

The Fruit of the Spirit is  
**Love** **Joy** **Peace**  
Patience Kindness Self-Control  
Faithfulness  
Generosity Gentleness

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# The REMINDER

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First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Member of United Church of Christ

November 7, 2010

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...”*

*~Galatians 5:22-23*

Dear Friends,

*“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.”*

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne

This now-fading month of October has truly been filled with *“pleasant and sunny spots”* and has, as the October hues of orange, red, and yellow always do in New England, produced *“so pleasant an effect on the feelings.”*


Beyond the pure delight of this season of foliage, fritters and fireplaces fires, for a place like First Church, the joy-filled feelings are truly heaven-sent. During this month of October, we have harvested an abundance of good feelings about...

*...successful potato and rummage sales, whose hard-earned dollars support our church’s mission; ...a field of flags to honor our war-dead; ...music on Sundays and a concert series to uplift the heart; ...CROP Walk, mobile Foodshare, Hartford lunches and breakfasts for those who are hungry; ...celebrating our partnerships with Pastor Bae of Korea and Shari Prestemon of Back Bay Mission; ...the continuing excitement and enthusiasm over the new “rotation model” for our church school; ...the beginning of another Confirmation program for 9th graders; ...a successful training for new support team members.*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

October 31	David Taylor preaching <i>“Trick or Treat!”</i>
November 7	Carl Schultz preaching <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
November 14	Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching <i>Reception of New Members</i>
November 21	David Taylor preaching <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>



On and on the list can go – the month of October has been *“on fire”* – and I am not just referring to the distant hills of trees ablaze with autumn color. October, 2010 has been *“on fire”* with the work of the Spirit in the life of this beloved family of faith! This family of faith has been *“on fire”* with an abundant harvest of the fruits of the spirit...among them, **kindness, generosity, love, peace and gentleness.**

As we turn the corner into the month of November, the traditional month for “giving thanks,” I would venture to say that it is never too early, too late, or too much to always give thanks to a generous and loving God – a God who blesses us with such pleasant feelings during the month of October, and during every month of our lives!

Faithfully, *David*

**First Church of Christ,  
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Glastonbury, CT 06033

*The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz, Jr., Pastor Emeritus*

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 9:00 a.m.  
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**THE REMINDER submission deadline:**

**MONDAY, November 8;** November 21 issue



**On Sunday, November 7,** we will observe **All Saints' Day.** As part of our morning services of worship, we will remember those members of First Church who have died in the past year.

It is a time to thank God for the gift of their lives and to thank God for the promise of the gospels that those we love live on in God's care.

It is a time to remember and to thank God for the truth that we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses."

***In Memoriam***

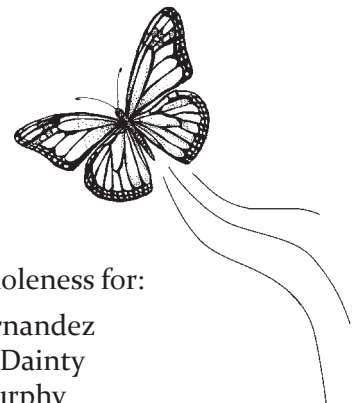
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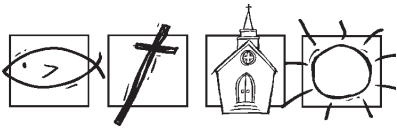
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Audrey Hattings  
Beverly Hoyt  
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Gertrude (Trudi) Maramarco  
Irene Norton  
George Parkhurst  
Marilla Perras  
Marian Pikula  
Mollie-May (Foote) Rose  
Marina Smith  
Dorothy Trepp  
Robert Walker  
Barbara Ann Wrixon  
Kay Zavalick

***Prayer Corner***

Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Chris Hernandez  
Mildred Dainty  
Ben Murphy  
Blanche Marlow





