

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

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# The REMINDER

First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Member of United Church of Christ

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## January 2011

27 December 2010

Dear Friends,

Well, there is one obvious question for this post-Christmas time, ***“Was Santa good to you?”*** Other questions include, were your travels safe during the “Blizzard of 2010,” have any toys broken, is all the wrapping paper picked up and recycled, have you returned those perfectly-hideous items of clothing? But most importantly, was your Christmas celebration a time of joy and love for you and for your family and friends? To this last question, I would respond, ***“I hope and pray that it was!”***

As I look out my window the storm of 2010 is coming to an end, and my thoughts and emotions are already turning to the New Year, 2011, that is just around the corner. My thoughts are turning to what we, the First Church family of faith, will be doing in the coming weeks and months, and all of it is exciting, significant, and challenging.

- *At the crack of dawn on Sunday, January 2nd, our 6th annual adult mission trip for hurricane recovery in Biloxi, Mississippi leaves from the church parking lot. “Godspeed!” to this group of First Church ambassadors!*
- *Over the course of two weekends in January, our junior and senior high youth will be sharing fun and fellowship as they “retreat” together at our UCC Silver Lake Conference Center.*
- *Monday evening of Martin Luther King Day weekend, the Reverend Andrew Young, former UN ambassador and Hartford Seminary-trained United Church of Christ pastor, will speak here in Glastonbury.*
- *Later in January, I will once again offer – if enough folk sign up – Christianity 101, which is a non-lecture, hands-on oriented learning opportunity to deepen one’s understanding of the Christian faith. Joyce Young called it, **“a time of great fun and fellowship!”** Sign up now to take part!*
- *Your Executive Committee and Church Council will be working throughout January to put together and to present to you a 2011 budget that is financially prudent, as well as faithful to our mission as a church of Jesus Christ.*
- ***“Coming Soon in February!”*** *In the next issue of The Reminder, look for our new and improved plan of communicating with you all the exciting happenings that take place here at this vibrant, caring and committed family of faith!*
- *Take advantage of the many opportunities for learning, spiritual growth, prayer and fellowship – small groups of friendly folk always ready to welcome new people!*
- *Take part in any number of the mission opportunities happening this month – Mission Immersion Day, Hands on Hartford lunch, family breakfast at Horace Bushnell Food Pantry, and donating soup and rice for the pantry. **The giving of Christmas continues on all year long!***

There is so much more, but my space is limited. But this certainly gives you an idea of how we, as the First Church family of faith, are taking seriously our call to be faithful for the upcoming New Year. May God bless each of you, and may God bless this congregation, as we turn another page on the calendar of our life together!

Faithfully,



**First Church of Christ,  
Congregational**

*United Church of Christ*  
2183 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

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

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Church School: 9:00 a.m.

Child Care: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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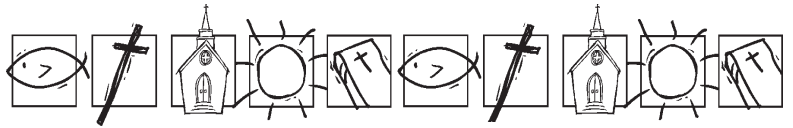
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- Cheryl Foley, *Child Care Provider*

**THE REMINDER submission deadline:**

*Starting January 2011, the deadline for the monthly Reminder will be the 10th of every month.*

**MONDAY, January 10; February 2011 issue**

**THURSDAY, February 10; March 2011 issue**



## Adult Education

### Christianity 101!

In this class, we will explore the answers to these questions:

- \* How do we know God?
- \* How do we interpret the Bible?
- \* What do the creeds and Doctrines of the Church mean for today?
- \* What is worship?
- \* What do Baptism and the Lord's Supper mean?
- \* What do the Ten Commandments tell us about our lives?
- \* What is the Church?
- \* Who and what is the United Church of Christ?

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 four 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 and fun learning methods.

Led by David Taylor, this program will be held on four Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 and 26, and February 2 and 9. **The deadline for registration is January 14.** Please call the church office to sign up and/or for more information.





