



# The Weekly Word from First Church of Christ



## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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### Today at First Church

September 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.                    *Worship Service & Child Care*  
9:15 a.m.                    Church School, Room 206



### Summer Church School

Today is the last day of summer Church School. Our children are learning about important Bible stories through fun, hands-on activities. Childcare is provided as well! Church School will resume on September 18. For more information, please contact Karin Carlino at [ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:ceadmin@glastonburyfirst.org).

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

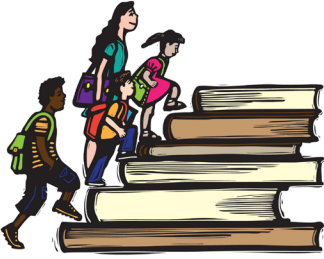
Date	Unit	Room	Station	Main Idea
28-Aug	Lost & Found	206	Games	In the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the forgiving father, Jesus teaches us that God's love is always there for us, no matter where we go or what we do
04-Sep			Movie	

### “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.



## 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](mailto:grammasal@att.net).

## 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.



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.

## Altar Flowers Requested

Please contact Susan Bonitsky 860-633-7128 or [kowsz@juno.com](mailto:kowsz@juno.com) to place altar flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of people, events or accomplishments.

## Food Donations Needed



First Church has had a long tradition of collecting food items for our neighbors in need. 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 September, we're asking for contributions of pasta, sauce, soup and other items people are willing to donate.*** Thank you!

### Upcoming Worship Services Services at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday, September 18**

Preacher & Worship Leader: David Taylor  
*Promotion Certificates for 3-year-olds and  
First Day of Church School (10:00 a.m.)*

#### **Sunday, September 25**

Preachers and Worship Leaders:  
David Taylor and Kate VanDerzee-Glidden  
*Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders and  
Commissioning of Confirmation Class  
and Volunteers (10:00 a.m.)*

**Spark! service at 4:30 p.m.,  
followed by soup and fellowship**

## Prayer and Share

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. Beginning **Tuesday, September 20**, we will be looking into the book of Esther. Although God is never mentioned in the book, we will see that God is at work to save the people of Israel. All are welcome to **join us in the Parlor each Tuesday morning from 9:45-11:00 a.m.** No book purchase is necessary. Please call Dianne Schwegler at 860-633-6326 for more information and to reserve your copy of the study guide questions.

## Potpourri on September 6!



Potpourri will be held one more time at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6**, then will be on hold until further notice. Come to the kitchen for coffee, conversation and a delicious breakfast cooked up by Al Reid! No reservations necessary.

# Look! Out on the lawn...

It's a cookout - it's a party - it's the



**Homecoming Sunday Church Picnic**  
**September 11**  
**Following the**  
**10 a.m. 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*



**All Sixth through Eighth Graders  
are Invited to...**

**Junior High Fellowship Rally Day!**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**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!**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2016, 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.

# This Week at First Church

## Monday, September 5, 2016

Office closed for Labor Day

## Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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

## Wednesday, September 7, 2016

6:30 p.m. Board of Music, Lehman Library

## Thursday, September 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Study Group, Lehman Library  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Saturday, September 10, 2016

10:30 a.m. Cantate and Cantabile Choirs Rehearsal, Meetinghouse

## Sunday, September 11, 2016: HOMECOMING

9:30 a.m. Registration for Church School, youth fellowship and choirs  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Child Care**  
11:30 a.m. Church Picnic  
12:00 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship youth and parents meeting, Meetinghouse  
12:30 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship Rally  
4:00 p.m. Second Sunday Book Club, Hale House lawn (or Lehman Library)  
4:30 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship Rally, off-site



First Church has a Facebook page!

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



## 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](mailto:angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org) or 860-633-4641 if you are interested in joining. On Homecoming Sunday, there will be signups 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

### 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*

Ceryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

Karin Carlino, *Church School Administrator*

Susan Feller, *Publications Specialist*

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