

# The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



Show Me Your  
Ways and Truth



Do Good, Speak Out,  
Be Generous, Seek Justice!

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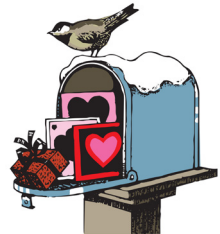
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### Today at First Church

February 10, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Child Care (Micah Chapel)
9:00 a.m.	Board of Lay Life and 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
11:30 a.m.	Board of Music, Lehman Library
11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class, Youth Room
11:30 a.m.	Human Resources Kick-off, Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



### Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u>	<b>Cooking Room 205 Susan Bonitsky</b>
<u>2nd grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Kaari Scaglia</b>
<u>3rd grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Kaari Scaglia</b>
<u>4th grade</u>	<b>Games Room 110 Jennifer Anglim</b>
<u>5th grade</u>	<b>Games Room 110 Jennifer Anglim</b>

**Attention Parents:** We are now in Unit 5, "Paul," and our schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

Child care is provided in the Crib and Toddler Rooms. Preschool is in Room 105. Children in grades 6-8 can participate in AGAPE in the Puppet 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 2018-2019 Church School Mission Project, **IRIS' Summer Learning Program**. We suggest a donation of \$1 per week.



## Family Promise Update



Thank you all for making our third Family Promise host week a success! **Our next host week is March 10-17, 2019.** If you want to get involved, please contact Kate Ersevim at [ersevim@cox.net](mailto:ersevim@cox.net)/860-985-8075 or Tara Conway at [tara.amy1407@gmail.com](mailto:tara.amy1407@gmail.com) / 860-462-9548. Thanks for your continued support!

## Youth Mission Trip Giving Tree

Each year, the Board of Youth Ministry solicits financial support from our First Church members to help fund the Youth Mission Trip. This April, 40 youth and seven advisors are headed to Biloxi, MS to repair homes on the Gulf Coast. **Instead of doing the traditional Mission Trip "Shares" this year, the Board instead invites you to contribute to the Youth Mission Trip Giving Tree starting TODAY.** From now through March 10 during coffee hour: take a \$54 tag and fund one youth participant's bus trip to the airport and back! Take a \$60 tag and fund one youth's meals for the week! Take a \$150 tag and pay for First Church to send care packages to all the youth while they're on the trip! There are tags ranging from \$15-\$341...something for everybody! Thanks in advance for your support.

## Summer Camp at Silver Lake!



Many First Church children, youth and adults have experienced the wonders and fun of Silver Lake, a conference center run by the CT Conference of the UCC in Sharon, CT. We hold our annual youth retreats there, and many of our church folks have gone to summer camp there over the years. Come and enjoy *God's Backyard* this summer, with various camps for youth in grades 4-12. **Dates are available June 23 through August 10.** For information, go to <http://www.silverlakeect.org>. If you're unsure or need convincing, talk to Elizabeth, Kate or David or ask any of the youth who have gone before.

**Worship at 8:00 (Micah Chapel)  
and 10:00 a.m. (Meetinghouse)**

**February 17**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Elizabeth Gleich preaching

Music:

8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Women;

10:00 a.m. Jubilate Ringers and  
Chancel Choir

**February 24**

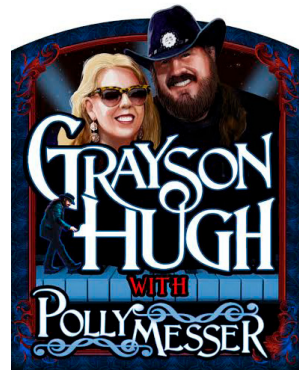
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

David Taylor preaching

Music: 8:00 a.m. Ginger Kousen,  
soprano; 10:00 a.m. Caroler and  
Chancel Choirs, Mallet Ringers

*Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...*

**Grayson Hugh,  
the Blue-Eyed Soul Legend**



***Back to the Soul***

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**7:30 p.m.**

A donation of \$15 per person is suggested. \$25 family maximum.



Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and "like" us!

