



The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

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Today at First Church

July 3, 2016

9:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 205

Summer Church School

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. 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. Thank you!

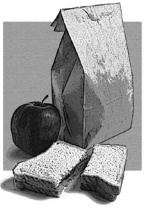
All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 205.

Date	Unit	Station	Main Idea
03-Jul	Rebekah	Movie	Rebekah was a strong and determined woman who was chosen by God. God chooses us, as God chose Rebekah. Like Rebekah, we can show hospitality and kindness to others. God gives us opportunities to serve, and we can recognize these opportunities.
10-Jul		Art	

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). There are two baskets at church (one in the back lobby and one in the narthex) where the food is collected. Please be sure that items are not expired or open. *In June, we're asking for contributions of canned vegetables, sauce, pasta and other items people are willing to donate.* Thank you!

Brown Bag Lunches! Please RSVP to the Church Office



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 July 13 and August 17 from noon – 1:15 p.m.** We'll provide the dessert, beverages and a guest speaker! Please RSVP to the church office at 860-633-4641.

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.



Our Refugee Family is Coming Soon!

As we joyfully announced at worship last Sunday, our refugee resettlement committee has accepted IRIS's offer to sponsor a Syrian refugee family! So, on July 14, our refugee family of seven, including a father, mother and five kids, will be welcomed here in Glastonbury.

Our refugee resettlement committee, led by John Dugan and Rosemary Richter, has been working hard on organizing volunteers into ten groups (housing, furnishings, healthcare, ESOL, employment, etc.) according to their interest. If you are interested in being involved, please contact John at jdugan1967@gmail.com or Rosemary at rosemaryrichter59@gmail.com.

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!

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 or register on our website.

Upcoming Worship Services ***One Service at 9:00 a.m.***

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 McNeil
Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden
Special Music: Vance Harris
Guest Organist: David Bradley

Sunday, July 31

Preacher: Andrew Wicks
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

For Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs, August 21-24

The Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choirs will attend Choir Camp 2016 from August 21-24 at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. A deposit of \$100 to reserve your place was due on June 1. If you have not yet paid this deposit, please do so by July 10. Health and Covenant forms were e-mailed to all the choristers in early June. Please contact contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org if you have not received these forms or if you have any further 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. During the summer months, we will be using the Wednesday devotions from the Upper Room devotional booklet found in the Narthex. We use the questions for that day that are printed in the back of the booklet. All are welcome. For more information please call Donna Smith at 860-633-4428 (feel free to leave a message).



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

This Week at First Church

Monday July 4, 2016

Office is closed for the Holiday

Tuesday July 5, 2016

7:30 am Potpourri, Kitchen

Wednesday July 6, 2016

10:15 am Mobile Foodshare, Parking Lot

Thursday July 7, 2016

6:00 PM Refugee Committee meeting,
Lehman Library

Sunday, July 10, 2016

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care

9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 205

Altar Flowers Requested



Church members are invited to place flower arrangements on the altar. Flowers can be in memory of, in celebration of or in honor of people, events or accomplishments. Susan

Bonitsky can order arrangements from Keser's and have you billed, you can use another florist or you can create your own arrangement. If you are interested, please contact Susan by phone 860-633-7128 or email kowsz@juno.com. Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the second service.

We Need Your Time & Talent!

Time & Talent forms are available in the back lobby and the narthex to fill out if we don't have one on file from you or if your interests have changed. There are so many ways you can help!



Are You Able?

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.

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*

Angela Salcedo, *Director of Music Ministries*

Kathy Ciolkosz, *Administrative Assistant*

Valerie Escalera, *Program Administrator*

Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

Andrew Wicks, *Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries*