



**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL**

Member of the United Church of Christ
An open, welcoming and affirming congregation
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Television Ministry: **LIVING THE WORD**,
 Sundays, 7:30 a.m. and noon, Cox Cable Channel 15
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Today at First Church

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. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u>	Games Room 110 Karen & Kyle Vigeant
<u>2nd grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Shannon Jeroszko
<u>3rd grade</u>	Storytelling Room 111 Shannon Jeroszko
<u>4th grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Bryce Grissom
<u>5th grade</u>	Cooking Room 205 Bryce Grissom

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.

We Need YOU to Help With Church School!

We are always looking for volunteers to participate in the Church School program! If you haven't taught Church School in a while, our Rotation Model Curriculum (RMC) provides you with all the activities and supplies for a whole unit! Sign up to be a Station Leader, Explore teacher or Puppet Skit Leader! If any of these roles interest you, **please contact Karin Carlino at ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org**. Thank you!

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.

*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.

Pipescreams, Friday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present their yearly **Pipescreams** concert here at First Church. This “Spook-tacular” program will entail an hour of scary organ music performed by organists from the Hartford area and the surrounding towns in costume on our fabulous Schoenstein organ. Angela Salcedo, our Director of Music Ministries, will open the program with the well-known *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* by J.S. Bach. Everyone is invited to come to this event in costume with your children. Ghoulish desserts and treats will be served at the reception to follow. The free-will offering proceeds will go towards the second prize winner of the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition for High School students held at the University of Connecticut on May 20 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Volunteer for our Mission Immersion Day



On **November 12**, we are looking for individuals and families **Are You Able?** (children welcome) to volunteer at various sites that serve children and families in need throughout the Greater Hartford area.

One of our sites is Habitat for Humanity. The house we will work on is in Hartford county, and the work will include general carpentry, painting and home repairs. All equipment and safety gear you need for the day is provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. We will also be going to Hawkwing. Hawkwing provides essential services and support for the people of the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Indian Reservation in South Dakota, one of the poorest areas in the US. We will pack holiday gift packs for each child from birth to age 18 for the annual holiday giveaway. Adults and youth age 11 and up accompanied by parent/guardian are welcome to attend. We will have at least one other site, and more details will be available soon.

Some activities take just a few hours, so we hope you will consider signing up! For more information or to sign up, go to the table during Common Fellowship or contact Linda Sill at LindaSinCT@yahoo.com or 860-430-1676.

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.**

Serve a Meal in Hartford-Last Chance!

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. Thank you!

This Week at First Church

Monday, October 10, 2016

Office closed: Columbus Day

Off-site Serve lunch with Hands
 on Hartford

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee,
 Lehman Library

7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare

Thursday, October 13, 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

Friday, October 14, 2016

SHF Potato Booth at Glastonbury Apple Fest

Saturday, October 15, 2016

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Sunday, October 16, 2016

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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.

Food Collection

Our donations for our neighbors in need go to Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry in Hartford and Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). ***In October, we're asking for contributions of peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal and other items.***

Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare

Mobile Foodshare is a "farmer's market" style food distribution service that provides fresh produce and other food items to lower income people. Foodshare sponsors this service ***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.

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*

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Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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