

COLUMNS

First Congregational Church East Hartford, Connecticut
Over 300 Years of Ministry!



May 2011

Sunday Schedule

- May 1** *Second Sunday of Easter*
9:00 a.m. **Sunday School Teachers Meeting**
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**
Ordination of new Deacons
11:15 a.m. **Congregational Meeting**
11:30 a.m. **JYF**
2:00 p.m. **Honoring the Memories of Our Mothers**
-  **May 8** *Third Sunday of Easter*
Mother's Day
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**
11:15 a.m. **Library Committee**
11:30 a.m. **New Members Reception**
3:00 p.m. **Koinonia II**

- May 15** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**
11:30 a.m. **JYF**
2:00 p.m. **Paul Bisaccia Piano Concert**

- May 22** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

- May 29** Memorial Day Weekend
10:00 a.m. **Family Worship**
No Sunday School

The **Senior Choir** rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

Children's & Youth Choir rehearses immediately following morning worship on Sundays (11:00-11:15 a.m.) unless otherwise announced.



Coffee Hour - Everyone is invited to Coffee hour following worship. Members of the **Deacons** are serving for the month of May. The Board of Deaconesses provides refreshments every week. Please be generous with your donations to the *Coffee Fund* in the basket on the table in the dining room

FCC's 7th Annual Golf Tournament

Fore! It's that time of year again! The time for First Congregational Church's Annual Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held Saturday, May 14 at Topstone Golf Course in South Windsor, CT. Everyone is invited to participate as a tournament sponsor, a hole sponsor, a dinner sponsor, a golfer, or by attending the delicious dinner. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with registration for the golfers, and dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. We will have raffle drawings and Hole Challenge awards. Don't miss this exciting event!



GOLF DAY

Please contact *Val McCarthy* at

860-290-8432 or email vbmccarthy@comcast.net, with any questions.



Has Been Changed to June 11th
Flea Market
Guild Rummage Sale
JYF Plant Sale
Can & Bottle Drive

Sunday School News

May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22
Children will begin in worship before going to their classes

May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend
Family worship with no Sunday School. Child Care is available for children age 5 and under.

Junior Youth Fellowship

JYF is a youth group for students in grades 6-8. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

11:30 JYF Bring your lunch

Sunday, May 15

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Silver Lake

There are still some openings at Silver Lake, the summer camp sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Sharon, CT. One week summer conferences are available for children entering grades 4 through 12. There is a wide variety of themes from which to choose. Scholarships are available. Please see *Louise Holmes* for a booklet and more information.

The **Board of Christian Education**

will meet on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00

The **Board of Deaconesses** will meet

Monday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet Monday,

May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday,

May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

W.E.B.

Women Empowered and Blessed is a group comprised of all women of the church.

W.E.B. will meet Thursday, May 19 at 6:15 p.m.

Library Committee will meet Sunday, May 8 at 11:15 a.m.

Standing Committee will meet Thursday,

May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH CLEAN-UP

May 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

Please bring shovels and rakes.



To all Boards, Committees and Groups

Before you begin your summer activities; I would appreciate an updated meeting schedule for the six month calendar. Please let me know of any special dates or events you may want included. Thank you for your timely response. *Louise Holmes*

SAVE THE DATE

October 29, 2011

Bus trip to NYC

New York on your own!

\$32.00

Jubilee Sunday - June 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

A celebration of those who, this year have been members of any Christian church for a combined total of fifty years. If you first joined another church on or before 1960 and have not celebrated your jubilee at First Church, we would like to honor you along with our First Church fifty-year members. For recognition on *Jubilee Sunday*, please contact the church office.

“Roof Fund Sunday” is the first Sunday of every month. You will find white envelopes marked **Roof Fund** in the pews in which monetary donations may be made. All donations are gratefully accepted.

W.E.B. is hosting a Gold/Silver Party on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m.

Shaun Carlson and Sally Rueli will be there to buy gold and silver jewelry, flatware, platinum, old coins. They will charge \$5.00 for a verbal appraisal of antiques. (not a professional appraisal and not in writing). Please R.S.V.P. at 860-528-3133.