# Adult Education



## Thursday Morning Book Group

Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Lehman Library

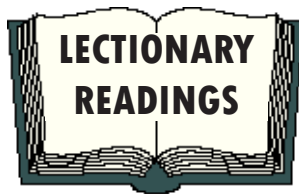
December 2, 9, & 16: *The First Christmas:*

**What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth**  
by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. From the Amazon.com description: "In *The First Christmas*, two of today's top Jesus scholars, Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, join forces to show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story as it appears in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. As they did for Easter in their previous book, *The Last Week*, here they explore the beginning of the life of Christ, peeling away the sentimentalism that has built up over the last two thousand years around this most well known of all stories to reveal the truth of what the gospels actually say."



## Theological Reflection Group for Women

A group of women gather monthly to discuss various theological ideas. The group invites other women to join in asking faith questions, reflecting on their own personal journeys and creating community. We meet the third Wednesday morning of each month from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Lehman Library. Contact Kate VanDerzee-Glidden or Lynn Baronas with questions.



**November 7, 2010 - *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost***  
Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 or Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 21:5-19

**November 14, 2010 - *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**November 21, 2010 - *Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost***  
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 or Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**November 28, 2010 - *Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost***  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

## Biography Book Group

If you are a biography buff and enjoy discussing life stories in an informal setting with fellow biography fans, this is the group for you! We read many different life stories – from religious figures to politicians to people who have made an impact in life that is remembered through the ages. We meet every other month to review a book and enjoy fellowship. We invite you to join us whether it is for just one selection or for every book.

The November selection is: *Bonhoeffer; Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxas. This is a newly published biography of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and theologian. He was born in 1906 and executed by the Nazis on April 9, 1945. Bonhoeffer's importance begins with his opposition to the Nazi party and its influence in the German church during the rise of Hitler. His involvement in plans to assassinate Hitler led to his arrest and subsequent execution. His resistance to the Nazi movement led him into areas of Christian ecumenical concerns that would later be important to our contemporary ecumenical movements. He authored many articles and books, the most famous of which is *The Cost of Discipleship* in which he expounds on the idea of "cheap grace." He also wrote *Ethics*, considered a major contribution to theology. Today, he is considered one of the 20th century's most important theologians.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 16** at 4:00 p.m. in the church library to enjoy a discussion on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We hope you will join us. Call Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452 with any questions.

## Christianity 101!

### Sign Up Now

Are you looking for a program that will help you gain a better understanding of the basics of the Christian faith and a deeper appreciation for the power of God in your lives?

Christianity 101 is a five week refresher course for adults for whom it has been a long time since Confirmation or membership classes. It is equally helpful for a new member, a long-standing one or for one who is seeking a church home. This is not a "lecture" course, nor one that requires lots and lots of reading; the sessions utilize a variety of thought-provoking learning methods.

Led by David Taylor, this program will be held on five Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., starting in January, 2011. Please call the church office to sign up and/or for more information.



Dear Parents,

We're in the midst of our second Rotation Model Curriculum unit – Rebekah. Please take a look at the flyer for more information about the unit (main idea, objectives and schedule). The schedule can be found online at <http://www.glastonburyfirst.org/Rotation%20Model.pdf>. Our third unit, Journey to Bethlehem, will begin on November 21.

On November 7, we will have a church school assembly. Children should be dropped off and picked up in their assigned classroom for the day. The volunteers will take the children to Schultz Hall to hear about this year's mission project (sponsoring a Haitian child) and will get to see their peers dance and use puppets.

Feel free to be in touch at any time ([katev@glastonburyfirst.org](mailto:katev@glastonburyfirst.org) or 633-4641, ext. 120).

Many Blessings,

*Kate*

## One Child at a Time, We Will Help Haiti

This year's church school mission project involves helping the children of Haiti. Telemaque, an eight year old Haitian child who lives at H.E.L.O., is a shy and serious child we will be sponsoring. **It costs just \$960 a year (or only \$80 per month) to provide Telemaque with a home, food and an education. It is our goal to raise enough money this year to sponsor him for the next ten years.**

The overall goal of H.E.L.O. is to provide Haitian orphans with a loving home, proper nutrition, and education. The hope is then that these children will become self-confident, self-reliant, literate, and self-sufficient adults capable of leading their communities, and able to bring change and prosperity to their beautiful land.

