

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

June 2011



Faith and Justice Sunday

June 5, 2011

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Come join First Church members as we are inspired, educated, and called to action on significant issues facing us at home and abroad. Child-care, children's activities, and lunch are included in the program. A good will offering will be collected to offset the cost of lunch and to enable us to make a donation to each of the participant organizations. Our program is open to all ages and begins immediately after the social hour following the one service at 10:00 a.m. We will explore all of the following concerns as well as hear about United Church of Christ action in these areas.

The Environment

The need to take better care of the environment is both a local and a global topic. Protecting God's creation includes our planet's oceans, land and atmosphere; our use of earth's resources; and the effect of climate changes on all parts of our world. Our congregation was designated as a "Green Church" by the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ last year. Come to learn what has been done in and around our building and some of what is happening nationally and world-wide. Share the steps you have taken in your homes, and discover what remains to be done.

Healthcare

Do all Americans have the right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Healthiness? What would Jesus do about healing in today's world where the numbers of uninsured and under-insured are growing at record rates? On June 5th, come and learn more about a statewide independent movement dedicated to achieving a quality health care system that is affordable and available for everyone in the state. Hear how you can be part of an initiative that includes physicians, faith leaders, advocates, labor leaders, small businesses, and people like you. Listen to speakers who believe that health care is a fundamental right and view their work as part of a larger vision of social and economic justice for all.

Hunger

Despite Connecticut's reputation as being one of the wealthiest states in the nation, one out of five children under the age of 12 in the state experience hunger. According to End Hunger Connecticut, food insecurity is the lack of assured access at all times to enough food for healthy, active lives, while hunger is the mental and physical condition that comes from not eating enough food due to insufficient resources. Learn more about the current condition in Connecticut, what is being done and what needs to be done to address food insecurity and hunger, and what you can do to help.

Refugee Resettlement

Our country's oldest and most noble foreign policy program is happening in your own back yard. It's called Refugee Resettlement. Every year our State Department invites 70,000 refugees -- people forced to leave their home countries because of persecution -- to come to the US and start new lives. About 500 arrive -- fully documented -- in Connecticut annually. They come from all over the world, including places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and they are welcomed by nonprofits, mainly faith-based groups. Learn how you can participate in this remarkable life-saving program.

Please come on June 5, 2011, and join others in First Church in learning about what we are already doing as well as how we can further unite faith and justice in our world. To register, please call the church office or write "FJ" next to your name on the pew pad on Sunday.

First Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ
2183 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

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

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Church School: 10:00 a.m.
Child Care also provided

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THE REMINDER submission deadline:

Friday, June 10: July 2011 issue

Sunday, July 10: August 2011 issue

Prayer Corner

Prayers of healing and wholeness for:



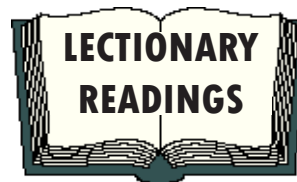
Chris Hernandez
Audrey Hernandez
Martha Leland
Mildred Dainty
Blanche Marlow
Doug Hobbs
Janet Shelmerdine
Pat Clark
John Heacock

Prayers of comfort and strength for:

Lisa Nolt on the death of her husband, Tim Nolt, on April 20.
Tim was also the son-in-law of Janet and Bob Shannon.

Janice Habicht and family and friends on the death of Janice's husband, William Habicht, on April 25.

Family and friends of Mal LeVan, who died on May 6, 2011.
Mal was 99 years old at the time of his death and had been a member of First Church since 1946.



June 5, 2011 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1

Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 12, 2011 - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21;

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

June 19, 2011 - Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;

Matthew 28:16-20

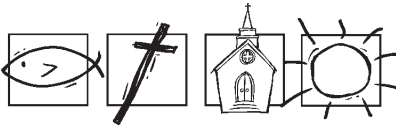
June 26, 2011 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-4; Psalm 13 or Jeremiah 28:5-9;

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



Kate's first hand "Sheep Herding" experience in New Zealand!



Children's Ministries



Children's Celebration Sunday Specifics

Children's Celebration Sunday is coming up on June 19! There is one service at 10 a.m. This is a special, fun and upbeat service where the children lead worship. Like last year, we're grouping classes together, and we're assigning a particular song/prayer to the classes.

Below you will see a list of the various pieces of the worship service. Please take the time to go over the song or prayers with your children.

