

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 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033 860-633-4641

**Television Ministry:** *LIVING THE WORD*, Sundays, 7:30 a.m. and noon, Cox Cable Channel 15

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## <u>Today at First Church</u>

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



## 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.

	Kindergarten & 1st grade pink	Storytelling Room 111 Jen Shannon
	2nd grade yellow	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan
	<u>3rd grade</u> purple	Art Room 103 Jen Kernisan
- T	4th grade red	Cooking Room 205 Amy Dalton-Kay
X	<u>5th grade</u> green	Cooking Room 205 Amy Dalton-Kay

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!

## 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 June, we're asking for contributions of canned vegetables, sauce, pasta and other items people are willing to donate.** Please be sure the items are not expired or open. Thank you!

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### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 1, 2016

To the members of the First Church of Christ, Glastonbury:

You are hereby notified of, and cordially invited to attend, a Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Meetinghouse on Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., to hear and act upon the following matters:

- 1. To hear the report from the Building Committee established for The Micah House and Chapel at The Thomas Hale Homestead and its recommendations for entering into contract(s) for construction of same.
- 2. To hear the report from the Capital Campaign Committee established to fund construction of The Micah House and Chapel at The Thomas Hale Homestead.
- 3. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Church's Executive Committee for funding any shortfall in monies pledged and raised versus monies required.
- 4. To transact any other business relating to the above proper to come before the meeting.
  - Daniel L. Martin, Church Clerk

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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## **Choirs Break for Summer**

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

Chancel Choir: June 5 (final Sunday)

Cherub Choir: June 5

## 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 (<u>http://silverlakect.org</u>) 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 30, 2016

Office closed: Memorial Day

### Tuesday, May 31, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor5:00 p.m. Music Scholarship Auditions, Meetinghouse and Parlor

### Wednesday, June 1, 2016

 5:00 p.m. Music Scholarship Auditions, Meetinghouse and Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting, Meetinghouse

### Thursday, June 2, 2016

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

### Saturday, June 4, 2016

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- 8:30 a.m. Search Committee, Lehman Library 7:00 p.m. Music in the Meetinghouse:
  - Elm City Girls' Choir and Ice-Cream Social

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#### Sunday, June 5, 2016 Worship Service & Child Care 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Church School Cherub Choir, Room 112 11:00 a.m. Bake Sale (6th-8th grade) 11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education, 11:20 a.m. Lehman Library Spark! Service, Meetinghouse 4:30 p.m. Board of Lay Life & Ministry, 5:00 p.m. off-site SH Fellowship Party and New 6:00 p.m. Driver Blessing, Youth Room

## 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 <u>ceadmin@</u> <u>glastonburyfirst.org</u> for more information.



### 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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