**Besides sponsoring Telemaque for ten years, we also hope to purchase livestock for the home.** Buying an animal for the orphanage provides an additional food source as well as opportunities for agricultural education and income. **For \$75, we can buy one sheep, and a goat costs \$50. For only \$12, we can buy a rooster; and, a rabbit or chicken costs just \$8 each.**

As in previous years, the money raised by the church school class sales (Our first one is on November 21), children's offering, and special gifts from congregation members will all go towards this special mission project. We invite you to consider giving any amount of money to honor a loved one or the memory of a loved one. Giving a donation as a gift is a meaningful way to honor your friends and family. Postcards are available to provide to loved ones.

### Church School Schedule

#### November 7

- First Drawing! – The group will meet from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the church library.
- Church School Assembly – Elisabeth Kennedy, the co-founder of H.E.L.O., will talk to our children about our special mission project. The younger puppet troupe and dance troupe members will also perform.

#### November 13

- Mission Immersion Day (children and youth welcome!)

#### November 14

- Rotation Model Curriculum Information Table during Common Fellowship
- Advent Calendar sale during Common Fellowship

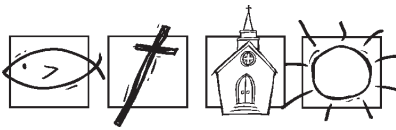
#### November 21

- Kindergarten and first grade sponsor a sale during Common Fellowship – All money raised goes to our church school mission project - H.E.L.O. (See the article for more information.)
- Harvest Supper at 5 p.m. at the Community Center (The dance and older puppet troupe are performing.)

### Childcare at First Church

First Church is blessed with a hired childcare provider, Cheryl Foley, who is here each week to look after our infants and toddlers. Cheryl has a wonderful team of volunteers working with her. Childcare is provided at both worship services.





# Children's Ministries



## Unit 2: "Rebekah"

**Bible Story Reference:** Genesis 24; 25:19-26

**Bible Verse:** My people, you are my witnesses and my chosen servant. I want you to know me, to trust me, and understand that I alone am God. I have always been God; there can be no others. (Isaiah 43:10, CEV)

### Main Idea






Rebekah was a strong and determined woman who was chosen by God. God chooses us, as God chose Rebekah. Like Rebekah, we can show hospitality and kindness to others. God gives us opportunities to serve, and we can recognize these opportunities.



### Objectives

Children will discover that:

- God chooses and calls each of us.
- We can learn to show hospitality and kindness to others as a way of sharing God's love.
- God gives us many opportunities to serve, and we can recognize and respond to those opportunities.
- No matter what God calls us to do, we can trust that God will be with us.

		<u>Sunday</u> <u>10/17</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>10/24</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>10/31</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>11/7</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>11/14</u>
	<u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Games Rm 110 Leslie Donovan	Movie Rm 204 Jill Dickey	Science Rm 205 Forrest Meyer, Anna Jones	Church School Assembly* Rm 103	Storytelling Rm 111 Donna-Marie Tennyson
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Storytelling Rm 111 Donna-Marie Tennyson	Games Rm 110 Leslie Donovan	Movie Rm 204 Jill Dickey	Church School Assembly* Rm 205	Art Rm 103 Julie Krause
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Art Rm 103 Julie Krause	Storytelling Rm 111 Donna-Marie Tennyson	Games Rm 110 Leslie Donovan	Church School Assembly* Rm 204	Science Rm 205 Forrest Meyer, Anna Jones
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Science Rm 205 Forrest Meyer, Anna Jones	Art Rm 103 Julie Krause	Storytelling Rm 111 Donna-Marie Tennyson	Church School Assembly* Rm 110	Movie Rm 204 Jill Dickey
	<u>5th grade + up</u> (non Puppets) <i>green</i>	Movie Rm 204 Jill Dickey	Science Rm 205 Forrest Meyer, Anna Jones	Art Rm 103 Julie Krause	Church School Assembly* Rm 111	Games Rm 110 Leslie Donovan

\* The Assembly will be held in Schultz Hall, but children will be dropped off and picked up from their designated classrooms.

