



Columns



First Congregational Church of East Hartford

April – May 2016



Golf FORE First Church



The 12th Annual “Golf FORE First Church” tournament will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016 at Topstone Golf Course in South Windsor, starting at 9AM. A buffet dinner banquet open to all will be held at the end of the day (approximately 5PM). The tournament is a major fundraiser which has consistently met its budget goal of \$7,000.

Interesting facts:

- ❖ Randy Holmeen, an avid golfer and member of the Investment Committee, started the tournament in 2005. He’d been involved in other golf tournaments & had confidence it would be a good fundraiser for us. After running it for a few years, he “graciously” passed the baton to his non-golfer father, Gil, and asked him to run the tournament.
- ❖ There have been 2 Holes-in-One: David McCarthy (Dennis McCarthy’s brother) in 2013

and Karen Arborio in 2015, both occurring on the 12th hole. Each golfer earned a watch from Anderson Jewelers.

- ❖ Our largest field of golfers was 60 (15 foursomes) in 2011 and again in 2015.
- ❖ Most years the winning team has been either Randy Holmeen’s team or Neal Forte’s team with the notable exception of 2014. That year the team from Marlborough Congregational Church, led by Rev. Bob Faulhaber, took the honors.
- ❖ For 7 years we had a team of all women (anchored by: Jayne Apel, Mary Mourey, & Pat Sirois with the 4th being either: Emily Apel, Pam Scheinfeldt, or Sammy Maness). This team has the record for most last place finishes!
- ❖ In 2005, the mayor of East Hartford (Tim Larson) played in the same foursome as the principal of East Hartford High School (Craig Jordan).

GOLFERS: Sign up!! Get a foursome! Get 2 foursomes!!!

NON-GOLFERS: Volunteer! Be a sponsor (various levels of sponsorship are available)! Sign up for the banquet!

VOLUNTEERS: Without your help this event would not exist.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Soliciting & collecting raffle prizes (prior to and/or day of event)
- Organizing post-tournament buffet dinner (prior to and/or day of event)
- Registering golfers (morning of the event)
- Selling raffle tickets (day of event)
- Monitoring selected holes (for longest drive, closest to the pin, & holes-in-one)

Contact:

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Spirituality

at Church Corners

Good News For ????

Easter-Tide Worship

A husband exclaims, "Good News honey! The Jaminsons invited us over for dinner on Friday."

His introverted partner responds, "That's not good news! They talk and talk and we don't get home until close to midnight!"

Good News for me might be different from good news for you. This year during the Easter season (which goes until May 8) we explore what God's "Good News" looks like for different people based on their history, experiences or culture. Does Good News feel the same for white people and people of color? People with addiction and people with mental illness?

Sermon Talk-Back and Faith Study

Tuesdays April 12 – May 10 at 2:30pm

Did Sunday's sermon bring up some questions for you? Want to delve deeper? Tuesdays during Easter we will gather in the pastor's office for prayer and a conversation about that week's worship theme. Tea and cookies provided.

A Pentecost Revival

May 15, 2016

On Pentecost, May 15, the Holy Spirit descends upon and inspires the disciples forward on their faith journeys. We will celebrate revival-style by flowing with the Spirit in praise and thanksgiving on Sunday morning. Youth and young-at-heart are welcome to join with the entire Connecticut conference of the United Church of Christ for a conference-wide revival that afternoon at 3:00 pm at Liberty Christian Center International, 23 Vine Street, Hartford. Experience worship with vigor and passion.

Serving Others

at Church Corners

Food Bank

Rice Needed

The first Sunday of every month is the designated Sunday when we donate items for our Food Bank. However, items are gratefully accepted at any time.

The featured items for April and May are rice and rice side dishes.

All donations, including monetary, are very much appreciated.

Thank You!

Garden Blessings

May 22

On May 22 we will celebrate the second year of Jessie's Community Garden. Jo Schubert, from the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, which donated the start-up costs, will join us for a blessing of the garden following worship and be available at coffee hour for questions. If you would like to help with the garden, contact Brenda Murdzek at campers5@sbcglobal.net

Special Offering

May 15

Can you believe there are still people in our country who do not know the extravagant love of God? The Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the United Church of Christ, our denomination. STC largely supports youth ministries and leaders for new ministries in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard and is desperately needed by people who have given up on church as a source of love. We will collect your contributions to this special offering on May 15 in worship.

Our Faith Family at Church Corners



BUS TRIP to NYC

April 23, 2016



Visit a museum, see a Broadway show, go sightseeing, shop until you drop, or do whatever you want!

The bus:

Leaves: First Congregational Church at 8:00AM

Returns: First Congregational Church about 8:00 PM

Great Price! \$37.00 per person

Spread the word & ask your friends to join you for a day of fun!

Contact:

Kathy Cattanach

First Congregational Church

860-528-3133

Rummage Sale

Flea Market

Can & Bottle Drive

May 7, 2016

The annual Rummage Sale will be held from 9:00 am - noon. Adult & children's spring and summer clothing and linens will be available. Donations must be brought to the church by Thursday, May 5th. No house wares please.