Preschoolers and kindergarteners/first graders will sing the Welcome Song in the beginning of the service.

*Welcome, welcome everyone,
We're glad you're here, let's have some fun!
Songs and stories, games and play,
Help us learn to live God's way.
Welcome, welcome everyone,
We're glad you're here, let's have some fun!
(sung to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle)*



Second and third graders will read together the Prayer of the Children that is found below.

Dear God, You are bigger than the whole world, bigger than all the stars in the sky. Yet somehow you become small enough to live in our hearts. Please squeeze your way in and fill us up with your loving presence. Help us be loving, caring, thoughtful and forgiving people. Amen.

Fourth and fifth and up RMC classes will use the words below for their Prayer of Thanksgiving.

*Loving God, Open our ears to hear what you are saying to us in things that happen to us and in the people we meet.
Open our eyes to see the needs of people around us.
Open our hands to do our work well and help where help is needed.
Open our lips to bring comfort, joy and laughter to other people and to share your Good News.
Open our minds to discover new truth about your and our world.
Open our hearts to love you and our neighbors as you love us. Amen.*

The Puppet troupes will also be performing during this service, and the Cherub Choir will be singing. We're planning on having some of our older children lead our "adult message" and usher.

On June 12, we will practice for Children's Celebration Sunday. The children will be dropped off and picked up in their assigned classrooms. The rehearsal will take place in Schultz Hall. On June 19, the children will go directly to the Meetinghouse. The children will sit with their classes for the service.

We're looking forward to another inspiring service!

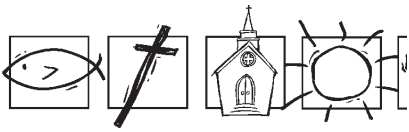
Summer Church School 2011!

Throughout the summer, all children will have the opportunity to attend church school classes on Sunday mornings. Keeping with our church theme for this year, our children will learn about the Fruits of the Spirit through hands-on and fun activities. Summer church school will begin on June 26. Childcare will be provided throughout the summer.



One Child at a Time, We Will Help Haiti

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of you who have generously donated to our commitment to sponsor Telemaque for ten years. To date we have raised just over \$9,200! Our goal is to reach \$10,000 to ensure that Telemaque will be supported through his eighteenth birthday and receive the appropriate education and training to provide for himself and his community. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. Thanks!



Children's Ministries



Unit 8: "Pentecost"

Bible Story Reference: Acts 2:1-42






Bible Verse: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)

Main Idea: Through the Holy Spirit, we know God is with us, helping us live as faithful disciples.

Objectives: Children will:

- hear the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost;
- identify how the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples;
- understand that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and that it is present in our lives too;
- define the Holy Spirit as "God with us now;"
- understand why we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church.



		<u>Sunday 5/29</u>	<u>Sunday 6/5</u>	<u>Sunday 6/12</u>	<u>Sunday 6/19</u>
	<u>Kindergarten & 1st grade</u> <i>pink</i>	Art Room 103 Donna Marie Tennyson	Cooking Room 206 Katie Philbrook	Room 206 Shepherd Team	Children's Celebration Sunday Shepherd Team
	<u>2nd grade</u> <i>yellow</i>	Cooking Room 206 Katie Philbrook	Science Room 205 Rebecca Brown	Room 205 Shepherd Team	Children's Celebration Sunday Shepherd Team
	<u>3rd grade</u> <i>purple</i>	Science Room 205 Rebecca Brown	Storytelling Room 111 Carol Kimmel	Room 111 Shepherd Team	Children's Celebration Sunday Shepherd Team
	<u>4th grade</u> <i>red</i>	Storytelling Room 111 Carol Kimmel	Games Room 110 Jill Dickey	Room 110 Shepherd Team	Children's Celebration Sunday Shepherd Team
	<u>5th grade + up</u> (non Puppets) <i>green</i>	Games Room 110 Jill Dickey	Art Room 103 Donna Marie Tennyson	Room 103 Shepherd Team	Children's Celebration Sunday Shepherd Team

Please also note:

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.

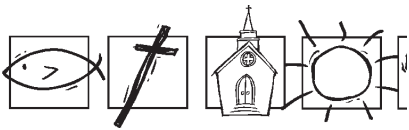
Church School Dismissal: Church school runs until 11:10 until June 12. If worship gets out earlier than that, please enjoy some time in Schultz Hall before picking up your children. Thanks for your cooperation!

