

June 2011

Sunday Schedule

- June 5** **Jubilee Sunday**
 10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship with Communion**
Children's Day Rehearsal
 Moment for Missions
 Special Congregational
- Meeting
June 12 *Pentecost*
 In the spirit - wear red or orange!
- 10:00 a.m. **Children's Sunday**
Family Worship
 No Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Library Committee
 11:45 a.m. Women's Lunch at Savvi's
- June 19**
 10:00 a.m. **Family Worship**
- June 26** **Morning Worship &**
 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School
 Workcamp Commissioning
- 11:30 a.m. *Missions Meeting*

50th!

Jubilee Sunday June 5, 2011

"And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; you shall return every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family."

Leviticus 25:10

If you have been a member of this or any combination of churches for 50 years, we would like you to be recognized on Jubilee Sunday.

Please contact the church off at 860-528-3133.



Guild Rummage Sale

Friday, June 10, 4-6 p.m.
 Saturday, June 11, 9 - 12 p.m.

Flea Market

Saturday, June 11
 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Senior High PYF thanks you for all of your past donations. They will not be accepting any donations because they will no longer have a table at the Flea Markets.

JYF Plant Sale

Can & Bottle Drive

Help support PYF members in their efforts to raise money for workcamp!! Please drop off your cans & bottles before 12:00 noon.



Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

Good luck in your future endeavors!

WELCOME TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Schedule

- June 5 Rehearsal for Children's Sunday for ALL Sunday School classes at 10:00 in the Chapel.
- June 12 Children's Sunday
All children please meet your teachers in the Scout Room at 9:30
- June 19 Family Worship
Activity Packets and books are available for the children in the Sanctuary.
- June 26 Summer Sunday School begins for grades K-6 following the Children's Moment. Grades 7-12 will remain in worship.

For the months of July and August, grades K-6 will enjoy Summer Sunday School in the Dining Room following the Children's Moment. Grades 7-12 will remain in worship.

** I am looking for volunteers to assist me with the Summer Sunday School program. I will plan the activities and teach the class but would like "an extra pair of hands" each week. If you would be willing to help out on a Sunday or two, please see *Louise*. Thank You!

July 3, August 7 and September 4 will be Family Sundays NO Summer Sunday School. Child Care for children to age 5 is available every Sunday in the rear of the Dining Room.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept.18 **Rally Day Celebration**
Sunday School resumes



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* for a booklet and more information.



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

The **Board of Christian Education** will meet June 28 at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00.

The **Board of Deacons** will have a picnic at Ted's house on June 13th at 6:00 pm. They will not meet in July or August.

The **Board of Missions** will meet on June 26th at 11:30 a.m. (**Date Change**)

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet on June 9. No meeting in July.

The **Board of Trustees** will have a picnic at Ted's house on June 21st at 6:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Music** will meet June 5th following the Congregational Meeting.

Choir Picnic will be held at Jessie Slade's beach house on **June 11th** at 12:00 p.m.
Rain date: June 12th after Church.

Fair Craft Workshop on Monday June 6, at 6:30 at the home of *Lorraine Trinks*.

Rolls Committee will meet Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at First Church.

JYF needs plants for September



sell.

We are in need of new plants for the September 10th Flea Market. We need all the plant lovers to start rooting pieces of your house plants. Please start now so that the plants will be large enough to

“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. Thank you for your donation.

Items for **Food Bank**, all donations (including monetary) are gratefully accepted!! Thank you!!!

EHIM

East Hartford Interfaith Ministries
Human Needs Fund Office
Beth Harlow, Coordinator
(860) 289-4919

The Pastor's Corner

A Big Deal

So, Ted! How did the Jewish Seder for Christians thing go at Temple Beth Tefilah?

It was great! About sixty of us Christians gathered at the Temple and Cantor David Nemirow shared with us how the Passover is kept in Judaism today! It is difficult to say exactly how Jesus observed it with the disciples at the Last Supper, but the basic celebration was the same. Not only did we learn about the Jewish Passover celebration, we participated in it with David and his wife; we were Christians and Jews praying and worshipping together on the same occasion.

But why all this emphasis upon doing things with people of other faiths? I am not a Jew or a Muslim. Why should I learn about them, or worship with them, or do cooperative projects with them?

Are you serious? There are terrible problems all around the world because

Christians and Muslims and Jews don't understand and respect each other?

Okay, if people of different religions have so much in common, what else can we do together?