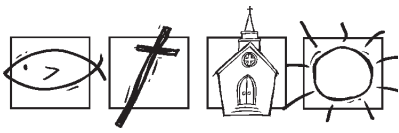
\* Popcorn will be served in the Movie Station. Talk to the station leader, shepherd or CE point person if you have questions or concerns.

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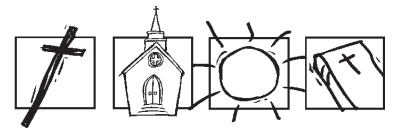
The Preschool Room is located in Room 105.

The 6th Grade Puppet Room is located in Room 303.

The 7th and 8th Grade Puppet Room is located in Room 302 (previously the game room).



# Youth Ministry



## Youth Ministry Program Calendar

### Senior High Fellowship

Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room  
(\*Denotes special time/event.)

**Sunday, October 31:** Halloween Party! (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, November 7:** Faith/Life Session & New Driver Blessing

**\*Sunday, November 14:** Mission Trip Team Meeting #1 (4-6 p.m.)

**Sunday, November 14:** Fruit of the Spirit Session (Joy)

**Sunday, November 21:** No SHF (Go to the Harvest Supper!)

### Junior High Fellowship

2nd & 4th Mondays in the Youth Room, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Monday, November 8:** Fruits of the Spirit Session (Joy)

**Monday, November 22:** Reflection/Action Session

### Confirmation Class

1st + 3rd Sundays in the Youth Room, 10:30 am to 12 noon

**\*Sunday, November 7:** Mentor Session #1,  
Schultz Hall, (4-5:45 p.m.)

**Sunday, November 21:** Regular Session (10:30 a.m.-noon)

## Honk Honk! New Driver Blessing @ Senior High Fellowship

*Sunday, November 7, 6-8 p.m.*

If you have received your driver's license anytime since April 2010, please join us during Senior High Fellowship on November 7th for a special blessing and an SHF keepsake. Hope to see you there!

## Mission Trip Team Meeting #1!

*Sunday, November 14, 4-6 p.m. in the Youth Room*

Going on the Mission Trip to Galveston, TX in February 2011? Then you best show up to our first team meeting! We will discuss the details of the trip, learn about Galveston and each other, and find out our Community Teams. Please contact Chris if you have a really, really, good and unassailable reason why you can't attend this otherwise MANDATORY meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## *Planning on Going on the Mission Trip? Do You Have Your Youth Passport?*

This year, we're going to be tracking student participation in Senior High Fellowship, fundraisers, and other volunteer opportunities through a Youth Passport. Advisors can sign off for your attendance, and each point you earn equals \$1 off your mission trip cost! See Chris Mereschuk to get yours today and start earning credit toward our trip!

## *HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE! HOT POTATO NEWS!*

It was a banner year for the Youth Board and the Hot Potato Booth! Apple Fest customers were very good to us! Many thanks go to the 48 adults and 72 youth who worked tirelessly over the past few months and weekend to yield a FANTASTIC potato year!

From a freezing, windy, raining late Friday night start, to a warm sunny Sunday—and all in-between the MAIN event ran like clockwork. From dropped potatoes, to \$100 donation, to cowbell hoot and hollers, to numerous repeat customers, to a beautiful rainbow early Saturday morning, to so many blessings along the way. To kids staying extra shifts and wearing the potato costume, to adults just showing up saying "can I help?" Words like THANK YOU seem insignificant.

In all grateful appreciation, none of this would be possible without the countless dedicated hours of so many—and the wonderful customers who purchased our tasty hot potatoes! A warm thank you goes to each one of you.

With all our potato blessings, here we come Galveston, TX 2011!!!

Kathleen Swahn, Youth Board Chair

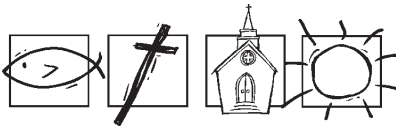
## First Church Fellowship Halloween Party Spook-tacular!



### Senior High Fellowship

*Sunday, October 31 from 5-7p.m. (Note time change!)*

Q: Should I wear a costume? A: You bet!  
Q: Will there be candy? A: If you bring some to share!  
Q: Can I bring a friend? Always!  
Q: Is it true that the church is haunted?  
A: Who told you about that?!



# Adult Fellowship



## Late Autumn Adult Excursion –

## Worcester, Massachusetts – Where Else??!!



On Thursday, November 11th, Brian Fisher and David Taylor will lead a late autumn adult excursion to two unique and world-renowned museums, the Higgins Armory and the Worcester Art Museum. If you haven't seen either or both of these museums, you are in for a real treat! Here is what is said about them:

**Higgins Armory Museum**, housed in steel Art Deco Building, is the sole museum in the Western Hemisphere devoted to arms and armour. The museum is a public, non-profit museum specializing in the history of arms and armor. John Woodman Higgins built this unique steel and glass structure to house his collection of armor, one of the largest such collections in the world. Currently, the museum features thousands of pieces from the ancient military traditions of Western Europe, Ancient Rome, Feudal Japan, and beyond. It is one of the largest arms and armor collections in the world with over 80 suits of armor spanning the Medieval to renaissance and early modern periods.

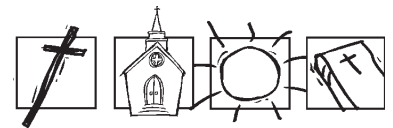


**The Worcester Art Museum**, considered a "classic American museum," has built a 35,000-piece collection that spans over fifty centuries, dating from antiquity to the present day, representing cultures from all over the world. The WAM opened in 1898 and is the second largest art museum in New England. In addition to the Roman mosaic-laden Renaissance court and French chapter house, strengths of the permanent collection include collections of European and North American painting, prints, photographs, and drawings; Asian art; Greek and Roman sculpture and mosaics; and Contemporary art.

This trip will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m., visiting the Armory Museum in the morning, having lunch at the Art Museum Café or other mutually agreed upon restaurant, and then touring WAM in the early afternoon. We will leave around 2:45 or 3 p.m., arriving back at the church at 4:15-4:30 p.m. Admission at the Armory Museum is \$10 and \$12 for seniors at WAM. **Come one, come all, and enjoy this day of fun, fellowship, art and history!**



# Christian Service



*First Church is a place where we are constantly serving our neighbors in need. It is our call and our privilege to spread God's love in our church community, in Glastonbury, in Hartford, in other Connecticut towns and cities, throughout our nation and all around the world.*

## Hands on Hartford Lunch

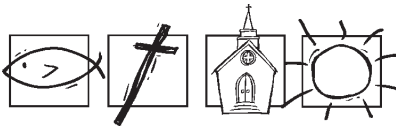
Four times a year, we bring and serve lunch at Center City Church through Hands on Hartford. We need your help for our Election Day lunch! Sign up in Schultz Hall during common fellowship or contact Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452.

### Tutoring at Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford

- Volunteers go into Fred Wish on a weekly basis to help students with their reading skills.
- If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

## Mission Immersion Day

Join family and friends on Saturday, November 13, as we open our hearts and hands to our neighbors. We need individuals and families (Children are welcome.) to volunteer at the Horace Bushnell Food Pantry, Shepherd Home, Saint Vincent DePaul, Middletown Habitat for Humanity and other organizations that serve families in need throughout the Greater Hartford area. Sign up during common fellowship, or contact Jessica Ripper at [jessicaripper@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicaripper@yahoo.com) or 202-425-4510 for additional information.