# Adult Education



## **A Course in Practical Ministry**

This course is open to anyone who wishes to grow in their ability to help others through listening, understanding, supporting, and providing feedback. This course has been offered at St. Francis Hospital and the St. Francis Academy for Clinical Pastoral Training twice a year since 1999. It is partially underwritten by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). Over three thousand people have taken this course. Participants have come from diverse backgrounds of ordained ministers, priests, rabbis, Imans, and lay people, policemen, women's ministry coordinators, Sunday School teachers, church secretaries and other church staff, prison guards, cantors, beauticians, social workers, psychologists, teachers, retired people and many others all with different religious backgrounds, all with a common interest in caring for the soul.

The ten week course begins on Wednesday, February 2 from 9-Noon at the Mt. Sinai campus in Hartford and continues each Wednesday through April 6. The fee is \$150. The faculty is the Rev. Dr. Mark McKinney, Director of Pastoral Counseling at St. Francis, and Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson, Pastoral Psychotherapist in Glastonbury. Other faculty include Rev. Richard Allen.

To enroll or for more information, call Dr. McKinney at 860-714-4183.



## **Thursday Morning Book Group**

The Thursday Morning Book Group has made the following selections for the start of 2011:

January 13 and 20: Putting Away Childish Things, a novel by theologian Marcus Borg.

January 27 and February 3: The Best Spiritual Writing of 2011, Phillip Zaleski.

March 10 and 17: Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The weeks of February 10 - March 3 are open for group decisions to be made in January/February.

The Book Group is open to all and always welcoming of new participants. We meet Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Lehman Library. Books for the above discussions are available from Forbes Warren at [fwarren2@cox.net](mailto:fwarren2@cox.net).

## **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 January selection is: Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff. This is a newly published biography which has already received dozens of top reviews. From the Amazon.com website, "The Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt.

Though her life spanned fewer than forty years, it reshaped the contours of the ancient world. She was married twice, each time to a brother. She waged a brutal civil war against the first when both were teenagers. She poisoned the second. Ultimately she dispensed with an ambitious sister as well; incest and assassination were family specialties. Cleopatra had a child with Caesar and--after his murder--three more with his protégé [Marc Antony]. Already she was the wealthiest ruler in the Mediterranean; the relationship with Antony confirmed her status as the most influential woman of the age. The two would together attempt to forge a new empire, in an alliance that spelled their ends. Cleopatra has lodged herself in our imaginations ever since.

Famous long before she was notorious, Cleopatra has gone down in history for all the wrong reasons. Shakespeare and Shaw put words in her mouth. Michelangelo, Tiepolo, and Elizabeth Taylor put a face to her name. Along the way, Cleopatra's supple personality and the drama of her circumstances have been lost. In a masterly return to the classical sources, Stacy Schiff here boldly separates fact from fiction to rescue the magnetic queen whose death ushered in a new world order. Rich in detail, epic in scope, Schiff 's is a luminous, deeply original reconstruction of a dazzling life."

Join us on **Tuesday, January 11 at 4 p.m.** in the church library to enjoy a discussion on Cleopatra. 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

## Advent Workshop Thank You!

Much fun was had by all who came to the Advent Workshop on December 12! There were lots of people, food and crafts! Christian Education board member Jen Kernisan did a great job organizing this event.

There were many dedicated people who worked to make the afternoon a success. Thank you to Rosemary Richter, Shannon Jeroszko, Leslie Donovan, Heather Aselton, Sonmi Manto, Robin Kohs, Carol Kimmel, Joyce Young, Sue Jackson, Tim Wildman and Olivia and Samantha LaFargue. Thanks to Brian Fisher and Lois Harwick for leading the carolers. Everyone loved seeing the 6th grade puppet troupe perform so thank you puppeteers and teachers Scott and Suzette MacKenzie, Lisa Hurley and Laura Wildman.

We would also like to thank all the people who baked or donated food for the event. There was plenty of great food to go around!

