help we can reach our challenge goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your support!



# Youth Ministry



**PRAYERS FOR NEW DRIVERS**



## *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](mailto:jennygiguere@cox.net)) and join us for a special blessing and receive a First Church SHF keepsake. Hope to see you there!



# 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.

**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.



**Monday, June 13:** Reverse Rally Day!

## Celebrating our Confirmands!

On **May 15**, we confirmed sixteen of our First Church youth. During the worship service, each young person was called forward for a special blessing. Family, friends and others who have been a part of the confirmand's faith journey were invited to lay their hands on the youth while a prayer was said. *God bless these young people!*

*Robin Lee Chiburis  
Kelly Dawn Eagen  
Eric Alexander Grin  
Elliot Theodore Hokunson  
Sadie Grace Jackson  
Douglas Charles Jones, Jr.*

*Stephen Michael Kohs  
Zachary Ferguson Manto  
Spencer Stephen Miller  
Ashley Christine Priest  
Alexander Howarth Richter  
Kaari Dalen Scaglia*

*Jack David Sevigny  
Elizabeth Anne Sill  
Grace Marie Sparrow  
Kaitlyn Louise Vigeant*



# Music Ministry



## Recent Ribbon Advancements

Congratulations Christian Guerra and Finlay MacDonald for receiving their “Dark Blue Ribbon” and to Maddie Cline for earning her “Light Blue Ribbon” as part of the Royal School of Church Music Program awards. Each ribbon color represents the various levels of musicianship achieved by the chorister according to the following graded program: Light Blue (Level 1); Dark Blue (Level II); Red (Level III); Purple (Level IV); and Black (Level V).



Christian



Finlay



Maddie





# 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 \$250, 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](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org)) if you are interested in chaperoning.



## Special Recognition on Music Celebration Sunday

During Music Celebration Sunday on May 22, many parishioners, young and old, who participate in the great variety of singing and bell choirs, were recognized for the beautiful music they contribute to worship services all year long.

### 20-Year Plaque

Peter Richter

### 10-Year Plaques

Emily Sill  
Caroline Thompson  
Kate Wilson

### 5-Year Trophies

Kristian Garrity  
Jamie Martin

### Choristers Earning a New Ribbon This Year

Noah Carrera (LB)  
Maddie Cline (LB)  
Liza Giguere (DB)  
Christian Guerra (DB)  
Finlay MacDonald (DB)  
Jamie Martin (DB)  
Kayla St. Laurent (LB)  
Valerie St. Laurent (LB)

### 2016-17 Head Choristers

Noah Carrera (Cantate)  
Tatum MacDonald (Cantabile)  
Christian Guerra (Cantabile)

### 2016-17 Head Ringer

Liza Giguere (Mallets)

### Receiving Hymnals

Maddie Cline  
Juliana Pederson  
Kayla St. Laurent  
Valerie St. Laurent  
Olivia Standish  
Anna Stone

### Excellent Attendance

Sean Donovan (Cantabile)  
Liza Giguere (Cantabile)  
Kristian Garrity (Cantate)  
Christian Guerra (Cantabile)  
Gretta Hartman (Mallets)  
Meredith Jones (Mallets)  
Tatum MacDonald  
(Cantate/Mallets)  
Zack Manto (Mallets)  
Alexander Richter (Mallets)  
Elizabeth Sill (Mallets)  
Valerie St. Laurent (Cantate)



### Graduating Seniors

Meredith Jones  
Yerim Lee  
Genny Norman

## Family Night Out with our Choirs June 17 in New Britain



The Cantate and Cantabile Choirs are scheduled to sing the national anthem at the New Britain Bees on **Friday, June 17 at 6:35 p.m.** One hundred tickets have been reserved for our congregation for a fun family night out. The tickets are \$5 per person. Please email [angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org) to reserve your tickets or see a music board member at the Music Board table during coffee hour.



# Music Ministry



## Mallets and Jubilate Ringers in Recent Handbell Festival



The Mallets and Jubilate Ringers participated in a Handbell Festival on **Sunday, March 6** at St. Mary's Church in Willimantic. Thank you to Peggy Hartman for organizing this event, which was a fundraiser for the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ

Competition sponsored by the Northeastern Connecticut Chapter of the AGO. Their performance was well received as reported by the *Willimantic Chronicle*. They hope to participate in more festivals like this one to promote this joyful ministry.

## Choirs Break for Summer

The dates listed below will be the choirs' last rehearsals before summer break.

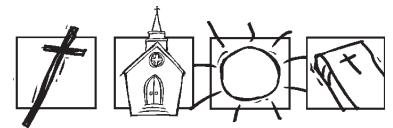
**Chancel Choir:**  
**May 26** (final Thursday) and  
**June 5** (final Sunday)



**Cherub Choir:**  
**June 5**



# 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.*

## 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 June, we're asking for contributions of canned vegetables, sauce, pasta and other items people are willing to donate. Please bring food that is not expired or open. Thanks for your help!**



## 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 (June 8 and 22)** in our back parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering (adults, youth and children are welcome), contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

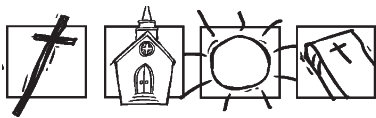
## Our "Good Samaritans!"



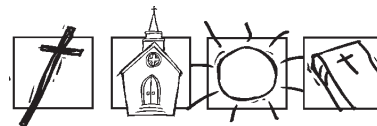
The First Church family of faith has many talented people, and some of these talents include "handyperson" skills and abilities. Our "Good Samaritan" group is up and running, and they are willing to help individuals in the congregation who might be having trouble finding the right people or the adequate resources to do the job – various "odd" jobs around the house or yard. If you are interested in seeing if your household task or project is something they would be able and willing to take on, at no charge, please contact David Taylor or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden.