# Christian Service



**SERRV Handcrafts Offered during Sunday Common Fellowship**

## SERRV

The Board of Christian Service will offer products from SERRV for sale at coffee hour beginning Sunday, November 7. The SERRV table will be displayed each Sunday until December 17. Come and browse the beautiful handmade items. You're sure to find things that will make wonderful Christmas gifts for people on your list!

This season we will offer catalog sales in addition to goods displayed at coffee hour. You can browse the catalog and order items at the SERRV table. We will take orders during November at coffee hour. Look for us Sunday November 7, 14, 21 and 28. All orders taken up to November 28 will be placed so items will be received before Christmas.

So, what is SERRV, you ask? SERRV is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by purchasing and marketing their handcrafts in a just and direct manner. A significant amount of the retail cost of items is returned to those economically impoverished artisans.

Other interesting facts about SERRV:

**S**ocial and economic progress is promoted by SERRV for about 280 cooperatives and self-help groups who work in partnership with SERRV around the globe – including here in the United States.

**E**ncouraging the production of indigenous crafts, SERRV is helping to preserve traditional skills.

**R**eady access to credit for raw materials is given to artisans. SERRV pays up to 50% of the order in advance as an expression of trust and partnership and pays the balance upon delivery of the craft.

**R**aw materials and production processes which are environmentally stable are advocated by SERRV.

**V**ital income for as many as 40,000 economically disadvantaged artisan families in forty developing regions of the world is furnished by SERRV sales.

First Church has offered SERRV products at Christmas time for many years. The Board of Christian Service continues to offer these products to support the important work of SERRV.

## Annual Turkey and a \$20 Collection

Foodshare is the heart of greater Hartford's fight against hunger, and each year First Church members and friends bring in turkeys and raise money to help our neighbors in need.

We reached our goal of collecting 200 turkeys last year, but we think we can do more! **On November 21, help us reach our goal of 250 turkeys this year!** The need is up so please help if you are able.

**If people are able, they are also invited to donate \$20 to Foodshare. Please make checks payable directly to Foodshare.**

Please bring your FROZEN turkeys and checks to the church's back lobby on Sunday, November 21 before noon. There will be volunteers there to help.

If you have questions, contact Ron Kimmel at [r\\_kimmel@cox.net](mailto:r_kimmel@cox.net). Thanks for your continued support!

### Covenant to Care

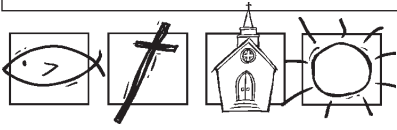
We have a request from Department of Children and Families in Manchester for two double beds for teenagers that are being raised by their Dad. We need mattresses, box springs, and frames if you have them! Please call Pam and Doug Hobbs for pick up at 860-633-4934. Thanks for caring.

### Crop Walk Thank You!

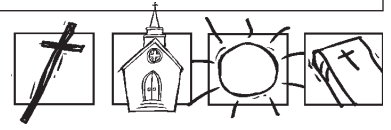
The Crop Walk was a success thanks to the many walkers and donors! First Church members and friends raised \$1,034 with nearly \$2,900 from the Glastonbury community. Thanks to the confirmands who learned about hunger, walked and raised money for Church World Service. Amy Thompson Jones, one of our church members, organizes the Glastonbury walk. Thanks to her for all her time, effort and passion!

## Horace Bushnell Food Pantry Collection

First Church has had a long tradition of collecting food items and bringing them to Horace Bushnell Children's Pantry in Hartford. There are two baskets at church (one in the back lobby and one in the narthex) where the food is collected. In November, we're asking for donations of rice and canned vegetables. Please bring food that is not expired or open. Thanks for your help!



