



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

Member of the United Church of Christ An open, welcoming and affirming congregation 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033 860-633-4641

Television Ministry: LIVING THE WORD,
 Sundays, 7:30 a.m. and noon, Cox Cable Channel 15
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<u>Today at First Church</u>

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

August 14, 2016



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 <u>ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org</u>. Thank you!

All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 205.

| Date | Unit | Room | Station | Main Idea |
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| 14-Aug | Paul | 205 | Cooking | God's call turned Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a follower of Jesus. God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us. |
| 21-Aug | | | Games | |

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 hope to 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.

Books appropriate for their grade level and skills are provided. It is rewarding to see their progress and how proud they are when they begin to read to us. **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.



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 wellbeing 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!



Prayer and Share

Prayer and Share meets every Tuesday morning from 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the

Parlor. Come join us for a time of prayer, sharing. strengthening your faith and forming friendships. Being part of a small group within a large church fosters a feeling of belonging and caring. We learn and grow from our study/discussions and from each other. During the summer months we are using the Wednesday devotional reading for that week from the Upper Room devotional booklet as well as the questions for that day that appear in the back of the booklet. The booklets can be found in the narthex of the church. All are welcome! For more information please call Donna Smith at 860-633-4428 or Dianne Schwegler at 860-633-6326. In the fall we will be studying the Book of Esther.

"<u>Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to</u> <u>Church" Sundays!</u>

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!

Ongoing Food Donations Needed



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 August, we're asking for contributions of oatmeal, canned fruit and other items people are willing to donate.* Thank you!

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

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

Sunday, September 11 Homecoming Sunday One service at 10:00 a.m. Church picnic following worship

Preacher: Kate VanDerzee-Glidden Worship Leaders: David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden Special Music: Hot Cat Jazz Band



Altar Flowers Requested

Please contact Susan Bonitsky 860-633-7128 or <u>kowsz@juno.com</u> to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments.

Donations Requested for Covenant to Care

For a family they serve, Covenant to Care requests a bed frame for a double bed (can be used) and monetary donations towards a new mattress and boxspring (approximately \$200 needed). For more information please contact Jim O'Brien at 860 977-2890 or james_f_obrien@sbcglobal.net.

This Week at First Church

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

7:30 a.m. Potpourri 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

| 10:15 a.m. | Mobile Foodshare | |
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| 12:00 p.m. | Brown Bag Lunch: George Norman, | |
| | Life Aboard a Sub, Schultz Hall | |

<u>Volunteer at Mobile Foodshare</u> <u>or Help Deliver Food</u>

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.



In addition to 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.

Saturday, August 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tanglewood Trip, meet in the church parking lot

Sunday, August 21, 2016

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| 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service & Child Care | | | | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Church School, Room 205 | | | | |
| 10:15 a.m. | Board of Lay Life & Ministry, | | | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Lehman Library Youth Fellowship Advisors, Lehman Library | | | | |
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First Church has a Facebook page! Stay up to date with what's going on around church, and make sure to "like" us!

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. Parents, please remember to submit your final payments and various forms (health, permission and covenant) to the office if you have not yet done so. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org.

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
 Angela Salcedo,

 Wes Grove, Facilities Manager
 Kathy Ciolkos

 The Rev. Gordon Bates, Minister of Visitation
 Valerie Escale

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