

# First Words

Spring 2010



## Youth Ministry Programs @ First Church in Glastonbury

### Senior High Fellowship Heads Up Hartford Super Youth Group Event *Sunday, April 11th 5:30-8:30p.m.*

*We'll depart from our parking lot for this event in East Granby at 5:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. All are invited, whether you've been to HUH or not!*

All are welcome – future, present and past HUH! campers, parents, interns and volunteers - If you have participated in HUH! before, please wear your wooden name tag. If you are new to HUH! we will have materials available so that you can make a HUH! name tag. We'll get acquainted/reacquainted, eat some pizza, sing a song or two, watch a NEW slide show and, of course, have lots of fun!

**Please bring munchies, dessert, or soda to share.**

### Senior High Fellowship Retreat to Craigville, Cape Cod!

Can't get enough of Fellowship? Join us for this relaxing weekend at the beach for a time of fun, fellowship, and the infamous game of "Breakthrough." We'll spend some time honoring our seniors that come along and hear their reflections on their years with SHF. Here's the info:

**What:** SHF Retreat @ Craigville Conference Center

**When:** May 28-30, 2010 (Memorial Day Weekend).

Leave on Big Blue from First Church @ 6p.m.

Friday; Return to First Church around 4p.m. on Sunday.

**Who:** Any student, 9-12 grade

**How Much:** \$125 covers transportation, food, lodging (Assistance always available by speaking with Chris).

**What to Bring:** The usual overnight stuff, some warm weather + cool weather clothes, snacks to share. Leave home anything you wouldn't want your Grandma to know about.

**What Else:** Grab a permission slip on the church website or at SHF. **RSVP by May 16!**

### A "Heads Up" for Heads Up - - Heads Up Hartford, That Is!

*Heads Up Hartford Camp 2010: Wednesday, June 23- Wednesday June 30, 2010.*

Heads Up Hartford (HUH) is a wonderful program for high school students founded several years ago by First Church members. Each year, nearly 100 high school aged students from the Greater Hartford area come together for a week of service and fellowship, helping to bridge the gap between urban and suburban youth while helping out local organizations. All students entering high school in Fall 2010 through 2010 graduates are eligible to attend this weeklong camp experience.

**Registration is going on NOW!**

**Forms & Payment due April 18!**

Go to the HUH website: [headsuphartford.org](http://headsuphartford.org) for registration materials, and contact Chris Mereschuk to let him know that you are attending!

**Parents:** *If your student is signing up for HUH through First Church, we are requesting that you volunteer for one volunteer opportunity during the week: afternoon rounds, evening program, overnight, or a day on a work site. Anyone interested in volunteering for multiple days, please contact Chris Mereschuk.*

### Senior High Fellowship

*(Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room)*

- \***Sunday, April 11:** Heads Up Hartford Super Youth Group @ East Granby (5:30-8:30p)
- Sunday, April 18:** No SHF (School Vacation)
- Sunday, April 25:** Regular Session
- Sunday, May 2: Regular Session
- Sunday, May 9: Regular Session
- Sunday, May 16: Regular Session
- Sunday, May 23: Regular Session

### Junior High Fellowship

*(2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m.)*

- Monday, April 12:** Regular Session (No-Sew Blanket Project + Post-Easter Candy Grab!)
- Monday, April 26:** Regular Session
- Monday, May 10:** Regular Session
- Monday, May 24:** Regular Session

### Confirmation Class

*(1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 4-5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room; “\*” = special event)*


- \***Thursday, April 8:** Worship Rehearsal (6-8p)
- \***Sunday, April 11:** Class leads worship services (Arrive @ 8:30a.m. in Sanctuary)
- Sunday, May 2:** Regular Session
- Sunday, May 16:** Regular Session
- \***Thursday, May 20:** Credo Night (6-8p)
- \***Sunday, May 23:** Confirmation Sunday! (10a)

### First Church Fellowship Facebook Group

Are you in the Senior High Fellowship?  
 Are you a parent of someone in the SHF?  
 Are you on Facebook?  
**Well, c'mon and join our group!**

**Senior High Fellowship Calendar Notes:** We will meet Sunday (4/11) for the HUH Super Youth Group (see announcement). Due to school vacation, we will not meet on Sunday, April 18. SHF will return to the normal meeting schedule on Sunday, April 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

[www.glastonburyfirst.org/YouthMinistry.htm](http://www.glastonburyfirst.org/YouthMinistry.htm)  
 Calendars & Updates  Retreat & Activity Forms  
 Pictures & Links Get Involved!  
 Explore Your Church!

### What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing the same negotiable gift cards sold by most retailers that can be used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday items like food and other essentials, or major purchases like home improvements. With every purchase, you earn revenue for our Youth Fellowship.

### Find Out More

Stop by the youth table in Schultz Hall and we will set up your account.! Any questions? Please contact:  
 Scrip Coordinator - Lynne Montgomery at 649-6214  
 or [auntymonty@gmail.com](mailto:auntymonty@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU for your support of our Easter Pancake Breakfast!** Thanks to everyone who helped set up and serve and to everyone who attended our pancake breakfast. Great job!

### WHAT?! You Still Haven't Signed Up For Silver Lake?!

Silver Lake Conference Center is the Outdoor Ministries site owned and operated by the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. Since 1957, Silver Lake has welcomed thousands of young people to spend a week in the picturesque hills of Sharon, CT. This overnight experience is reasonably priced and faith-based, with many different themed “conferences” (programs) to choose from. Young people entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade through senior year can find opportunities for fun and fellowship. For more information and to register, check out [silerlakeect.org](http://silerlakeect.org), or speak to Chris Mereschuk for some “references.” As we say at Silver Lake: *Love God, Love your neighbor, Love yourself!*

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