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.

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!



Children's Ministries



August 1-5, 2011 • 8:45 a.m. - noon
4 yr olds* through 6th graders
leadership opportunities available
for 6th graders & up

Come grow in the fruits
of the Spirit!

\$30/week; \$60 family max.
Financial assistance is available.

*Children must be 4 years old by 8/1/2011



For more Vacation Bible School information, visit our website at www.glastonburyfirst.org, or contact Leslie Donovan at leslied@mccuemortgage.com or Kate VanDerzee-Glidden at 860-633-4641.



Adult Education



Biography Book Group

The biography book group is reading General Colin Powell's memoir, My American Journey. He recounts his life from his childhood in the South Bronx, to his military career and rise to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to his civilian retirement. We will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 4 p.m. in the church library to enjoy a discussion on Colin Powell. We invite you to join in for this free-flowing conversation and fellowship.

The biography book group will meet again in September. Watch your summer Reminders for the date and book selection. Interested biography readers are always welcome to join in whether it is for only a particular selection that interests you, or for every book.

Call Valerie Escalera at 860-633-4452 with questions.



Come to Our Monthly Women's Theological Reflection Group Meetings!

We invite all interested First Church women to join us on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss a variety of faith questions, reflect on our personal journeys and share friendship and community. In 2010, we discussed prayer, healing, faith journeys, finding quiet time, our addiction to hurrying and gratitude. We often circulate short articles of interest to those who attend, but there is no homework - the resources we share are for those who wish to learn more about the topic before we meet.

We hope to see you at one of our gatherings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Lehman Library. Please contact Kate VanDerzee-Glidden at 860-633-4641 or katev@glastonburyfirst.org or Lynn Baronas at 860-543-3301 or lbaronas@daypitney.com with questions.



Thursday Morning Book Group



The Thursday morning book group will take a recess day on Thursday, May 26th, the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. The June selections will be Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks - a novel to be discussed on June 2nd and June 9th at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Lehman Library. This will be followed by Wally Lamb's novel Wishin' and Hopin' on June 16th and June 23rd. All are welcome! Books can be purchased for \$10 a piece by contacting Forbes Warren at 860-633-3982 or fwarren2@cox.net.



Youth Ministry



Youth Ministry Program Calendar

Senior High Fellowship

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

Friday, May 27: Craigville Retreat (No SHF 5/29)

Sunday, June 5: Regular Session

Sunday, June 12: Last Session: Senior Recognition Sunday

Junior High Fellowship

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

Monday, June 13: Last Session: Reverse Rally Day



Sr. High Fellowship Good Friday Lock-in Vigil

Congratulations Seniors!

Senior Recognition Sunday is June 12 at 10:00 a.m., and we'd love for you to be there! Seniors, **Please let us know by Sunday, June 5th** if you will be attending.

Please complete and submit the Graduating Senior Questionnaire so we can know what you'll be up to and to help us keep in touch! If you did not receive a letter and the "Senior Questionnaire" in the mail, you can find them on the church website in the youth section.

For questions or more information, contact Andy Wicks by email at youth@glastonburyfirst.org, or at the church office 860-633-4641 ext. 113.

Mission Trip Announcement!

All High School students will be invited to participate in our annual mission trip in 2012. We are currently in the planning stages. We will soon let you know details including pricing, location and timing (either February or April school vacation).

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

Silver Lake Conference Center is the Outdoor Ministries site owned and operated by the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. Since 1957, Silver Lake has welcomed thousands of young people to spend a week in the picturesque hills of Sharon, CT. This overnight experience is reasonably priced and faith-based, with many different themed "conferences" (programs) to choose from. Young people entering 4th grade through senior year can find opportunities for fun and fellowship. For more information and to register, check out silverlakeect.org, or speak to Andy Wicks for some "references."

As we say at Silver Lake:

Love God, Love your neighbor, Love yourself!

Thank You!

A great **thank you** to all of the volunteers who made our Pancake Breakfast a success! We cannot run this fun fundraiser without your continued support. A special thanks to Bob Ferrante who works tirelessly to make this event happen every year.



The Easter Bunny made a special appearance at the Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt!



Travels to the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea

10 May 2011

Dear Members and Friends of First Church,

So, there I was, an American, enjoying a Mexican meal (a chicken fajita), in an Irish restaurant (Bennigan's), in Korea.