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.



# General Info Corner



## Helping With Summer Pastoral Care

Assisting Kate, Gordon and David with pastoral care – hospital, home and nursing home visitation – for this summer while vacations are happening will be Sally Brown.

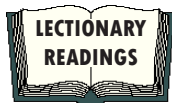
Sally and her husband, Roger, joined First Church last year, following in the footsteps of their son, Jonathan, daughter-in-law, Rebecca, and grandchildren, Emily and Christopher. Sally – a former English teacher, tutor, preschool teacher, church administrator – was ordained as a Minister in the United Church of Christ by the CT Conference in 2003 and then installed as the Associate Minister of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Ocala by the Florida Conference. Being in a church of mostly retired people, Sally had many opportunities for visiting parishioners in their homes, health care centers, and hospitals. Sally earned her Master of Divinity degree Yale Divinity School and did her chaplaincy internship at Hartford Hospital.

Presently, Sally enjoys belonging to the Thursday Morning Study Group, the biography book group, and Prayer and Share. Recently, she attended the Women’s Theological Reflection Group and soon will be serving on the Church Growth and Membership Committee. A lifelong learner from people and books, Sally looks forward to this opportunity for service here at First Church!

### 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



#### June 5, 2016 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Psalm 146;  
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

#### June 12, 2016 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a;  
Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

#### June 19, 2016 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43;  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

#### June 26, 2016 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;  
Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

## Prayer Corner



### Prayers of Joy:

For the safe return of our youth and advisors from their recent mission trip to Washington, DC. On May 8, the youth led our worship service so all present could hear their stories.

For Della Schultz in sharing the news of the birth of her great-granddaughter, Siena Elizabeth Faber, on April 17 in Boston. Siena is the daughter of Scott and Lauren Faber, and granddaughter of Leslie (Schultz) and Stephen Faber.

For Valerie and Miguel Escalera on the birth of their second granddaughter, Rosa Caroline Canino, born on May 1 in Maine. Rosa is the daughter of Lindsey (Escalera) and Teo Canino and sister to Emma.

For Alison and Bryce Grissom on the birth of their son, James Kelly Grissom, born on May 7. James joins his sister, Elisabeth, and brother, Bill, at home.

### Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Barbara Harding      Audrey Hernandez  
Lois Harwick         Chris Hernandez

### Prayers of sympathy to:

Robbie, Kara, and Jaclyn Landauer on the death of Daniel Landauer on April 17. A First Church member since 1999, Dan served as a Deacon, Explore Advisor and a Church School teacher throughout the years. His memorial service was held here on April 23.

Katharyn and Vincent Laudone and family on the recent death of Katharyn’s mother, Marcia Glenney.

Donna Daniels on the death of her mother, Frances Schatz, on April 19 in Leesburg, Florida.

Suzy Fisher and family on the recent death of her brother, William Olmstead, in Hampden, Massachusetts.

Rebecca and Bruce Fleahman on the death of Rebecca’s father, Bob Horn, on April 29 in Albany, New York.

Al Reid on the death of his wife, Corrinne Reid, on May 5. Corrinne had been a member here since 1970. Her memorial service was held on May 10 at the Mulryan Funeral Home.

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# First Church Summer Worship Schedule



From Sunday, June 19 through and including Sunday, September 4, one worship service at 9:00 a.m.

## Sunday, June 19

Preacher: Nagy Mishriky  
Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Johan Hartman

## Sunday, June 26

Preacher: David Taylor; Worship Leaders:  
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Lola Elliott-Hugh

## Sunday, July 3

Preachers and Worship Leaders:  
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Wayne Rivera

## Sunday, July 10

Preachers and Worship Leaders:  
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: The *Spark!* Band

## Sunday, July 17

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Ginger Kousen

## Sunday, July 24

Preacher: Don McNiel  
Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Vance Harris  
Guest Organist: David Bradley

## Sunday, July 31

Preacher: SaraJane Munshower  
Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Arwen Norman  
Guest Organist: David Bradley

## Sunday, August 7

Preacher and Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Vance Harris and Elizabeth Flynn

## Sunday, August 14

Preacher: Pam Vollinger  
Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
Special Music: Elizabeth Flynn

## Sunday, August 21

Preacher: Kathy Ciolkosz  
Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Chris Stone

## Sunday, August 28

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Ginger Kousen

## Sunday, September 4

Preacher: SaraJane Munshower  
Worship Leader: David Taylor  
Special Music: Wayne Rivera  
Guest Organist: Suzanne Gates

## Sunday, September 11 - *Homecoming Sunday*

*One service at 10:00 a.m.*

Preacher: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden

Worship Leaders:

David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden

Special Music: Hot Cat Jazz Band

**Church Picnic Following Worship**



### Church School and Childcare

Summer Church School **starts on June 19!** All children age three through eighth graders will have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. Child care will be provided throughout the summer.

### Church Office Summer Hours (June 13 - September 2)

Summer office hours: **Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, and **Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** The office will be **closed on Monday, July 4** in celebration of the holiday. The office will also be **closed on Monday, September 5** in celebration of Labor Day. For emergency pastoral contact after office hours, call 860-633-4641 and press 5.

### Pastoral Coverage

Throughout the summer, depending on their vacation schedules, David Taylor, Kate VanDerzee-Glidden, Gordon Bates and Sally Brown will be providing pastoral care for the church. If at any time you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office, and they will secure the help that you need.

### Summer Newsletter Schedule

The summer schedule for our church newsletter *The Reminder* is as follows: All items are due at 9:00 a.m. on the 10th of the month prior to publication. The deadline for the *Sunday Bulletin* and *Weekly Word* each week will continue to be Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.