

The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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Today at First Church

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

August 7, 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!

All children (entering Preschool and higher) will meet together in Room 206.

Date	Unit	Room	Station	Main Idea
31-Jul	Breakfast on the Beach	206	Art	After the Resurrection, the disciples recognized Jesus in familiar places and in familiar activities. We, too, can experience the hope and love of Jesus in everyday activities such as walking, talking and eating
07-Aug			Storytelling	

Altar Flowers Requested



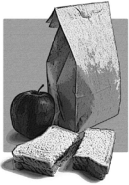
Please contact Susan Bonitsky
860-633-7128 or kowsz@juno.com
to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments.
Arrangements can be left at the church or taken home after the service.

Homecoming Picnic September 11!

Fun and Fellowship!

The grills will be fired up for the traditional hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers after the worship service. Bring family and friends!





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.

Last Chance - School Supplies Being Collected for Glastonbury Children and Youth

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 boxes or pouches that fits inside notebook, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks (college ruled and wide ruled), ruled composition notebooks, folders, all sizes of three ring binders, lined filled 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 children!

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!



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

“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!

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

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

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

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*.

Potpourri

What is Potpourri? It’s breakfast and fellowship on the **first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m.** The church kitchen is alive with coffee, conversation and a delicious breakfast cooked up by Al Reid! No reservations necessary, come anytime, a place is always set for you!

This Week at First Church

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

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

Thursday, August 11, 2016

1:00 p.m. Modern Issues, Lehman Library

2:00 p.m. Choir Camp Meeting, Room 202

Sunday, August 14, 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*).

Choir Camp 2016

On August 21-24, the Cantate, Cantabile and Mallets Choir members will be attending Choir Camp 2016 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*

Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

The Rev. Gordon Bates, *Minister of Visitation*

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

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