This past Sunday, after returning from my visit to our partner church in Korea, I had on my schedule a session with our 9th grade confirmation class. Being one of our last classes before Confirmation Sunday, it was “open mike” – open for any and all questions. “Off topic” the Confirmand said, “What does a partnership mean?”

Excellent question! At the present time, a partnership exists between the churches of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Kyung-Ki Presbytery of the People's Republic of Korea (South Korea). And here at First Church, since October of 2004, we have had a local church partnership with the Choweol Presbyterian Church. In these 7 years, between our two churches, there have been travels back and forth – delegations of pastors, youth, and women – to further build a relationship with each other, to learn about each other's culture, and to grow in faith.



On Easter Day night (actually, 12:50 a.m. on the day after Easter!), I flew non-stop from JFK to Incheon Airport outside of Seoul (that small city of 10 million people). My good friend Pastor Bae and one of his associates picked me up at 4 a.m., by 5 a.m. we were relaxing and resting at a sauna (part of their wonderful culture!), by 8 a.m. breakfast with Irene Choi of First Church already in Korea, by 10 a.m. stepping up to the podium to bring “Greetings” at the annual meeting of the Kyung-Ki Presbytery, and of course, to present and receive gifts – a framed print of the town of Glastonbury!

Two days of exploratory meetings then followed – prescient of the Confirmand's question. What does it mean for church bodies – Presbytery and Conference, local church and local church – to be in partnership? Delegations for faith and cultural exchange will of course continue, but the new “cutting edge” could be joint mission endeavors – church members coming together to do God's work in Biloxi or Haiti, the Philippines or South Korea. One of the Choweol elders is interested in possibly participating in our January, 2012 Back Bay Mission work trip!



After a little touring of Korea – a Buddhist temple, the Samsung-sponsored art museum and gardens, the DMZ, a traditional Korea market – I traveled to spend the weekend with the Choweol Church. Like my visit with them in 2006, I was welcomed with great warmth, hospitality and love! Meals were always an occasion to “break bread together” and to share in our common faith. But then, Sunday worship was a highlight! I preached at their Sunday morning service on the first Sunday after Easter, “*Do Not Doubt But Believe!*” Pastor Bae did a wonderful job of translating! Once again, we exchanged gifts, re-signed our covenant, and celebrated our unity in Christ.

As citizens of the world, we do now live – thankfully – in a “global village” – in which an American can eat Mexican food in an Irish restaurant in Korea.

But to answer that Confirmand's question, “*What does a partnership mean?*” I really do believe we find our unity as the Body of Christ as we serve people in need in the world. God's love knows no bounds, therefore neither should ours. A partnership can mean sharing our love with our Choweol Church brothers and sisters, and but then coming together with them to share that love with God's world!

Faithfully,

Scenes from a Korean Partnership Visit



Our Partner Church



Pastors of the Kyung-Ki Presbytery



Worshippers at a Buddhist Temple



With Pastor Bae at the DMZ



Fruits of the Spirit!



David Receiving a Blessing



Fellowship at the Coffee Shop



Irene Choi and Pastor Bae



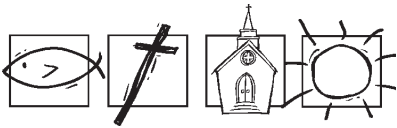
The Church Elder Receiving a Glastonbury Mug!



Spirit-Filled Music!



The Church's New Coffee Shop!



Music Ministry



2011 First Church Music Scholarship

The Board of Music will be holding scholarship auditions the last week of May into the first full week of June. Eligible candidates are Glastonbury residents who are in grades 7-12 and college. Several scholarships up to \$1000 will be awarded. The scholarship winners will be announced in the July Reminder.

June 5 will be the Chancel Choir's last Sunday before their summer break! Have a wonderful summer Chancel Choir! We will enjoy the inspiring music of our section leaders and talented First Church soloists for our summer worship services.

CHOIR CAMP 2011

August 21-24

The annual Summer Choir Camp Choir will be August 21-24 at the Singing Hills Christian Center in Plainfield, New Hampshire. The deadline was June 1. Choristers, who have not registered yet, please contact Angela Salcedo, Director of Music Ministries at Angelasalcedo@Glastonburyfirst.org or at the church office 633-4641 X.116 for your sign-up forms. Caroler Choir members moving up to Cantate Choir are welcome to join us this year. June 22 will be the final date to sign-up for this camp.



