



# The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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### Today at First Church

April 23, 2017

- 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
- 11:15 a.m. VBS Meeting, Lehman Library
- 12:00 p.m. Soloists and Select Chorus Rehearsal, Meetinghouse
- 4:30 p.m. **Spark! Service, Meetinghouse**
- 5:30 p.m. Supper after **Spark!**, Schultz Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship, Youth Room



### Church School Schedule

<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u>	<b>Storytelling Room 111 Victor Grin</b>
<u>2nd grade</u>	<b>Games Room 110 Michael Couture</b>
<u>3rd grade</u>	<b>Games Room 110 Michael Couture</b>
<u>4th grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Alison Couture</b>
<u>5th grade</u>	<b>Art Room 103 Alison Couture</b>

**Attention Parents:** We are starting Unit 7, "Symbols of Holy Week," 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.



## Foodshare Opportunity!

Foodshare's vision is for a community where all people can get all of the food they need. As the region's food bank, they work toward that vision by getting food donations from the food industry and distributing them to 300 food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, and other partner programs. Here at First Church we have the Mobile Foodshare truck come to our back parking lot every other Wednesday. Now we have a new opportunity to **go to Foodshare's Regional Market in Hartford on alternating Wednesday mornings** to help sort and package the produce so it all gets given out to our neighbors. Thank you to our current volunteers, and we're still looking for more to go to the warehouse to **sort produce from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. People gather in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to drive in together.** If you are interested in learning more, please contact First Church member Jim Hartung at [ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com](mailto:ctsdncmnfolk@gmail.com) or 860-430-2123.

## Walk Against Hunger May 7

Foodshare's 34th Annual **Walk Against Hunger on May 7** is the region's largest event raising funds and awareness in the fight against hunger. Here in Hartford and Tolland counties, the area served by Foodshare, there are 137,000 people who are not sure where their next meal is coming from. **THAT INCLUDES ONE OF EVERY 6 CHILDREN IN THE AREA.** The 2.5 mile walk starts with **registration at 12:30 p.m. The Walk steps off at 2:00 p.m. from Liam E. McGee Memorial Park, 140 Garden Street, Hartford.** FREE Parking at 690 Asylum Ave. Bring along your family and friends and be part of this fun event.



You can participate in one of three ways: join the Walk yourself and recruit donors, sponsor someone who is walking or register/donate online at [www.FoodshareWalk.org](http://www.FoodshareWalk.org). **Sign-ups and registration forms will be available at coffee hour today, April 30 and May 7.** We plan to carpool from the church to the walk. Contact Sally Riddell at [grammasal@att.net](mailto:grammasal@att.net) with questions.

## Sign Up Today for Our Mission Immersion Day



Come one, come all, to share God's love in the world! Spend a few hours on **Saturday, April 29 volunteering your time to help others during Family Mission Immersion Day.** We will have four sites – making soup, cards and cookies for our parishioners who could use a little cheer; working in the soup kitchen and thrift store at Manchester Area Conference of Churches; serving lunch at St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen in Middletown and working on fixing up a house in Hartford through Rebuilding Together Hartford (RTH). For more information or to sign up, go to the table during coffee hour or contact Tina Sparrow at [tsparrow21@gmail.com](mailto:tsparrow21@gmail.com) or 860-430-9484.

## Come Join the Latter Day Marthas!

What can happen when a few women decide to sit around a table and discuss frankly their own spiritual direction? A most beautiful thing. The birth of a new community fortified by authenticity, tolerance and vulnerability. A refreshingly raw group of women, not religiously pretty, but gorgeous in their willingness to share with one another their introspective journeys. Searching has become a lesser part of our communal landscape than finding. We are all Latter Day Marthas (Martha was the sister who just didn't get it) with one unified front - we desire movement toward God and we want to talk about that. Some of us are stumbling, some are dancing, and usually it depends on the day. You are invited to join our conversations on the **second and fourth Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Lehman Library (April 27).** Please contact Danae Dwyer at [danaedwyer@me.com](mailto:danaedwyer@me.com) or 860-967-2269 with questions.

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

## MERRIMACK VALLEY RINGERS



**Ring into Spring Concert!**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

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## Godspell Rehearsals

The cast and small ensemble for our **Godspell** service will practice after church today from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Chancel, Cantate and Cantabile Choirs and parents of these choristers, please note the run-through rehearsal dates below for our **Godspell** service on **May 14**. We would appreciate everyone attending as many of these rehearsals as possible.

