



**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 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 9:30 a.m. Church School, Youth Fellowship, Choir registrations, Back Lobby
 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service & Child Care**
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
 11:30 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)



Church School Schedule

Attention Parents: We are beginning Unit 1, "Burning Bush and Other Images of God," and our schedule is below. Please note: some classes are combined for this unit.

	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Art Room 103 Carol Kimmel
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Games Room 110 Karen & Kyle Vigeant
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Games Room 110 Karen & Kyle Vigeant
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Shannon Jeroszko
	<u>5th grade</u> <i>green</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Shannon Jeroszko

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.)

12th Annual Adult Mission Trip



Are you ready to spend a week working to spread God's love on the Gulf Coast? If so, keep reading! We invite anyone 18 and older to spend a meaningful and fun week with other church folks at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The work is varied, and participants don't have to have construction skills. If you are interested in learning more, look for the green flyer around the church or on the church website or contact Diana Ruddick at 860-463-3049 or dianakate525@gmail.com.

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 contact Angela Salcedo at angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining.

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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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

Children and Youth Ministries Update

Church School starts **TODAY**, and we're so excited that the beginning of Church School is here! We're coming off the momentum of a successful summer of Vacation Bible School and Summer Church School, and we're continuing the fun, excitement and faith. We're especially thankful for all our volunteers who will be teaching and assisting in our classrooms this year! **As a reminder, please make sure you have filled out a registration card for your children this year.** We need to keep an accurate and updated list of the children attending our program. Additionally, there is a ***CE/Youth Volunteer Orientation Make-Up Session today at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.*** This for anyone interested in teaching or assisting in our Church School program who was unable to attend our August 29 meeting. This orientation meeting is required for all volunteers who help with our Church School and Youth Fellowship programs.

We Need YOU to Help With Church School!



We are always looking for volunteers to participate in the Church School program! If you haven't taught

Church School in a while, our Rotation Model Curriculum (RMC) provides you with all the activities and supplies for a whole unit! Sign up to be a Station Leader, Explore teacher or Puppet Skit Leader! If any of these roles interest you, **please contact Karin Carlino at ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org.** Thank you to all of the volunteers who have already stepped up to help fill these positions! Together we can create a safe, nurturing environment for our children to learn about their faith.

Childcare at First Church

First Church is blessed with a hired childcare provider, Cheryl Foley, who is here each week during the Sunday service throughout the summer to look after our infants and toddlers. Cheryl has a wonderful team of volunteers working with her.

Help with Our Potato Booth to Support the Mission Trip!



From Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16, Glastonbury is in the throes of our annual fair – Apple Fest! The Senior High Fellowship will be running our traditional Potato Booth again this year. Stop by for a delicious baked potato, say “hi” to our awesome youth and drop some cash in the tip jar – all proceeds go toward sending our youth on our Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi in April!

We need your help to operate this booth!

Anyone interested in volunteering, both youth and parents, please sign up at the table in Schultz Hall after church. We need help setting up the booth, picking up potatoes, washing them and, of course, staffing the booth throughout the weekend. Families are also asked to bring in a case of bottled water (16.9 oz bottles) in support of our efforts! Please contact Elizabeth Gleich with questions at elizabeth@glastonburyfirst.org. Thank you!

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.



This Week at First Church

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Lehman Library
7:00 p.m. Council, Parlor

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Share, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family
Orientation, Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Meetinghouse

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Women's Theological Reflection
Group, Lehman Library
9:00 a.m. Library Volunteers
5:00 p.m. Caroler Choir

Thursday, September 22, 2016

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

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
9:30 a.m. Church School registration,
Back Lobby
10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Cherub Choir, Room 112
4:30 p.m. Spark! Worship, Meetinghouse,
and dinner, Schultz Hall
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

Did You Forget Your Dishes?

Thank you to everyone who contributed wonderful food to our Homecoming Picnic last week! If you forgot to bring your dishes home, please pick them up in the kitchen.



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

"Bring A Friend Or Neighbor to Church" Sunday TODAY!



The First Church Growth & Membership Committee is excited that today is one of our annual BAFON Sundays! 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!

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.

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*

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Wes Grove, *Facilities Manager*

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