Choir Recognition 2011



Chancel Choir

Eric Anderson
Rebekah Anderson
Nancy Bolgard
Richard Dann
Karen Dugan
Lola Elliott-Hugh*
Brian Fisher
Elizabeth Flynn
Alison Franklin
Joel Garcia*
Vance Harris
David Hartman
Lois Harwick
Virginia Kousen*
Nadine Lester
David Motycka
Susan Motycka
Bruce Munshower
Albert Reid
Peter Richter
Bethany L. W. Schmidt
Janet Shannon
Allen Shenk
Christopher Stone*
Elizabeth Webb
*section leader

Adult Bell Choir

Director, Susan Falotico
Wendy Anderson
Susan Bonitsky
Nancy Camp
Geoff Dellenbaugh
Josie Dellenbaugh
Linda Gray
Lois Harwick
Patrick King (DB)
Carol Pratt
Ann Shenk
Florence Torregrossa
Amy Williams (DB)
Joyce Young

Special Recognition

5-Year trophies

Briana Brown
Katelyn Donovan
Sean Donovan
Megan Kimmel
Emily Sill
Caroline Thompson
Kate Wilson

Hymnals

Grace Dickey
Katelyn Donovan
Sean Donovan
Megan Kimmel
Finlay MacDonald
Nathan Salcedo
Emily Sill
Kate Tandon

Graduating Seniors

Tara Conway
Nikki Hokunson

Caroline Thompson
Kate Wilson

10-Year Plaque

Patrick King

20-Year Dedicated Choir Member Plaque

Karen Dugan
Bruce Munshower

Children's Attendance Recognition

Perfect Attendance:

Leandra Ciolkosz (Caroler)
Tara Conway (Cantabile)
Katelyn Donovan (Caroler)
Sean Donovan (Caroler)
Gretta Hartman (Cantate and Mallets)
Johan Hartman (Cantabile and Mallets)
Megan Kimmel (Caroler)
Alex Richter (Cantate)
Nathan Salcedo (Caroler)

Best Attendance:

Zoe Manto (Caroler)
Patrick King (Cantabile)
Forrest Meyer (Cantabile)
Alden Richter (Mallets)
Elizabeth Sill (Caroler)
Jordan Smith (Cantabile)
Kate Wilson (Caroler)
Jenna Bazow (Caroler)



Music Ministry



Choir Recognition 2011

Cherub Choir

Director, Peggy Hartman
Assistant, Alison Franklin
 Christopher Brown
 Gianna Canevari
 Lauren Carlino
 Colten Castanza
 Daniel Ciolkosz
 Emily Crisafulli
 Noah Garrity*
 Allison Goodwin
 Elise Grin
 Jonah Kiesman*
 Andrew Kimmel
 Lauren Kohs
 Harrison Krause
 Daniel LaChance
 Tatum MacDonald*
 Spencer MacKenzie*
 Jamie Martin*
 Emma Miller
 Alyssa Myers*
 Brendan Piskura*
 Nicole Priest
 Ethan Rosa
 Riley Sawyer
 Ethan Sill*
 Vijay Tandon*
 Trey Tennyson*
 Grace Thompson*
 Jake Thompson*
 Henry Wilson*

*Promoted to Caroler Choir

Caroler Choir

Head Choir Parent, Sarah Wilson
 Jenna Bazow
 Leandra Ciolkosz
 Grace Dickey*
 Katelyn Donovan (LB)*
 Sean Donovan (LB)*
 Christian Guerra
 Megan Kimmel (LB)*
 Finlay MacDonald (LB)*
 Zoe Manto
 Nathan Salcedo (LB)*
 Megan Sevigny
 Emily Sill (LB)*
 Kate Tandon (LB)*
 Caroline Thompson (LB)*
 Kate Wilson (LB)*

*Promoted to Cantate Choir

Cantate Choir

Head Choir Parent, Peggy Hartman
 Thomas Ersevim (LB)
 Liza Giguere (LB)*
 Jackie Harris (LB)*
 Gretta Hartman (DB)*
 Ellie McDonald (LB)
 Cassandra Pederson (LB)*
 Alexander Richter (LB)
 Leah Schneider (LB)
 Elizabeth Sill (LB)
 Olivia Thompson (LB)*

