



**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

July 24, 2016

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 205
 10:15 a.m. Vacation Bible School meeting, Lehman Library



Summer Church School

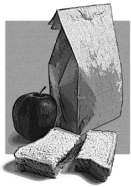
This summer all children will have the opportunity to attend Church School classes on Sunday mornings. Our children will learn about important Bible stories through fun, hands-on activities. Childcare will be provided throughout the summer as well! If you are interested in volunteering for a two-week 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
17-Jul	House on the Rock	Science	One of the many times that Jesus spoke to the people, he told them this metaphor about trusting in God. Listening to what Jesus says is like a having strong foundation that you can build upon - will provide stability and stay strong even in hard times.
24-Jul		Games	

Welcoming our Syrian Family!

On July 14, the Al Abas family of seven from Syria arrived in Glastonbury and was greeted warmly by members of our Refugee Resettlement Committee. This has been an all-church effort, and we are grateful for the many hands and hearts that have made this possible. Our Refugee Resettlement Committee, led by John Dugan and Rosemary Richter, has been working hard on organizing volunteers into ten groups (transportation, healthcare, ESOL, employment, etc.) according to their interests. If you are interested in donating an item or volunteering your time, please contact John (860-659-2193) or Rosemary (860-633-2320).



Brown Bag Lunch! Please RSVP to the Church Office

We have one more brown bag lunch this summer. **Bring a packed lunch and head over to Schultz Hall on 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, 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.

Summer Fellowship and MUSIC!!!

On **August 20 (RSVP by Tuesday, August 16)**, First Church is organizing a fun trip to a Tanglewood open music rehearsal (Berlioz, Saint-Saens, Prokofiev) from approximately **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring a picnic lunch and clothes for the weather. Tickets are \$13, \$23 or \$33 and can be purchased that day. Call the church to join in!



Vacation Bible School

August 1 – 5, 2016, 8:45 a.m. – noon

4 yr olds* through 5th graders

Leadership opportunities available for 6th graders & up



**\$35/week; \$70 family maximum
\$10/week for 6th – 8th graders
Financial assistance available**



Visit our website at www.glastonburyfirst.org
or contact Meredith Krauss at meredana@aol.com

**Children must be 4 years old by 8/1/2016*

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. The total cost per chorister is \$250, which includes accommodations and meals. **Health forms and final payments are due in the church office by August 1.** For more information, please contact Angela Salcedo by e-mail at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org.



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 July, we're asking for contributions of baby food, formula and other items people are willing to donate.* Thank you!



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

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

Sunday, August 14

Preacher: Pam Vollinger

Worship Leader: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden

Special Music: Elizabeth Flynn

Sunday, August 21

Preacher: Kathy Ciolkosz

Worship Leader: David Taylor

Special Music: Chris Stone

Sunday, August 28

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor

Special Music: Ginger Kousen

Sunday, September 4

Preacher and Worship Leader: David Taylor

Special Music: Wayne Rivera

Guest Organist: Suzanne Gates

School Supply Collection for Glastonbury Human Services

Each summer Glastonbury Human Services, with the tremendous support of the

community, helps about two hundred Glastonbury students through the Back to School Program receive a backpack and school supplies. This year



the items needed are

backpacks (especially larger sizes), pencils, pens, rulers, markers (unscented), pencil box or pouch that fits inside a notebook, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks (college ruled and wide ruled), ruled composition notebooks, folders, all sizes of three-ring binders, lined filler paper (college ruled and wide ruled), calculators, USB flash drives and book covers. All items should be new. ***Place your items in the box in the back lobby up until August 11.*** Thanks in advance for your support of our town's children!

Altar Flowers Requested

Please contact Susan Bonitsky 860-633-7128 or kowsz@juno.com to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments. Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the service.

This Week at First Church

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

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

Sunday, July 31, 2016

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

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.

Book Group Selections

Thursday Morning Study Group: *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach (**September 8**).

Second Sunday Book Club: *The Orphan Master’s Son* by Adam Johnson (**September 11**).

Biography Book Group: *Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism*, John Norris (**September 13**).

“Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to Church” Sundays!

The First Church Growth & Membership Committee is excited to announce our annual BAFON Sundays, **beginning on Homecoming Sunday, September 11, and the following Sunday, September 18**. Bringing a friend or neighbor to a service is a wonderful way to share in the excitement of all that is First Church, from mission trips to inspiring sermons, fellowship to service opportunities, Bible studies to book clubs, choirs to children’s messages! Exciting things are in the works for these special Sundays in September!



We hope that each member of our community will consider spreading the good news by bringing a friend or neighbor during this time. Keep your eye out for more news as we reach out to share all that is special about our wonderful faith community!



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*