



**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

September 11, 2016

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration for Church School, Youth Fellowship and Choirs |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service & Child Care |
| 11:30 a.m. | Homecoming Picnic - ALL ARE WELCOME!! |
| 12:00 p.m. | Junior High Fellowship youth and parents meeting, Meetinghouse |
| 12:30 p.m. | Junior High Fellowship Rally |
| 4:00 p.m. | Second Sunday Book Club, Hale House lawn (or Lehman Library) |
| 4:30 p.m. | Senior High Fellowship Rally, off-site |

Church School Begins
September 18!



Our Church School program year begins on *Sunday, September 18 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.*

We look forward to seeing many smiling faces! Our first unit focuses on *"The Burning Bush and Other Images of God,"* and we can't wait to learn and share through art, storytelling, games and cooking! The schedule will be posted around the church, and it is available for viewing online at the church website. If you have any questions about Church School, please contact Elizabeth Gleich, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org.



Look! Out on the lawn...
It's a cookout - it's a party - it's the



Homecoming Sunday Church Picnic

TODAY!!

**Following the
Worship Service**

Come and join the fun!

Hot dogs and burgers (beef and veggie!) provided

We ask that you bring something yummy to share as follows:

If your last name begins with:

A-H: Dessert; I-Z: Salad or Side Dish

Please drop food off in Schultz Hall before the service.

**Remember! It's a BAFON Sunday -
Bring a friend or neighbor - or both!**

See you there!



Sponsored by the Board of Lay Life & Ministry



Share Your Gift of Song!

September is an excellent time to join one of our various choirs. We offer four graded levels for children who love to sing; youth and adult bell choirs; and the Chancel Choir for adults. Please see the start date below for each of our choirs and contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining. On Homecoming Sunday, there will be sign-ups for all the youth choir and bell choir programs.

CHOIR NAME	DAY OF REHEARSAL	REHEARSAL TIME	FIRST REHEARSAL
Cherub (K-Grade 1)	Sundays	11:00-11:30 a.m.	September 18
Carolers (Grades 2-3)	Wednesdays	5:00-5:45 p.m.	September 14
Cantate (Grade 4-6)	Thursdays	4:00-5:00 p.m.	September 15
Cantabile (Grades 7-12)	Thursdays	6:00-7:00 p.m.	September 15
Chancel	Thursdays	7:15-8:45 p.m.	September 8
Jubilate Ringers	Tuesdays	7:00-8:30 p.m.	September 13
Mallet Ringers (Grades 5-12)	Thursdays	5:00-6:00 p.m.	September 15

Save the Date for the next Prospective Member Gathering

On **Sunday, October 30, at 11:30 a.m.**, the Church Growth and Membership Committee would like to cordially invite those persons who have worshipped here and would like to make First Church their church home to attend the next prospective member gathering. Please consider becoming part of our church family and sharing more fully in our life together. At that time, church leaders will greet you and tell you about the many wonderful programs and ministries of our congregation. Prospective members are asked to attend a **second session on Sunday, November 6, at 11:30 a.m.** In this small group setting, one of our Pastors will provide more background about First Church and the United Church of Christ, and those attending will have an opportunity to share their own religious upbringing.

Stewardship Update

With your prayerful support of First Church's vital and vibrant mission, together we can build the beloved community to share God's beautiful love with one another and with the world! The pledge letters for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign will be in the mail in the coming days. Please mail your pledge to the church office or put it in the offering plate **at your earliest convenience, or no later than October 20.** Please help us exceed our goal of \$750,000! Thank you in advance for your support! ~ The Stewardship Committee

Proportional Giving Chart

If Family Income is:	3% Pledge		5% Pledge	
	Annual Total	Average Per Week	Annual Total	Average Per Week
\$25,000	\$750	\$15	\$1,250	\$24
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$29	\$2,500	\$48
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$43	\$3,750	\$72
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$58	\$5,000	\$96
\$125,000	\$3,750	\$72	\$6,250	\$120
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$87	\$7,500	\$144
\$175,000	\$5,250	\$100	\$8,750	\$168
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$115	\$10,000	\$192
\$250,000	\$7,500	\$144	\$12,500	\$240
\$300,000	\$9,000	\$173	\$15,000	\$288

All Sixth through Eighth Graders
are Invited to...

Junior High Fellowship Rally Day! TODAY!!

12:00 to 12:30 p.m. – Youth and parent meeting
(in the Meetinghouse)

12:30 to 2:00 p.m. – Youth only

Please bring: a great attitude,
your friends and canned food.

The Youth Board will provide the snack.

**A registration form must be filled out in
order to attend Rally Day.** The form is available
before and after church on Homecoming Sunday, on
the website and on the Youth Room door.



All Ninth through Twelfth Graders are Invited to...

Senior High Fellowship Rally Day! TODAY!!, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Vincent and Katharyn Laudone

Meet at First Church promptly at 4:30 p.m., returning at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring: bathing suit, towel, your friends, canned food

AND Freshmen: Chippy, Dippy & Snacky Things

Sophomores: A Selection of Fresh Beverages

Juniors: Side Dishes (Green/Pasta Salad, etc.)

Seniors: Delicious Desserts!

The Youth Board will provide the rest!

**A registration form and a permission form must be
filled out in order to attend Rally Day.** The forms are available
before and after church on Homecoming Sunday, on the website
and on the Youth Room door.

CE/Youth Volunteer Orientation Make Up Session September 18

For anyone interested in teaching or assisting in our Church School program who was unable to attend our August 29 meeting, please join us at **11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 18** in the Youth Room for introductions and important information about church safety, classroom procedures, schedules and special events happening throughout the year. This orientation meeting is required for all volunteers who help with our Church School and Youth Fellowship programs. See Elizabeth Gleich if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Consider Volunteering for our Church School Program!

It truly takes a village to raise our children, and our Church School program wouldn't function without the loving and dedicated effort of all our volunteers! Consider signing up to teach, shepherd or lead a puppet skit for 2016-2017! For teaching, the commitment is only 4-5 weeks, and all the lesson plans are ready for you! **Contact ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org for available openings or sign up outside the CE offices.**

Music at the Meetinghouse Presents...

NAVY BAND NORTHEAST



Crosswinds Trio
Top Brass Quintet

Saturday, October 1, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Free concert

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This Week at First Church

Monday, September 12, 2016

- 5:45 p.m. Board of Youth Ministry,
Lehman Library
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Immersion Day
Leadership, Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Service,
Room 204
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 202

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

- 9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Biography Book Group,
Lehman Library
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee,
Lehman Library
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

- 10:15 a.m. Mobile Foodshare
- 5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, September 15, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Book Group,
Lehman Library
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Mallets Bell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Korean Partnership,
Lehman Library
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 18, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care***
Church School, Youth Fellowship,
Choir registrations, Back Lobby
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship Service & Child Care***
Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
- 11:00 a.m. Church School/Youth Volunteer
Orientation, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Meetinghouse
(parents and students)
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room
(students)



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

"Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to Church" Sundays!

The First Church Growth & Membership Committee is excited to announce our annual BAFON Sundays, **TODAY and next 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.



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*

Elizabeth Gleich, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

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*

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