

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

The REMINDER

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Member of United Church of Christ

October 24, 2010

“And Let There be Peace on Earth...”

The last time I was in Russia was in June of 1990, and I missed my daughter Meg’s first birthday – **and Meg reminds me of that fact on a regular basis!**

As I begin to write this reflection, I am sitting at Gate 65 of Terminal 2E, at Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris, having flown here with Jane from St. Petersburg after visiting now 20 year old Meg, who is studying in “Peter,” as it is called, for her Vassar College junior year abroad.

Apart from the delight of having Meg as our own personal guide to tour this truly spectacular city – this “Venice of the North,” home of the Hermitage, borshch, blini and pirozhki – this trip has re-kindled an old passion within me. That passion is heeding our call as Christians to be peacemakers. Moreover, this timeless call is also one of the unquestionable fruits of the spirit. And the importance of this call has been brought home to us with the arrival and installation of the poignant and powerful “Field of Flags.”



A little background about how and why peacemaking has been near and dear to my understanding of myself as a Christian. In recent years, including my ministry here at First Church, my ministry “*in the world*” has been largely focused in the areas of fighting hunger (our work with Foodshare and other area agencies), building affordable elderly and family housing (both in New Hampshire and in Connecticut back in the 1980’s and early 90’s), and then, of course, my interest in the United Church of Christ’s ministry of disaster relief and emergency assistance through the tremendous work of Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

However, before these most recent involvements beckoned my time and commitment, various peacemaking ministries were at the very core of my life as a Christian minister. And our First Church Confirmation classes have always been riveted as I tell my stories of “jail-time” for non-violent civil disobedience in this peacemaking work! This work occurred both as I was serving as a parish pastor, as well as when I served on our Connecticut Conference and national United Church of Christ staff, working in the areas of justice, poverty, human rights – and peace.

What did this peacemaking work entail and where did it take me? Well, it included working to strengthen the role of the United Nations, working with Congress to halt the unnecessary stockpiling of chemical weapons, opposing United foreign policy which supported repressive regimes in Central America and South Africa, working for human rights for people around the globe, and working for a nuclear arms freeze and an end to the arms race with the Soviet Union.

And it was this peacemaking work that led to that 1990 trip to the then-dissolving Soviet Union and the emerging Russian Federation. After a few days in Moscow, I traveled to the Black Sea resort of Sochi (home to the 2014 Winter Olympics), as the representative of the United Church of Christ to a United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Peace Summit.

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I was asked to speak – complete with the translation sound booths and the headsets for simultaneous translations common at international conferences – and the perspective I shared was for the world to see that our work for peace must always be linked to our work for justice. There can be no peace without justice. Or to put it another way, the world can never be at peace when there are children who are starving and oppressed.

As you see, this work we are called to do as Christian peacemakers is really one – we are called to work endlessly and tirelessly for peace with justice, to work in any and all ways to shorten the lines at our mobile Foodshare, to help children in Haiti, to promote greater global understanding and cooperation, and to ensure that as few men and women as humanly possible from Glastonbury or any other town in our nation have to be honored by a flag placed in the ground on a beautiful autumn day.

On October 9th, John Lennon would have been 70 years old if he had not been gunned down in New York City. And on October 24th, the world will be celebrating – or should be celebrating – the 65th birthday of the United Nations.

When he addressed the UN General Assembly in 1961, President John F. Kennedy exhorted the world, ***“The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us.”*** And when he sang to us, John Lennon exhorted the world, ***“All we are saying is give peace a chance.”***

During the month of October, as we honor our fallen service men and women with the Field of Flags, let us also rededicate ourselves to abolish the weapons of war and to work tirelessly as Christian peacemakers to give peace a chance.

Faithfully,

Prayer Corner



Prayers of thanksgiving for:

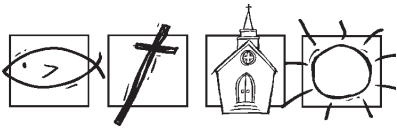
The birth of Anthony John Conoscenti, born on September 3 to Christina and Christopher Conoscenti. Anthony is the grandson of John Cancellieri.

Prayers of comfort and strength for:

Audrey Hernandez on the death of her mother, Agnes Edwards, on September 28.

Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Chris Hernandez
Mildred Dainty
Ben Murphy
Blanche Marlow



Adult Education



Thursday Morning Book Group

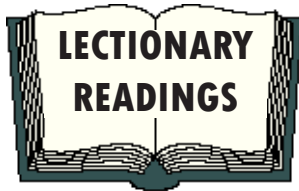
Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Lehman Library

Continuing October 21, 28 and November 4: O'Connor, Poe, Updike, Cheever – Short on Words, Deep in Thought

Short stories may be short on words and pages, but they can be very deep in thought. And many of our most famous short story writers delve deeply into religious and spiritual thought.

Although it has already started, the Thursday morning study and fellowship group (there is as much fellowship as there is study!), will read some very accessible short stories by some wonderful writers. The discussion of these stories will focus on the spiritual questions raised by the authors, but also on the spiritual questions that are stirred within us. We will choose stories by some of these writers – Flannery O'Connor, Edgar Allen Poe, John Updike, John Cheever, O. Henry, Allegra Goodman, Andre Dubus and Raymond Carver. This fun-loving fellowship group meets in the library on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m., and newcomers are always encouraged to attend, and almost always welcomed with cheers of joy!!

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."



October 24, 2010 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65 or Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 31, 2010 - Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 or Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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

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.

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.



Children's Ministries



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe it's already mid October. Our first unit of Rotation Model Curriculum – Dig Into the Bible - just ended. On October 17, we will move on to our second 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 seventh and eighth grade puppet troupe will perform offsite this Sunday, October 17, at Portland Congregational Church. Our sixth grade troupe members have been learning basic puppet skills and are now working on their first performance piece which will be shared at our church school assembly. It's great to have so many young people sharing God's love!

In the past, it has been tradition that our third graders bring the Bibles given to them by the church to their church school classes. No matter the age, all children are encouraged to bring their Bibles to church school – we use them a lot!

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

Many Blessings, *Kate*

Church School Schedule

October 17

- First Drawing! – The group will meet from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the church library.
- Unit 2 (Rebekah) of Rotation Model Curriculum begins!
- The older puppet troupe performs offsite at Portland Congregational Church.

October 24

- First Drawing! – The group will meet from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the church library.

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.



One Child at a Time, We Will Change Haiti

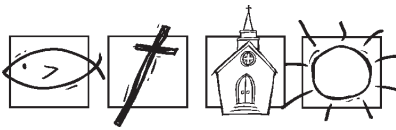
This year's church school mission project involves helping the children of Haiti. Telemaque, an eight year old Haitian child who lives at H.E.L.O., is a shy and serious child who we are sponsoring. **It costs just \$960 a year (or only \$80 per month) to provide Telemaque with a home, food and an education.**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

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, 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 in 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.

Magazines and Catalogs Needed! We need magazines and catalogs for our second unit of rotation model curriculum. Please drop them off in the back lobby in the marked bin. Thanks!



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 & 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.

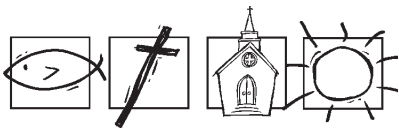
* Popcorn will be served in the Movie Station. Talk to the station leader, shepherd or CE point person if you have questions or concerns.

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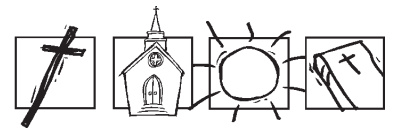
The Preschool Room is located in Room 105.

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.)

***Saturday, October 16 & Sunday, October 17:** Apple Fest (No SHF 10/17)

***Sunday, October 24:** Visit from Elmhurst College, followed by regular SHF (5:30-8:00 p.m.)

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

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, October 25: Halloween Party/All Saints Celebration

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, October 17: Regular Class Session

***Sunday, October 24:** CROP Walk (1 p.m. @ GHS)

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

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

Thinking About Going to College? Sunday, October 24 @ 5:30 p.m.

We will begin our Fellowship meeting at 5:30pm to welcome Christine Grenier from Elmhurst College. Elmhurst is one of several United Church of Christ-related colleges, and Christine will talk to students and parents about what that all means. Come on by and hear what she has to say! Parents are invited to stay until 6pm, when we will start our regular Fellowship session. Hope to see you there!