<b>Saturday, May 6</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<b>12:00 - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, May 8</b>	<b>6:30-9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 9</b>	<b>6:30-9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 11</b>	<b>6:30-9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Performance Call</b>

## VBS Registration!

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 31-August 4**. Register at <http://www.glastonburyfirst.org/vacation-bible-school>. We're looking forward to another great year!

## VBS T-Shirt Design Contest

Love to draw? Then we need you! The Vacation Bible School Committee is looking for children and teens to design this year's VBS t-shirt. The theme is **Hero Central!** Your design should include the phrase, "**Discover your strength in God!**" along with the daily Hero Codes: "God's Heroes Have Heart!" "God's Heroes Have Courage!" "God's Heroes Have Wisdom!" "God's Heroes Have Hope!" "God's Heroes Have Power!" Please be creative with how you'd like to depict the theme! Entries should be in black and white on an 8.5" x 11" piece of unlined white paper, and are **due by May 15**. Drawings should be done with a Sharpie marker (no pencil). Please hand in to Tracy Kavanaugh, Karin Carlino, or any First Church staff. Include your name and contact information on the back. Winners will receive an art gift basket and will get their own design on the VBS t-shirts!!!



## A "Heads Up" for Heads Up – Heads Up Hartford, That Is!

**Heads Up Hartford Camp 2017: June 2 – June 29, 2017.** Heads Up Hartford (HUH) is a wonderful program for high school students founded several years ago by First Church members. Each year, over 100 high school aged students from the Greater Hartford area come together for a week of service and fellowship, helping to bridge the gap between urban and suburban youth while helping out local organizations. **Registration is going on NOW! Go to the HUH website: [headsuphartford.org](http://headsuphartford.org) for registration materials, and contact Elizabeth Gleich to let her know that you are attending!**



## Last Chance to Sign Up to Help at Center City Church through Hands On Hartford

**Tomorrow**, we will provide food and servers for lunch at Center City Church. Please sign up during coffee hour or contact Suzanne Schwartz at 860-430-1350 or [stonehill126@gmail.com](mailto:stonehill126@gmail.com).

# This Week at First Church

## Monday, April 24, 2017

off-site      Serve lunch: Hands On Hartford  
6:30 p.m.      Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

## Tuesday, April 25, 2017

9:45 a.m.      Prayer and Share, Parlor  
7:00 p.m.      Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

## Wednesday, April 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.      Mobile Foodshare  
4:15 p.m.      Caroler Choir

## Thursday, April 27, 2017

9:30 a.m.      Thursday Morning Study  
Group, Lehman Library  
4:00 p.m.      Cantate Choir  
5:00 p.m.      Ribbon Work  
5:00 p.m.      Mallets Bell Choir  
5:45 p.m.      Latter Day Marthas,  
Lehman Library  
6:00 p.m.      Cantabile Choir  
6:30 p.m.      Soloists and Select Chorus  
Rehearsal, Schultz Hall  
7:15 p.m.      Chancel Choir

## Saturday, April 29, 2017

off-site      Mission Immersion Day  
10:00 a.m.      Cantate, Cantabile and Chancel  
Choirs, Meetinghouse  
4:00 p.m.      Mallet Ringers, Meetinghouse  
7:30 p.m.      Music in the Meetinghouse:  
Merrimack Valley Ringers

## Sunday, April 30, 2017

**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  
11:15 a.m.      Teacher Tea, Lehman Library  
11:30 a.m.      Silver and Gold Brunch,  
Schultz Hall  
12:00 p.m.      Soloists and Select Chorus  
Rehearsal, Choir Room  
6:00 p.m.      Dinner by Ezdehar, Schultz Hall  
6:00 p.m.      Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room



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

## Join The Thursday Morning Study Group for "Love those Landscapes"

The Thursday Morning Study Group invites you to join our next **series on art** as we "**love those landscapes!**" After the opening session on April 20, the remaining sessions are planned as follows: **April 27 – Carpool from the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.** to the studio barn of Julie Schnatz Rybeck. **May 4** – Barbara Jenkins will offer a presentation of her beautiful landscapes and Sally Brown will discuss of one of her favorite landscape artists, John Constable, the late 18th/early 19th century English Romantic landscape painter. **May 11** – Diana Ruddick will show how a camera can capture some stunning landscapes and Nancy Pacht will discuss the work of Matilda Browne, an underappreciated artist with Connecticut ties. Please feel free to spend time with this group in the **Lehman Library at 9:30 a.m. on most Thursdays.** Please contact Sally Brown via email at [saldaybrown@aol.com](mailto:saldaybrown@aol.com) 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*  
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