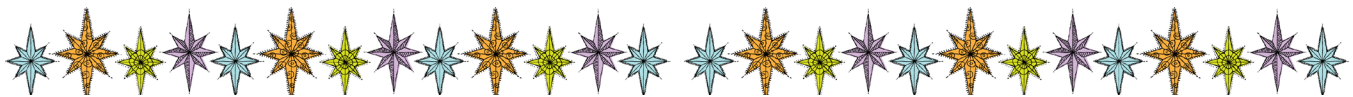
## Upcoming Children's Ministries Schedule

- January 2** : Board of Christian Education meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the library
- January 9** : Second, third and fourth graders are sponsoring a bake sale during common fellowship. All the money raised goes to our church school mission project - H.E.L.O.
- January 22** : Family Mission Immersion Day (Sign ups required)
- January 30** : Communion Education for the church school children  
Older Puppet Troupe Performance
- February 6** : Family Communion Sunday - Communion will be at the beginning of the service, and children will participate.

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

We're doing great with our church school mission project. Already we've raised close to \$6,000. Thank you to the children who bring in their offering and to the adults who have given special gifts to HELO. We're hoping to raise \$10,000 by June. It costs just \$960 a year (or only \$80 per month) to provide Telemaque, our Haitian orphan, 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. (Home, Education, Love, Opportunity) is to provide Haitian orphans with a loving home, proper nutrition and education. We're also raising money to buy animals for the orphanage.

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. Thanks for your support!



## Thank You for Your Generosity!

Over 55 gift cards and 36 hats, gloves and socks were collected for Glastonbury Social Services and were given out before Christmas. Thank you to all who took gold stars and who helped to make Christmas happier for children and families in our town.

Thank you also to all the children who brought baby goods to honor baby Jesus. The items – diapers, formula, blankets, food and wipes - were collected at the Christmas pageant and delivered to Manchester Community Services. The babies and families receiving the items are very appreciative.

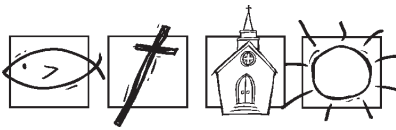
Thank you for spreading God's love to our neighbors in need.

## Bring Your Bibles to Church School!

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!

## 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 4: "Jesus is Baptized"

**Bible Story Reference:** Matthew 3:1-17






**Bible Verse:** This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.

**Main Idea:** Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgment of God's love for us and our place in God's family.



**Objectives:** Children will hear the story of Jesus' baptism in a variety of ways so that they might discover and recognize that:

- Jesus was baptized as a sign of belonging.
- We participate in the same sacrament.
- The shell and dove are symbols of baptism.
- John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus.
- God's presence is with us always.

|   |  | <u>Sunday 1/2</u>                      | <u>Sunday 1/9</u>                      | <u>Sunday 1/16</u>                     | <u>Sunday 1/23</u>                     | <u>Sunday 1/30</u>                     |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | <u>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade</u><br><i>pink</i>     | Science Room 205<br>Julie Krause       | Music Room 204<br>Tom & Carol Guerra   | Storytelling Room 111<br>Karen Simmons | Art Room 103<br>Greg & Mary LaChance   | Games Room 110<br>Sara Hokunson        |
|  | <u>2nd grade</u><br><i>yellow</i>                      | Music Room 204<br>Tom & Carol Guerra   | Storytelling Room 111<br>Karen Simmons | Art Room 103<br>Greg & Mary LaChance   | Games Room 110<br>Sara Hokunson        | Science Room 205<br>Amy Thompson       |
|  | <u>3rd grade</u><br><i>purple</i>                      | Storytelling Room 111<br>Karen Simmons | Art Room 103<br>Greg & Mary LaChance   | Games Room 110<br>Sara Hokunson        | Science Room 205<br>Amy Thompson       | Music Room 204<br>Tom & Carol Guerra   |
|  | <u>4th grade</u><br><i>red</i>                         | Art Room 103<br>Greg & Mary LaChance   | Games Room 110<br>Sara Hokunson        | Science Room 205<br>Amy Thompson       | Music Room 204<br>Tom & Carol Guerra   | Storytelling Room 111<br>Karen Simmons |
|  | <u>5th grade + up</u><br>(non Puppets)<br><i>green</i> | Games Room 110<br>Sara Hokunson        | Science Room 205<br>Amy Thompson       | Music Room 204<br>Tom & Carol Guerra   | Storytelling Room 111<br>Karen Simmons | Art Room 103<br>Greg & Mary LaChance   |

Please note:

The Preschool Room is in Room 105.