## Music Ministry



### CANTATE CHOIR SLEEPOVER Friday & Saturday, November 5-6

On Friday, November 5, there will be a Cantate Choir Sleepover. This fun-filled event will entail an evening of baking Christmas cookies for the "Cookie Walk" fundraiser, followed by the playing of board games and movie night. Choristers should arrive at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Pizza will be ordered for dinner, and on Saturday morning, pancakes and sausage will be served for breakfast, followed by a 45-minute choir rehearsal. The sleepover will end at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Cost: \$5 per chorister  
What to Bring: Snack to Share; Pillow and Sleeping Bag

6 Chaperones are needed  
for the various shifts: 2 Chaperones: Friday Night  
2 Chaperones: To Sleepover  
2 Chaperones: Saturday Morning

\*\*Please Contact Mrs. Salcedo if you can help chaperone.

\*\* Cantabile Choir members are invited to join this group on Friday night to help bake cookies.



### NEW ENGLAND RINGERS

*A Holiday Christmas Concert in New England*

**Saturday, December 4, 2010**

This premiere bell ensemble of six octaves of handbells and seven octaves of handchimes will ring us into the holiday spirit as they celebrate their 10th anniversary year. They will perform a Christmas program featuring audience and ringers favorites over the years and the newly commissioned composition "Decade" by Michael J. Glasgow for this momentous occasion. It will be an unforgettable handbell performance!

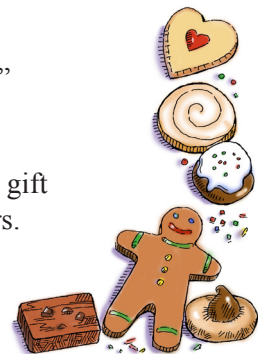


## Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars! To put you in a "holiday mood," the annual Cookie Walk will be held in Schultz Hall, **Saturday, December 4**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Come to buy your holiday cookies, SERRV and other gift items, fresh wreaths, and listen to our children's choirs.

### Bakers Needed

The Music Board will have a sign up sheet during Common Fellowship on November 7, 14 and 21, and will gratefully accept your pledges to bake holiday cookies to make this year's Cookie Walk the best ever! Proceeds will help to fund special needs of the music program at First Church.



For further information, please contact Linda Gray at 860-643-6590, or Courtney King at 860-659-1785.



# General Info Corner



## 2010 Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast

**On Thursday, November 18**, bring yourself and a friend, colleague, spouse, political or religious leader to the Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast.

Date: Thursday, November 18  
7:15 a.m. Light breakfast  
7:30-8:45 a.m. Program

Location: The Artists Collective  
1200 Albany Avenue  
Hartford, CT

Keynote Speaker: Imam Abdullah Antepli, Muslim Chaplain  
at Duke University

Special Guests: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, Beth Israel Congregation  
Father Thomas Gallagher, St. Patrick/St. Anthony Parish  
Mayor of Hartford, Pedro Segarra

Music: Boys choir of the Covenant Preparatory School

There is no charge for the breakfast and there is ample free parking at The Artists Collective. Free will contributions help defray the cost of the event.

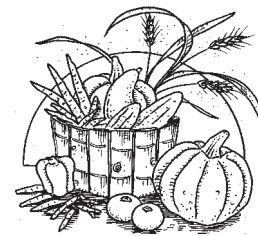
Registration information can be found at  
[www.hartfordprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.hartfordprayerbreakfast.org).

*Sunday, November 7...*



### Next Baptism Dates

The next dates to receive the Sacrament of Baptism are November 28 and December 26. If you would like to have your child baptized, or to be baptized yourself, please call the church office and speak with Kathy Ciolkosz at 860-633-4641 extension 110.