A Vendor Flea Market will be held from 9:00am-3:00pm. Spaces are 10X10 and cost \$20.00. This rental income goes to the high school Workcamp Mission Trip.

A can & bottle drive will be held during the day. This will also support Workcamp.



Spring Card Party

April 30, 2016



Looking for a fun evening of delicious desserts with good friends and great fellowship? W.E.B.'s annual Card Party starts with dessert at 6pm followed by a few hours playing cards or board games. Come with a group or join in with others.

Admission is \$5.00 per person.

The Tea Cup Auction starts at 8:30. Auction tickets on sale, an envelope for \$1.00.

See any W.E.B. member for details and tickets.



Bisaccia Piano Concert

2:00 pm Sunday, May 22

Enjoy a free concert of George Gershwin's: *An American in Paris* – Great American Composer. performed by Paul Bisaccia in the sanctuary.

Birthdays

In April & May we celebrate the following birthdays:

Frantz Innocent	April 3	Ralph Fish	May 2
Debbie Specht	April 6	Nancy Tomlinson	May 5
Nicholas Andrulot	April 7	Jen Allen	May 14
Bryan Basler	April 7	Salome Sellers	May 15
Greg Harris	April 11	Lillian Johnson	May 19
Helen Pike	April 12	Paul Fournier	May 20
Judy Dufresne	April 13	Keith Gunter	May 23
Christine Williamson	April 15	Darrell Basler	May 24
Beth Harlow	April 18	Linda Johnson	May 27
Maggie Sanzo	April 23	Elizabeth Roberts	May 29
David Holmes	April 24		
Logan Satalino	April 30		

Jubilee Sunday

We celebrate 50 year church members on Jubilee Sunday on Sunday, May 22nd. If you have been a member of this or any combination of churches for 50 years, we would like to recognize you.

Please contact the church at 860-528-3133.

Internal Workings

at Church Corners

Annual Meeting

April 3 11:30 am

The members of First Congregational Church of East Hartford are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the church will be held Sunday, April 3, 2016 following worship in the dining room.

The purpose of the meeting is

- to celebrate our fellowship in the covenant of Christ;
- to hear reports and act on them;
- to authorize the Trustees to borrow money if needed;
- and, for the transaction of any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Jayne L. Apel, Clerk of the Church
February 29, 2016

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Spring Thoughts

at Church Corners

How to plant your garden

For the garden Of Your Daily Living
First you come to the garden alone, while the
dew is still on the roses...

Plant three rows of Peas:

1. Peace Of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden Is Without Turnips:

1. Turnips For Just Spendin' Time
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We must Have
Thyme:

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water freely With Patience and
Cultivate with Love

There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because
You Reap What You Sow

First Congregational Church

APRIL 2016

Opening Sundays: Trustees

Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Rev. Kelly Jane in the office

Coffee hour: W.E.B

Mon, Tues. Thurs, Fri.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Every Sunday: 8:45am Senior Choir Rehearsal

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship</i> Sunday School 11:30 am Annual Meeting	4 1:30 pm Board of Deaconesses	5 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 7:00 pm Senior Choir	7	8	9
10 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship</i> <i>w/ Communion</i> Sunday School 11:15 am Library Comm. 11:30 am Board of Missions	11 7:00 pm Board of Deacons	12 2:30 Sermon Talk Back and Faith Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	13 7:00 pm Senior Choir	14 7:00 pm Board of Stewardship	15 7:00 pm UCC General Minister & President Installation In NYC	16
17 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship</i> <i>Sunday School</i>	18 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	19 2:30 Sermon Talk Back and Faith Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	20 7:00 pm Senior Choir	21 6:15 pm WEB Meeting	22	23 8:00 am NYC Bus Trip
24 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship</i> <i>Sunday School</i>	25 7:00 pm Board of Christian Education	26 2:30 Sermon Talk Back and Faith Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	27 7:00 pm Senior Choir	28 7:00 pm Standing Committee	29	30

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Mon, Tues. Thurs, Fri.

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15 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship Sunday School</i> 3:00 pm CTUCC Youth Revival in Hartford	16 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	17 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	18 7:00 pm Senior Choir	19 6:15 pm WEB Meeting	20	21 11:00 am Robert Ferris Memorial Service
22 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship Sunday School Jubilee Sunday Garden Blessings</i> 2:00 pm Paul Bisaccia Piano Concert	23 7:00 pm Board of Christian Education	24 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	25 7:00 pm Senior Choir	26 7:00 pm Standing Committee	27	28
29 10:00 am <i>Morning Worship Sunday School</i>	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 7:00 pm Boy Scouts				

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**New York City
Saturday, April 23**

**Leave: First Congregational Church
837 Main Street, East Hartford @ 8 a.m.**

Leave: New York City 5 p.m.

*Visit a museum, see a show, go sightseeing,
or just shop, do whatever you want!*

Cost : \$37.00 per person

Parking at First Congregational Church, East Hartford

**Make checks payable to: First Congregational Church
Mail to: 837 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108
attn:Kathy Cattanach**

Deadline: April 9

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home e-mail: _____

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