The 6th Grade Puppet Room is in Room 303.

The 7th and 8th Grade Puppet Room is in Room 302.

### Church School Dismissal

Church school runs until 10:10 each Sunday. If worship gets out earlier than that, please enjoy some time in Schultz Hall before picking up your children. Thanks for your cooperation!



# Children's Ministries



## Family Communion Sunday

Family Communion Sunday will be held on February 6. It is a special worship service where we remember and celebrate Jesus. In preparation for this special occasion, the deacons will be talking to all the church school classes about the meaning of Communion on Sunday, January 30.

There are only two sacraments that we practice at First Church, and Holy Communion is one of them. Sacraments are ritual actions in worship which, according to Scripture, were instituted by Jesus. The sacrament of Communion affords us a taste of God's Kingdom where all are welcomed at the table. Communion is a time of remembrance, praise and thanksgiving, confession, fellowship and commissioning. It allows us to recall and remember Jesus' final meal and his invitation to follow. The bread and juice of Communion provide us with an opportunity to live anew into the Kingdom in fellowship with those in our immediate congregation as well as with Christians around the world who are sharing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The thanksgiving aspect of Communion acknowledges the gifts we have been given through Jesus Christ.

Served at both services, our Communion is for everyone who loves the Lord and seeks to follow Him. In our denomination, children are welcome to eat the bread and drink the juice. Parents may decide whether or not their children participate.



# Youth Ministry



## Winter Retreats @ Silver Lake Conference Center

Permission slips available in the youth section of the First Church website ([glastonburyfirst.org/YouthMinistry.htm](http://glastonburyfirst.org/YouthMinistry.htm)) and outside of the youth room.

### **Junior High Fellowship Winter Retreat @ Silver Lake!** *Friday, January 7 – Sunday, January 9, 2011*

#### REMINDERS

**Who:** Any students 6-8th Grade (please have a registration card!)

**How Much:** \$100 covers your lodging, food, and transportation (Payable to First Church).

Financial Assistance is available through Rev. Mereschuk.

**Depart:** Friday, January 7 @ 6:30 p.m. (First Church parking lot) **Eat Dinner Before!!!**

**Return:** Sunday, January 9 @ 11:00 a.m. (First Church parking lot)

### **Senior High Fellowship Winter Retreat @ Silver Lake!** *Friday, January 28 – Sunday, January 30, 2011*

**Who:** Any students 9-12th Grade (please have a registration card!)

**How Much:** \$100 covers your lodging, food, and transportation (Payable to First Church).

**Depart:** Friday, January 28 @ 6:30 p.m. (First Church parking lot) **Eat Dinner Before!!!**

**Return:** Sunday, January 30 @ 12 Noon (First Church parking lot)

**Registration Deadline:** January 2, 2011

## Youth Ministry Program Calendar

### Senior High Fellowship

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

**Sunday, January 2:** Regular Session (Faith)

**\*Sunday, January 16:** Mission Trip Team Meeting #2 (4-6 p.m.)

**Sunday, January 16:** Regular Session (Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr.)

**Sunday, January 23:** Regular Session

**\*Friday, January 28-Sunday, January 30:** SHF @ Silver Lake

**Sunday, January 30:** No SHF

### Junior High Fellowship

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

**\*Friday, January 7-Sunday, January 9:** JHF Retreat @ Silver Lake!

**Monday, January 10:** Regular Session ("Fruit Challenge")

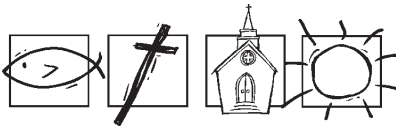
**Monday, January 24:** Regular Fellowship Session

### Confirmation Class

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

**Sunday, January 2:** Regular Session (10:30a.m.-12 noon)

**Sunday, January 16:** Regular Session (10:30a.m.-12 noon)



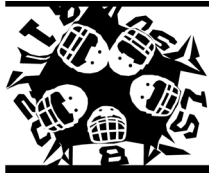
# Youth Ministry



## Mission Trip Meeting #3!

*Sunday, January 16, 4-6p.m. in Schultz Hall*

Bring your completed registration forms and any questions you might have. Same as the other times: 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!