## “Attitude of Gratitude” Women’s Retreat



**DATE:** Friday, March 11- Saturday, March 12, 2011

**PLACE:** Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT

Happiness, the sheer joy of being alive is within our reach. All we need is an “Attitude of Gratitude.” Gratitude creates happiness because it makes us feel full, complete. Gratitude is the realization that we have everything we need and if there is one thing we need in our life is to be more grateful and joyful. We were put on this earth to “grow our souls,” to heal our woundedness and become more loving, kind, fearless, and hopeful. The longer we live, the more we recognize that cultivating an attitude of gratitude is the key to living with an open heart - living in a spirit of joyful expectation.

Gratitude is not just the key. It’s a magic key and all you need to do is to use it and the world is suddenly transformed into a beautiful wonderland, in which you are invited to play. We will be gathering in such a place to explore this theme - Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT.

**Space is limited! The Farm House only sleeps 21.**

First Come, First Served. Reserve your place today. The cost for overnighters is \$126.00 (which includes 3 meals) and for Saturday participants is \$66.00 (which includes 2 meals) and needs to be received by January 11, 2011. Please contact Nancy Higgins at 860-633-6604 or [nnhigg@att.net](mailto:nnhigg@att.net) to reserve your spot as soon as possible!



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## Hey Techies!

We're Looking for Media Ministry Volunteers! Can you operate a video camera? Can you tweak mic levels? Do you want to learn how? We are looking for eager volunteers from "Junior High" to "Senior Citizens" to help us out on Sunday mornings with our camerawork and sound system needs. You can help our worship services be seen and heard! To volunteer, or for more information, contact Chris Mereschuk at the church office. Thanks!

## Love the United Church of Christ? There's an App for That!

Did you know that our denomination, the UCC has a really cool (and free!) application for your iPhone and Android mobile devices? You can get the latest UCC news, connect to social networks, visit the online store, find other UCC congregations, donate - - and best of all, you can get the Daily Devotional! Check it out!

### First Church Sermons-to-Go!



#### Listen to New Episodes of the First Church Sermon Podcasts!



Listen to the Good News from First Church on your iPod, mp3 Player, or on your computer! Check out the First Church Sermon Podcast Series - - a new way to listen to and share words of inspiration and mediation from our Sunday services.

**What is a Podcast?** Podcasts are free, downloadable audio recordings. New "episodes" will be published ("posted") weekly. Presently, we are Podcasting our sermons, but future episodes could include special musical selections, bible studies, or other events.

**How Do I Listen?** The Podcast episode can be downloaded to a portable mp3 player (such as an iPod), or you can listen to it on your computer from the websites below.

**Where can I find the First Church Podcast?** To find our Podcasts, you can go to <http://firstchurchglastonbury.podbean.com/> or link from our First Church website: [http://glastonburyfirst.org/media\\_ministry.htm](http://glastonburyfirst.org/media_ministry.htm).

If you use Apple's iTunes music management program, open up the iTunes store and enter "firstchurchglastonbury" in the search field. To download the iTunes program for free, visit: <http://www.apple.com/itunes/>. You can then "subscribe" to our Podcast, and new episodes will be downloaded automatically as they are posted!

**Questions?** Contact Chris Mereschuk for more information!



### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 31, 12:00 p.m.

Bring Fido, Fifi, and your other furry friends to our second annual Blessing of the Animals! Join us for this brief service on the Hale House lawn as we welcome and bless companion animals that bring so much joy into our lives. For safety, please bring dogs on a leash, cats in a carrier or on a leash, and keep other animals appropriately within your control. Contact Chris Mereschuk for more information.

### Media Ministries at First Church

*Watch a First Church service on television ...*

*"Living the Word,"* each Sunday at noon on

Cox Cable, Channel 15. *Visit First Church on the Web*

[www.glastonburyfirst.org](http://www.glastonburyfirst.org)

### DVD copies of our Sunday morning worship services are available!

There is a \$5 charge per DVD to help offset our production costs. Completed orders will be available for you to pick up in the church office. Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery.



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Join us at the



**Harvest Supper and**

**All-Church Talent Show**



**Sunday, November 21, 2010**

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Riverfront Community Center, Welles Street**

**Sign ups required.**