*Promoted to Cantabile Choir

Cantabile Choir

Briana Brown (DB)
 Chase Conway (DB)
 Tara Conway (DB)
 Eleanor Dowd (LB)
 Johan Hartman (R)
 Nikki Hokunson (LB)
 Anna Jones (DB)
 Meredith Jones (LB)
 Patrick King (DB)
 Yerim Lee (LB)
 Forrest Meyer (LB)
 Simone Sears (DB)
 Jordan Smith (LB)
 Aaron Swahn (LB)
 Michael Swahn (DB)
 Haley Wagaman (LB)

Mallets

Director, Peggy Hartman
Assistant, Jenny Giguere
 Liza Giguere (LB)
 Sam Giguere (LB)
 Sarah Grove
 Gretta Hartman (DB)
 Johan Hartman (DB)
 Meredith Jones (LB)
 Forrest Meyer (LB)
 Abbey Renaud
 Alden Richter (LB)

Accompanists

Susan Falotico
 Peggy Hartman

LB = Light Blue Ribbon
 DB = Dark Blue Ribbon
 R = Red Ribbon





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.

Community Service Opportunity with the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut

"He is not a believer who eats his fill when his neighbor beside him is hungry." (Al-Mundhiri)

"None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself." [Sahîh al-Bukhârî and Sahîh Muslim]

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

Members of the Muslim Coalition of CT and First Church of Christ will come together for the first time to serve our homeless neighbors. We will join together on June 4th to prepare and serve lunch at Hartford's Mercy Shelter. There are a limited number of volunteer spots available. If you are interested, please contact Lois Kulas at kulas4@cox.net or 860-657-9766. We are also collecting new adult socks to bring to the shelter that day. You may leave socks in a collection box that will be located in Schultz Hall.

Covenant to Care Requests

We are still in need of gift cards for clothing stores such as Bob's Stores, TJMaxx, Marshalls or Buckland Hills Mall. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office. We have also received a request for a twin box-spring, mattress and frame. Please contact Pam Hobbs at 860-416-9650 or the church office if you can help.

Thanks for caring!

Looking for a Way to Live Out Your Faith?

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Are you interested in putting your faith into practice by getting more involved in serving the community? Over the last two years, we've offered seven Mission Immersion Days (MID), with over 50 families participating in a variety of community service projects. We are looking for volunteers to help keep this going by joining the MID planning committee. For more information, please contact Kate VanDerzee-Glidden at 860-633-4641 or katev@glastonburyfirst.org.

SNAP into Action Against Hunger

Members and friends of First Church are invited to experience what it's like to eat by spending only \$3/day per person on food during the month of June. \$3/day per person is what our neighbors living in poverty in Hartford are given for food through the S.N.A.P. program. We ask that you contribute the difference between \$3/day and what you would have spent per day to this event and the money will be given directly to Hands on Hartford's MANNA food pantry to alleviate hunger.

Faith communities across the Hartford area participated in this during the month of March, but our church wanted to offer this opportunity with the kick off being our Justice Sunday on June 5. SNAP into Action Against Hunger is a yearly event co-sponsored by Charter Oak Cultural Center and Hands On Hartford to raise awareness of the issue of food insecurity and to raise money to continue to provide services that alleviate hunger in Hartford. Please look for an informational table during Common Fellowship in May.

Volunteer for Mobile Foodshare Van

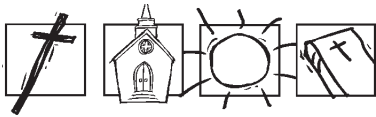
Mobile Foodshare is a "farmer's market" style food distribution service that provides fresh produce and other food items to between 90 and 150 lower income people.



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.

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 June, we're asking for donations of tuna fish and rice.** Please bring food that is not expired or open. **Thanks for your help!**



Caring Ministries



A Time to Say Thank You...



Painting by Diana Lyn Cote

On Wednesday, May 4, First Church said thank you to all those involved in the Caring Ministries program with a dinner in Schultz Hall. Guests enjoyed fellowship around the punch and hors d'oeuvres table followed by dinner and a make-your-own ice cream bar dessert table. Local author Nancy Rearick and artist Diana Lyn Cote were our special guests. All enjoyed listening to Nancy read her children's book *Through the Eyes of a Kitten* and it was a special treat to enjoy the beautiful artwork that Diana Lyn Cote brought with her.