**JOIN**  
\*\*\*the\*\*\*  
**HUDDLE**

**Support the Mission Trip --  
and feed your guests on Super Bowl Sunday!!**

**What:** Super Bowl Sunday Grinder Sale  
**When:** February 6, 2011 (Pick up 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)  
**Details:** 6" Subway Grinders - \$5.00 each  
**Just tell us what you'd like:** Ham, turkey or Italian  
Place your order and pre-pay at the Youth table Sunday mornings during Common Fellowship!  
**Go Football!!!!** Doug Brown & Stephanie Croswell  
Youth Board

## Let it Snow!

Youth Ministry Program Snow Closings: For weekday events, if the Glastonbury schools have a snow closing or early dismissal, any evening programs would be cancelled. For weekend and other snow closings, students and parents will be notified through the Youth Ministry email list. Snow closings will also be posted on WFSB 3, WTNH 8, NBC 30 and on WTIC radio. You may also call the First Church main office number and choose the option to check on cancellations. As always, if you determine it is not safe to drive to a program, please stay home. We urge extra caution and discretion with teenaged drivers.

## Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who helped the Christmas Story come alive again this year! Thank you to our cast and crew and the parent volunteers who made it all possible.



# General Info Corner



## Another Way to Support the Mission Trip

Take "Stock" in the Youth and "Share" in the Mission Trip Experience! During December and January, we will be selling "shares" in our Galveston, TX mission trip during the fellowship hour. Each \$15 share goes directly toward supporting our costs for supplies and student scholarships. A "Shareholders Report Reception" will be held during Common Fellowship upon our return. Your support is essential and very much appreciated!

### Snow Closings

Snow closings will be posted on **WFSB 3, NBC 30, WTNH 8, and on WTIC radio**. You may also call the First Church main office number at (860)633-4641 and press 6 to check on cancellations.

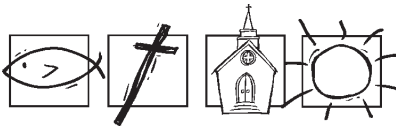
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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl **Knitters AND CROCHETERS** of First Church will gather **Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lehman Library to knit and share fellowship. Yarn, needles, instruction and friendship are available to all who care to join. Over the past year, this group has given over fifty shawls to persons in our congregation and the wider community. Shawls are given to those persons who are experiencing life changing situations such as a change in life situation, grief, illness, move, welcoming a new child.

Unable to attend on a Monday evening? **PS Knitting** will meet on **Tuesday evening, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Quiet Room (across the hall from the Lehman Library).

**All are welcome to come and join us.** Questions may be directed to Flo Fisher at 860-633-8005 or to Liz Webb 860-633-8584, Co-Coordinators.



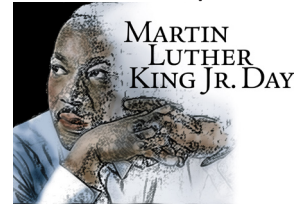
# General Info Corner



**"I Have a Dream..."**

**Andrew Young to Speak**

**January 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**



On Monday, January 17, 2011, at 7 p.m., in the Glastonbury High School Auditorium, Andrew Young, American Civil Rights Leader and former Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. The event, underwritten by the Glastonbury Education Foundation, is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of canned goods and/or books to be distributed to local food banks and shelters.

The Madrigal singers from Glastonbury High School will begin the program and The Honorable Flemming L. Norcott, Jr., Associate Justice on the Connecticut Supreme Court, will introduce Ambassador Young. A movement based interdisciplinary piece created from interpretations of photographs from American Civil Rights history, will be performed by the Dialogue Cycles group from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts.

Following the program Andrew Young will be available to sign copies of his book, "Walk in My Shoes", which will be available for purchase. The Glastonbury High School Jazz Band and Madrigal singers will perform during the cake reception where displays from organizations will offer opportunities for volunteers to learn more about their work and sign-up to be involved.