Church Library

Focus on Family

"Honor thy father and thy mother."

Mother's Day

May 8

Father's Day

June 19

Children's Day

June 12

Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Children's Day, are Sunday's in May and June to honor these family members. Also, your church library celebrates many family occasions and relationships. The church library displays a selection of special day books to borrow.

Church Office: (860) 528-3133

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Website: www.ChurchCorners.org

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Mosebach*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. William E. Flynn*

Director of C.E.: *Mrs. Louise R. Holmes*

Director of Music: *Mr. Jerry K. Scheinfeldt*

Church Secretary: *Thory Donofrio*

Treasurer: *Mrs. Donna L. Basler*

Sexton: *Mr. Dennis J. McCarthy*

EHIM

East Hartford Interfaith Ministries

Human Needs Fund Office

Beth Harlow, Coordinator

(860) 289-4919

Stock Sale

The Senior High Youth are selling stock in their Mission Work Camp trip this summer to Webster, VA. They will aid in repairs to the homes of senior citizens, people with disabilities, and financially struggling residents. Stock shares will be on sale from any PYF member through June 19. Each share of stock costs ten dollars. Everyone who purchases at least one share will receive:

A personal postcard written by a work camper during the work camp week.

An invitation to a "Stockholders Only" fall banquet where pictures and reports of the work camp effort will be shared.

The love and appreciation of the senior high young people participating in this year's adventure in Christian mission.

The satisfaction of supporting teenagers in their efforts to repair and maintain the homes of people in need as well as supporting the spiritual development of the teenagers themselves.

Visit the display table in the dining room during coffee hour!!



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*First
Congregational
Church*

are cordially invited to the Annual Women's Lunch
at

Savvi's Restaurant
1555 Main St East Hartford

Sunday, June 12
11:45 – 2 p.m.

Broiled Scallops with Salad, Potato & Vegetable
\$23.00

Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta \$22.00

Open Hot Turkey, Mashed, Potato & Vegetable
\$18.00

Chicken Caesar Salad \$15.00

Dinner includes: beverage, bread, dessert,
and tip

Please return with payment to
Louise Holmes by June 5.

Checks payable to:
First Congregational Church noting "Women's lunch"
in memo.



Nice Notes

Dear First Church,

I write with sincere gratitude to thank you for your very generous donation. Your continuous support to the soup kitchen is truly a blessing to us and the clients we serve. Words cannot express our thanks for your generosity and support in the fight against hunger.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Pamela Douglas
Program Director

Holiday Village Fair

Saturday November 19th
Guess what's only 6 months away?
Our Holiday Village Fair!!

Yes, it is 6 months away, but think about how fast the last 6 months went by. All of our favorite booths will be returning. And of course there will be good food all day long.

The **Gift Basket booth** is one of our biggest money makers in the fair. Keep your eyes open for small unique or themed items that can be put in a basket. Want to use the 40% off coupons from the craft store? We need ribbon – lots of ribbon, preferably wired and fall or winter colors to make those 100+ bows needed for the baskets. Coupons can also be used to purchase the cellophane gift basket bags that we use. Cards with basket suggestions are available on the piano in the dining room.

We need homemade jams and jellies. Pickles, Beets, Applesauce and Corn Relishes will also go great in the **Country Store**.

It's time to start working on your pet projects for the **Hand-made booth**. Scarves, matching mittens, etc. are in vogue. Place mats, pillows, afghans, and homemade cards are always a hit. If you don't knit or crochet, buy yarn for someone who does.

Christmas Boutique can always use wreath forms, ribbon, silk greenery, unique items for an arrangement.

Always remember **Grandma's Attic** when doing your spring and fall cleaning. Need clean undamaged household items, trinkets, toys, Christmas decorations, glassware and antique items.

Easter Bunny Bars

The craft group thanks everyone who purchased Bunny candy bars. This Easter season A total of \$355.00 was raised for the roof fund. Again, thanks for your support.

The Fair Craft Group