## Yemen Humanitarian Crisis – We Can Make a Difference!

In war-torn Yemen, more than 85,000 children have died from starvation since the start of the crisis. Families are forced to choose between food and other necessities, like water and medicine. Currently, it is believed that 21 million people, 80 percent of the population, many of them children, require humanitarian aid. The heads of three United Nations agencies – UNICEF, the World Food Programme and the World Health Organization – travelled together to Yemen to see for themselves the scale of this humanitarian crisis and to step up their combined efforts to help the people of Yemen.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nicholas Kristof has recently returned from Yemen, observing first-hand the unfolding crisis, and he offered this word of hope, ***“It truly is encouraging to see the growing concern for hungry children half a world away. Many people have asked how they can help, and among the aid groups doing terrific work on the ground are International Rescue Committee, CARE, Save the Children and Oxfam.”***

When national and international humanitarian crises call out for our action, First Church is almost always able to direct your emergency relief giving through existing partner church agencies around the world. However, such partnerships are not readily available in Yemen. We are therefore suggesting that First Church members prayerfully consider giving generously to one of the above mentioned international relief agencies – each with a high grade from charitable giving rating organizations.

## Help with the Bloomfield Backpack Project on February 14



In partnership with Foodshare and other churches, we provide 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! Sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/backpackproject](http://www.tinyurl.com/backpackproject), contact [brycegrissom@gmail.com](mailto:brycegrissom@gmail.com) or sign up on the poster outside the Children and Youth Ministries office. The remaining 2019 dates are ***February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13.***

## Help at our Hands on Hartford Lunch on February 18!

***On February 18, we will provide the food and servers for this Hands on Hartford lunch meal.*** To sign up, please contact Jaime Guilmette, [jbguilmette@yahoo.com](mailto:jbguilmette@yahoo.com) or 860-798-4963 or Judy Rozie Battle, 860-819-6435 or [jrbattle@aol.com](mailto:jrbattle@aol.com), or sign up during fellowship time in February. Thanks to everyone who helped with our January lunch!



## Give to our Carol's Closet Collection

We, along with other churches and the synagogue in town, help with Carol's Closet, a paper pantry, started by members at St. James Church. The non-perishable items are given out monthly to Glastonbury residents. If you are able, we invite you to bring in the following items: adult incontinence pads (men's and women's), deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes (soft brushes), bars of soap (unscented preferred), shampoo (11.0-oz. to 12.5-oz. bottles preferred), individually wrapped paper towel rolls, toilet tissue (preferably in 4-packs). There is a collection box in the back lobby. If you have questions, please contact Maryellen Szwez at [maryellen\\_keeney@yahoo.com](mailto:maryellen_keeney@yahoo.com) or 860-985-5090.

# This Week at First Church

## Monday, February 11, 2019

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

## Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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

7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

## Wednesday, February 13, 2019

10:00 a.m. Mobile Foodshare

5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

## Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

5:30 p.m. Bloomfield Backpack Project,  
off-site

5:45 p.m. Latter Day Marthas,  
Lehman Library

6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**  
(Micah Chapel)

10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**

10:15 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112

## Food Donations Needed

First Church is collecting food items for the Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry and MACC. ***In February, we're asking for contributions of soup, canned veggies and other unexpired items people are willing to donate.*** Thanks!

## Thank You from Wish School!



Thank you all for your generous donations of hats, mittens, gloves and socks to the kindergarten students at Wish School. Your response was wonderful with enough to share with all! When the kindergarten boys and girls come to school and when they go out to play in the snow, they will all have warm heads, hands and toes.

## Altar Flowers Requested



Please contact Susan Bonitsky at 860-633-7128 or [kowsz@juno.com](mailto:kowsz@juno.com) to place altar flowers in memory of or in honor of people or events.

## Performance of the Fauré Requiem

The Chancel and Cantabile Choirs of First Church and the Choir of St. James' Episcopal Church will join together to sing one of the great choral masterworks of the nineteenth century, Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, on **March 10 at 3:00 p.m.** This Lenten concert will feature an additional work by Fauré, *Messe Basse* for women's voices. Come and be inspired by Fauré's gift for melody and colorful harmonies as the choirs sing to the glorious sounds of our Schoenstein organ. There will be a free will offering at the door to support Carol's Closet.

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### MINISTERS

*All the members of the church*

*Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr. (1932 - 2012)*

### PASTORS

The Rev. David T. Taylor, *Pastor*; The Rev. Kate VanDerzee-Glidden, *Pastor*;

The Rev. Elizabeth Gleich, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministries*

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