First Church is blessed to have so many members actively taking part in the Caring Ministries program. These include faith community nurses, the flower committee, friendly visitors, memorial gardeners, neighborhood callers, prayer shawl ministry, Sunday morning drivers, support team ministry and the task force for caring ministries. We thank you for caring!

A Time to Appreciate...

On April 30, at the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Women of the United Church of Christ, Valerie Escalera and Sally Riddell from First Church were recognized and honored for their faithfulness within the church community and their service to God and to others.

The day-long event was held at the Mystic Congregational Church, with many UCC churches represented. Kathy Ciolkosz and Nancy Higgins were also there to celebrate and cheer Valerie and Sally as they each received a certificate of recognition and a rose.

Valerie Escalera - A member of First Church since 1991, Valerie has a heart of compassion for helping others within our church community and reaching into Hartford and beyond. She is currently assisting in the church office as an Interim Program Administrator as well as serving as an office volunteer one morning each week, helping in whatever ways are needed. She facilitates the Biography Book Group, meeting every other month in our Lehman Library. In the past, she has served on the Lay Life and Ministry Board as well as the Hunger Task Force. Currently, she is a member of the Support Team Ministry. In addition, she is serving her second term on the Board of Christian Service where she coordinates volunteers to serve lunches at Center City Church through Hands on Hartford on Martin Luther King Day, Good Friday, Columbus Day, and Election Day.



Valerie Escalera and Sally Riddell

Sally Riddell - A First Church member since 1998, Sally has served on our Church Council in the past, as well as the Memorial Garden Committee. From 2001 to 2007, she was Chair of the Diversity Committee and was active as one of our Faith Community Nurses. She has served on the Board of Christian Service, and is currently active in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. She helps to spread the message of God's love and hope to our neighbors in need in a variety of ways: by heading up volunteers from our church to tutor at the Fred Wish Elementary School in Hartford, and by coordinating volunteers for the Mobile Foodshare truck which arrives in our church parking lot every other Wednesday, helping to provide a "farmer's market" food distribution service to between 90 and 150 lower income people in our community.

Congratulations Valerie and Sally!



General Info Corner



The Pentecost offering this year will once again be used to purchase new insulated windows in the office area. Several windows have already been replaced to increase our energy efficiency so we'd like to continue efforts in this area. We thank you in advance for your donations.

The Board of Trustees



Next Baptism Dates

The next dates to receive the Sacrament of Baptism are May 29 at 10:00 a.m., June 19 at 10:00 a.m., July 17 at 9:30 a.m. (summer worship hours), and August 14 at 9:30 a.m. 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.



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

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

In addition, if you would like the church to know of an upcoming hospitalization please give the church office a call at 860-633-4641 to inform the pastoral staff.

First Church Policy on Borrowing First Church Equipment

At a recent meeting, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the First Church policy of not loaning out Church furnishings or equipment to Church members or others. First Church's goal is to have well-equipped and well-maintained facilities available for Church programs and activities, and that is not possible when equipment is loaned out.

First Church does not loan out equipment because

- 1) the Church cannot properly track the loaned items,
- 2) the Church cannot ensure the items are returned in good condition and on time to be available for Church activities, and
- 3) the Church generally ends up paying for lost or damaged equipment.

For those needing equipment, it is readily available from local rental businesses at a modest cost that includes delivery. The rental businesses have all the equipment needed for personal parties and functions.

The Board of Trustees and the Church staff appreciate your understanding.



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.

Did you know??

- * that there are people in town who would love to come to our Sunday worship services but can no longer drive;
- * that here at First Church we have a small group of committed people who provide rides on Sunday mornings; and
- * that there is a need for additional drivers ...

Please consider being one of our Sunday morning drivers.

You may contact Nancy Higgins at 860-633-6604 or 860-573-6092 to be put on the list or for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Season of Celebration

One Service at 10:00 a.m.

- June 5** Seventh Sunday of Easter - *Faith and Justice Sunday*
David Taylor preaching, *"The Answer My Friends...."*
- June 12** Pentecost Sunday - *Senior Recognition Sunday*
Faith and Fellowship Awards for High School Seniors
- June 19** First Sunday of Pentecost
Children's Celebration Sunday

Beginning of Summer Worship

One Service at 9:30 a.m.

- June 26** Second Sunday of Pentecost
Gordon Bates preaching

