

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church






10:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting, Lehman Library
6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room

May 22, 2016



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 8, "Pentecost," 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 Jen Kernisan
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Cooking Room 205 Sandi Philbrook
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Karen Simmons

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.



Please Donate to The Wellness Center

Our Church School Mission Project, *The Children's Wellness Center*, needs your support! We've set a fundraising goal of \$10,000! 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*), through physical education (*large exercise space*) and through encouragement of a joyful childhood (*indoor playground*) – goals that aren't much different from First Church's mission! Thank you for your continued support, and thank you for supporting our children so that they can support Hartford's children.



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!

Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare or Help Deliver Food



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 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.

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). There are baskets at church in the back lobby and in the narthex. **In May, we're asking for contributions of soup, chili, cereal and other items people are willing to donate**. Please be sure the items are not expired or open. Thank you!



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.

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Altar Flowers Requested

Please contact Susan Bonitsky 860-633-7128 or kowsz@juno.com to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments. Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the service.

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 \$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 and choir room. Please contact Angela Salcedo (angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org) if you are interested in chaperoning.

Are You Ready for Camp?

Registration for summer 2016 at Silver Lake Conference Center is open. Check out the Silver Lake website (<http://silverlakect.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!



Sunday, June 5 at 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.

This Week at First Church

Monday, May 23, 2016

6:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship,
Youth Room

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare

Thursday, May 26, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study
Group, Lehman Library

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 27, 2016

6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship
Craigville Retreat

Sunday, May 29, 2016

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



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 for more information.

Book Group Selections

Thursday Morning Study Group: *City of Thorns* by Ben Rawlence (for **June 2 and 9**).

Biography Book Group: *Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism* by John Norris (for **September 13**).



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

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 (Service at 10:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. **Spark!** Service)
Faith & Faithfulness Awards

June 12 Children's 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*

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