



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

October 2, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 8:30 a.m. Board of Lay Life & Ministry, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
- 10:15 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
- 11:20 a.m. Board of Christian Education, Lehman Library
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Shannon Jeroszko
<u>2nd grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Bryce Grissom
<u>3rd grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Bryce Grissom
<u>4th grade</u>	Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel
<u>5th grade</u>	Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel

Attention Parents: We are in Unit 1, "Burning Bush and Other Images of God," and our schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

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 2016-2017 Church School Mission Project, **School Safe Zones**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.



Share Your Gift of Song!

Fall is an excellent time to join one of our various choirs. We offer four graded levels for children who love to sing; youth and adult bell choirs; and the Chancel Choir for adults. ***Caroler Choir needs more members!*** This is a great opportunity for children in second and third grade to learn how to sing and build upon the rudimentary musical skills needed to play other instruments, as well as participate in a larger choral or bell ensemble. Please contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining.

12th Annual Adult Mission Trip

Are you ready to spend a week working to spread God's love on the Gulf Coast? We invite anyone 18 and older to spend a meaningful and fun week with other church folks at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The work is varied, and participants don't have to have construction skills. If you are interested in learning more, look for the green flyer around the church or on the church website or contact Diana Ruddick at 860-463-3049 or dianakate525@gmail.com.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

BRIAN PATTON



“Almost Cool”
A Program of Broadway Tunes
Saturday, November 12, 2016
7:30 p.m.

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

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Stewardship Update

With your prayerful support of First Church's vital and vibrant mission, together we can build the beloved community to share God's beautiful love with one another and with the world! The pledge letters for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign were mailed last week. Please mail your pledge to the church office or put it in the offering plate ***at your earliest convenience, or no later than October 20.*** Please help us exceed our goal of \$750,000! Thank you in advance for your support! ~ The Stewardship Committee

Proportional Giving Chart

If Family Income is:	3% Pledge		5% Pledge	
	Annual Total	Average Per Week	Annual Total	Average Per Week
\$25,000	\$750	\$15	\$1,250	\$24
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$29	\$2,500	\$48
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$43	\$3,750	\$72
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$58	\$5,000	\$96
\$125,000	\$3,750	\$72	\$6,250	\$120
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$87	\$7,500	\$144
\$175,000	\$5,250	\$100	\$8,750	\$168
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$115	\$10,000	\$192
\$250,000	\$7,500	\$144	\$12,500	\$240
\$300,000	\$9,000	\$173	\$15,000	\$288

You Are Invited to a Social Justice Event on October 20

On *Thursday, October 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.*, all are invited to the the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative's next Community Conversation, **Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things: How Glastonbury Residents Have Reached Across Racial, Ethnic, Religious, Economic and Gender Boundaries and Made a Difference, at the Glastonbury Riverfront Community Center.** The goal of this Conversation is to inform and inspire Glastonbury residents to become actively involved in social justice issues by hearing how and why a variety of their neighbors did so. The Conversation will be moderated and facilitated by the Reverend Dick Allen, pastor of the Congregational Church in South Glastonbury. *From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. there will be an informal reception with tables set up for the participants, where they can speak with and provide written materials to the attendees.*

Bloomfield Backpack Project



In partnership with Foodshare and other local churches, we will be providing backpacks filled with 11 pounds of nonperishable food to 100 Bloomfield children in need. *On the second Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.*, we send groups of kids and adults to pack the backpacks for the children. All are welcome at this meaningful mission opportunity!

Contact Meredith Krauss at meredana@aol.com for more information or feel free to sign up on the poster outside of the Christian Education office. The 2016-17 dates are *October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8.* October and November are full. Thank you to our volunteers!

Serve a Meal in Hartford

Four times a year, we provide food and servers for a meal for the hungry in Hartford, starting *Monday, October 10.* To volunteer, please sign up in Schultz Hall during coffee hour or contact Suzanne Schwartz at stonehill126@gmail.com or 860-430-1350.

Help with Our Potato Booth to Support the Mission Trip!

From Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16,



Glastonbury is in the throes of our annual fair – Apple Fest! The Senior High Fellowship will be running our traditional Potato Booth again this year. Stop by for a delicious baked potato, say “hi” to our awesome youth and drop some cash in the tip jar – all proceeds go toward sending our youth on our Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi in April!

We need your help to operate this booth!

Anyone interested in volunteering, both youth and parents, please sign up at the table in Schultz Hall after church or click the link on our website home page. We need help setting up the booth, picking up potatoes, washing them and, of course, staffing the booth throughout the weekend. Families are also asked to bring in a case of bottled water (16.9 oz bottles) in support of our efforts! Please contact Elizabeth Gleich with questions at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org.

What's That Noise at the Back of the Sanctuary?

Our middle school Explore class attends worship services once a month! They will leave after Communion and re-enter before the sermon. We appreciate your understanding as they make their way back into the service.

This Week at First Church

Monday, October 3, 2016

5:45 p.m. Board of Youth Ministry,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
Room 204
7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 202

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Schultz Hall
7:00 p.m. Refugee Resettlement
Committee, Lehman Library

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Church closed until 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir
6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Lehman Library

Thursday, October 6, 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

Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Choir Breakfast, Kitchen and
Schultz Hall

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care*
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10:15 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Reading Changes Lives! Volunteer at Wish School

During the past four years, volunteers from First Church have been helping the kindergarten students at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford with basic reading skills. We encourage their love of reading by spending time with each child reading books, talking about what excites them and what they have learned from the stories. It is rewarding to see their progress! ***Volunteers are asked to spend two hours weekly on a day of their choice.*** We are assigned two students and spend 30 minutes with each child. If you are interested or have questions call Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715 or email at grammasal@att.net.

Church Closed October 5

The church will be closed on ***Wednesday, October 5*** while the staff is on retreat. The church will ***reopen at 4:00 p.m.*** If you may need something that day, please be in touch the day prior. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Second Sunday Book Club

The fall selection is ***The Last Painting of Sara de Vos***, by Dominic Smith. Please join them in Lehman Library on ***Sunday, November 13, at 4:00 p.m.***

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*

Elizabeth Gleich, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

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*

Peggy Hartman, *Director of Handbell Program and Children's Choirs*