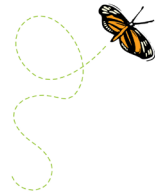
Glastonbury High School is located at 330 Hubbard St in Glastonbury. The event is organized by the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative as one of the planned activities to provide leadership and active engagement to build an inclusive community. For more information, or sponsorship opportunities, please call 860-633-6078. To volunteer to help at the event, call Donna Kidwell at 860-633-8284.

*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

## Prayer Corner

Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Chris Hernandez  
Mildred Dainty  
Martha Leland  
Blanche Marlow



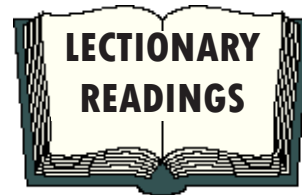
Prayers of comfort and strength to the David Maker family as well as friends of Muriel Maker, who died on December 19 in Niantic. Muriel was a First Church member for 44 years, a friend of the Music in the Meetinghouse series, and a devoted church office volunteer for many years.

## IN CASE OF HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please inform the hospital of the code for First Church:

Hartford Hospital – Code C18  
St. Francis Hospital – Code 17 Congregational

You may also ask them to notify the First Church office, 2183 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT at 860-633-4641.



### January 2, 2011 - Epiphany Celebration

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14;  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

### January 9, 2011 - First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### January 16, 2011 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

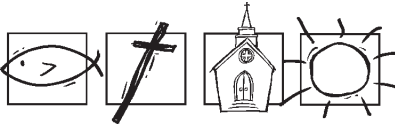
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;  
John 1:29-42

### January 23, 2011 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-23

### January 30, 2011 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12



# 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.*

## Mission Immersion Day – We Need You!

January 22 will be the next Mission Immersion Day! This is an opportunity to put your faith into action. Join us in reaching out to people in the greater Hartford and Middletown areas by offering a few hours of your time for fun, fellowship and service. We need individuals and families (Children are welcome for most sites.) to volunteer for serving dinner at Shepherd Home (a transitional housing facility), serving lunch at Saint Vincent DePaul soup kitchen, stocking and organizing food products at Amazing Grace food pantry and working on a house project through Christian Activities Council. If you cannot participate that day, but would like to take part in some way, we will also be looking for dinner item donations for the Shepherd Home meal. Sign up during common fellowship in January, or contact Lois Kulas (kulas4@cox.net) or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden for additional information.

## 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 January, we're asking for donations of soup and rice.** Please bring food that is not expired or open.

**Thanks for your help!**

## Volunteer for Mobile Foodshare Van

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.

## January Activities

**\*\*January 9** – Serving Hot Breakfast at Horace Bushnell Children's Food Pantry

- We're looking for volunteers (children are welcome) to help serve a hot breakfast to our Hartford neighbors. Every second Saturday of the month, 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 you are interested in helping, contact John Thompson at 860-342-5434.

**\*\*January 18** - Serving Lunch through Hands On Hartford

- Sign up in Schultz Hall on January 2, 9 and 16 to bring or help serve lunch to our neighbors in Hartford.
- We also serve a meal on Good Friday.
- If you are interested in helping, call Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452.

**\*\*January 22** – Mission Immersion Day

- See the announcement for more information.

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone who took a blue bell and returned presents for the children at Cromwell Children's Home. The children appreciated their gifts!

## Tutor 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.

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## **Sunday Morning Worship**

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

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| <b>January 2</b>  | <b><i>Epiphany Celebration Sunday</i></b><br>Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching<br><i>“Do You See What I See?”</i> |
| <b>January 9</b>  | <b><i>The Baptism of Christ</i></b><br>David Taylor preaching  |
| <b>January 16</b> | <b><i>The Second Sunday After Epiphany</i></b><br>Report from Back Bay Mission Trip                              |
| <b>January 23</b> | <b><i>The Third Sunday After Epiphany</i></b><br>Chris Mereschuk preaching                                       |
| <b>January 30</b> | <b><i>The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</i></b><br>Kate VanDerzee-Glidden preaching                               |