Reminder:

Mission Trip Deposits Are Due Soon!

Please remember that your \$200 deposit for the mission trip to Galveston, TX (2/20-26) is due by November 1, 2010. Please submit your cash or check (payable to "First Church" with "TX 2011" or "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo field) to Chris Mereschuk. If you need financial assistance or more time getting the funds together, you can speak to Chris confidentially to reserve your spot. Remember: even though the deadline is November 1st, the trip might fill up before then!

Mission Trip Team Meeting #1!

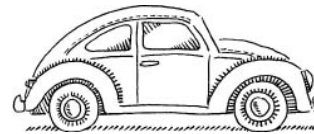
Sunday, November 14, 4-6 p.m. in the Youth Room

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!

Honk Honk! New Driver Blessing @ Senior High Fellowship

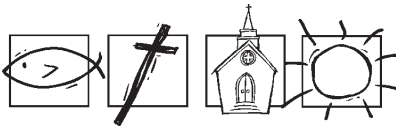
Sunday, November 7, 6-8 p.m.

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!



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!



Youth Ministry



First Church Fellowship Halloween Party Spook-tacular!

Junior High Fellowship

Monday, October 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



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:



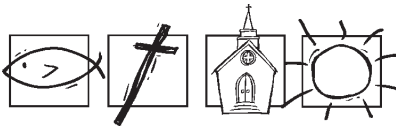
Higgins Armory Museum, housed in steel Art Deco Building, is the sole museum in the Western Hemisphere devoted to arms and armour. The museum is a public, non-profit museum specializing in the history of arms and armor. John Woodman Higgins built this unique steel and glass structure to house his collection 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!**

Potluck Dinner with Pastor Bae, Sunday, October 24, 12 Noon

Since 2004, First Church has been graced with visits from members of our partner church in South Korea. Pastor Bae, Senior Pastor of Choe Woel Church, will be arriving in CT this month. Plans are being made for members of our congregation to have several opportunities to meet with him while he is here. A Potluck Dinner is planned for Sunday, October 24 after the second service.



Music Ministry



Congratulations to:



Johan Hartman for receiving his “Red Ribbon” and **Kate Wilson** for her “Light Blue Ribbon” as part of the Royal School of Church Music Program awards. Each ribbon color represents the various levels of musicianship achieved by the choristers according to the following graded program; Light Blue (Level I); Dark Blue (Level II); Red (Level III); Purple (Level IV); and Black (Level V).



Music at the Meetinghouse...

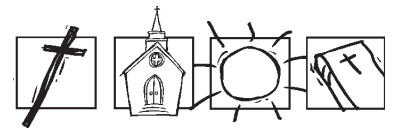
Mark your calendars for the **New England Ringers - A Holiday Christmas Concert in New England**

Saturday, December 4, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

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. It will be an unforgettable handbell performance!



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.

Wish School Volunteers Needed

Wish School is an Elementary School located on Barbour Street in Hartford.

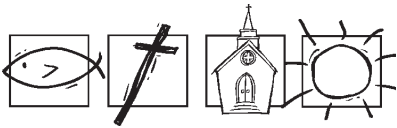
Our church has had a long association with Wish as volunteers working with students to improve their reading skills. Under the direction of Linda Pandolph, Literacy Director, volunteers read to and with the students helping them with classroom assignments. The students are always enthusiastic and the time spent with them is rewarding. The goal is to recruit volunteers who are willing to go to the school 2-3 hours weekly and work with pupils on an ongoing basis. Linda is always available to help out with any questions or concerns you may have. If you are interested please call Sally Riddell at 860-657-8715.

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.

Mobile Foodshare Van in First Church's parking lot (every other Wednesday)

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.



Christian Service



October Activities

October 16 (Note date change) - Serving hot breakfast at Horace Bushnell Food Pantry

The breakfast will be from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m., and volunteers should plan on being there by 7 a.m. to help set up/prepare. If serving food doesn't fit into your plans, you can also help by making a donation (pancake mix, syrup, jam/jellies, bread/butter, hash browns, milk/juice). Children can come with their parents and serve.

If you are interested in helping, contact John Thompson at 860-342-5434.

October 22 and 23 – Helping at the Fall Rummage Sale

Help is needed before, after and during the sale. We also need your donations! The money raised is distributed through the Board of Christian Service to chosen organizations.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Reichenbach at 860-533-9474.

October 24 – Walking in the Crop Walk at Glastonbury High School at 1 p.m.



During this event, neighbors walk together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger needs. Join First Church's confirmands, and walk with us!

Signups will be during Common Fellowship during the month of October.

If you are interested in walking or donating money, please contact Amy Thompson Jones at thompsonjones@sbcglobal.net.

November 13 – Volunteering for our Family Mission Immersion Day

Save the date for another day of fun and fellowship! We need individuals and families (Children are welcome.) to volunteer at the Horace Bushnell Food Pantry, Shepherd Home, Saint Vincent DePaul and other organizations that serve families in need throughout the Greater Hartford area. Signup during Common Fellowship, or contact Jessica Ripper at jessicaripper@yahoo.com or 202-425-4510 for additional information.

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:

Social 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.

Encouraging the production of indigenous crafts, SERRV is helping to preserve traditional skills.

Ready 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.

Raw materials and production processes which are environmentally stable are advocated by SERRV.

Vital 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.



General Info Corner



Women of the UCC present

a brunch and 2 guest leaders **Saturday, October 30, 2010**

Rev. Ruth Martz presenting "The Potter and the Clay"
and

Gloria Bent presenting "Praying in Color"

Please join us for this wonderful time to learn, to meet other women and join in our faith community. The cost is \$12. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. For more information, contact Charlene Dann at 860-788-2889.



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

November 1, 2009 – October 31, 2010

- Richard Bacon
- Clyde Brooks
- Mario DeBari, Jr.
- Gordon Graveen
- Audrey Hattings
- Beverly Hoyt
- Myrtle Jensen
- Mimi Kaufmann
- 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

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRST CHURCH?

Are you thinking of joining our Church?

*The next gathering of prospective members will be
Sunday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m.*

Come and learn more about what it means to be a member of First Church.

People join First Church from many different church backgrounds, but all find here a warm and caring, faith-filled church home. It's a place where they can worship, learn, share, serve, and grow in faith.

Please let us know of your interest by making a note in the fellowship pew pad during any Sunday morning worship service or by calling the church office at 860-633-4641 and speaking with Kathy Ciolkosz (extension 110).

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

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

- October 17 **David Taylor preaching**
"Blessed are the Peacemakers"
- October 24 **David Taylor preaching**
"Making Toast"
- October 31 **David Taylor preaching**
"Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!"





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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 in the church playground 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.

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!

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.

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!

Naubuc Green Birthday Party



The Board of Lay Life & Ministry hosted a birthday party honoring 20 residents of the Naubuc Green Congregate Housing Facility on September 22. Birthday cake, ice cream sandwiches were enjoyed by all! Attendees also enjoyed, for the second year, the musical talents and humor of Ann and Frank Kifiglia. It was a pleasure to honor a special resident who celebrated her 102nd birthday. We look forward to celebrating birthdays again next year!

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

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.

Save the Date ~ Sunday, November 21, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Harvest Supper and All-Church Talent Show at the Riverfront Community Center!

More information will follow about this fun-filled, delicious event.

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RUMMAGE SALE: *Tender Mercies*

WHEN: Friday, October 22, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and
Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WORK DATES: October 20 through 23 (we are there
from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.)

ACCEPTING DONATIONS: October 10th through
October 22nd at noon

We are preparing for the autumn sale. Please take a little time and
select something to donate. We are happily accepting the following:

household items, clothing, shoes, purses, luggage, jewelry,
tools, electrical, linens, furniture, holiday items, crafts, art,
books, music, videos, antiques, toys, rugs, appliances... surprise us!!

Please, all items should be clean, safe, in working condition,
“liftable and moveable,” non flammable, and not damaged.
No mattresses, skis, treadmills, large exercise equipment,
paints, children’s car seats, or cribs.

If you are able to help at any time, or if you have any doubts
or questions about an item, especially furniture, please call.

Helen Hodgman phone 860-243-3033
Susan Carpenter phone 860-633-9157
Judy Reichenbach phone 860-533-9474

Thank you for your donations and help!

Come and experience *Field of Flags* on the
lawn of First Church until October 31.



*Honoring those who gave their lives
in Iraq and Afghanistan.*