Here is something we are already doing. East Hartford Interfaith Ministries (EHIM) consists of representatives from each house of worship in town, including the Jewish synagogue and the Islamic Center. Along with the homeless shelter, and the food banks, EHIM is a critical poverty relief agency in East Hartford, overseeing the Friendship Center Soup Kitchen, the Human Needs Fund which helps very low income residents meet rent, utility, medical, and heating expenses, and New Beginnings which provides an encouraging house warming gift of one new appliance to each family moving out of the East Hartford homeless shelter somewhere into town. New Beginnings also helps families in need find good quality used furniture.

This is the twenty fifth anniversary year of EHIM. Our previous associate pastor Rev. Bob Hamilton was instrumental in getting it started. We are going to celebrate EHIM'S silver anniversary with a dinner and program here at First Church on Thursday evening, June 9th. The hope is for each house of worship in town to fill at least one table with ten people. Those of all faiths will be able to attend because the meal will be kosher which also meets the dietary requirements of Muslims. The 25th anniversary of EHIM is an important milestone. It shows the good that can be accomplished through interfaith cooperation. How pleased God must be to see people who claim allegiance to God working together in ministries of love and compassion!

So then, the 9th of June, the 25th anniversary celebration of EHIM, a big Deal?

A really big deal.

Ted

Library Summer Hours

There will be no Librarian on duty during July and August. The Library will be open during the usual hours. Please observe the rules for borrowing books or audio/visual resources. Books taken out in June, July and August, may be returned at anytime but will not be due until September 11.

Happy summer reading!

Moment for Missions

Strengthen the Church is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that engages all members in the growth and future of local congregations through programs for youth and young adults, leadership development and to fund leadership for new congregations. Please bring your special offering with you on Sunday, June 12 so that you and your family may be part of this growing ministry.

Stewardship Moment

Giving back

Are you ready to sign up your teams? September 25th is the date for the Second Annual Mini-Golf Tournament at First Church! For the low price of just \$10 per person, you'll be treated to 18 heart pounding holes of miniature golf at Fairways Miniature Golf Course on Spielman Road (Ellington Road) in South Windsor. After you have amazed friends and family with your amazing golfing skills and worked up an appetite, kick back and enjoy your free ice cream confection. While you're waiting to hear if your team will be taking home the bragging rights of Best Mini Golfers at First Church, you can browse the raffle table and take a chance on some awesome prizes! Look for the sign up

table in the dining room during coffee hour. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the General Fund.

For those dedicated people who'd like to help with the Mini Golf Tournament, we could use donations for the raffle table. Since we are planning a family orientated event, raffle prizes for younger folk are especially appreciated

And last but not least, a big thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this your Golf Fore the Church tournament a success – with a special thank to the Holmeen family who got us started on this wonderful FUNdraiser.

Recycling for the Church

First Church is now collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. We will receive between \$.10 and \$4.00 per cartridge depending on the type. Simply place your old cartridge in our collection box under the stairs by the mailboxes. Most businesses throw their empty cartridges away. Please check at work to see if they would donate also. Please collect them over the summer.

All Women of First Congregational Church E. Hartford

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Nice Notes

To All at First Church:
Thank you so very much for letting the East Hartford Fine Arts Commission use the Sanctuary for the Paul Bisaccia's concert.
Thank you also for the reception after.
East Hartford Fine Arts Commission

CHURCH FAIR NEWS

Mark your calendars!!

**November 19th 9am - 3pm
Dinner: 5pm**

The ABC's of your summer contribution to your Church Fair

Ask a friend to join us on fair work nights, for fun & fellowship.

Baskets are our best seller, think gourmet and / or follow a theme.

Clear cellophane bags needed to cover baskets for the Basket Booth.

Do shopping at sales for items to go into the gift baskets.

Extra jewelry?? Donate to the Jewelry Booth.

Fair work nights are the first Monday every month from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Go strawberry or blueberry picking for the jam and jelly makers.

Handy with tools, woodworking or painting, we can use you!!!

Invoke friends over for an evening to make things for the fair.

Jams and jellies needed for the Country

Store.

Knit, crochet, embroider, or sew items for the handicraft booth.

Look through your recipes for crisps & cobblers to bake later.

Mark your calendar now for fair & Dinner Nov 19.

New items for Gift Baskets. Pick up idea cards before summer.

Old or slightly used items?? Donate to Grandma's Attic.

Pass the word – Getting involved is fun and builds friendships.

Quiet time during summer, make craft items for the boutique.

Relishes, pickles and beets make the Country Store a hit.

Save small Smucker's or large baby food jars for the jelly makers.

Teach your special talent to the workshop gang on Monday nights.

Use the 40% off coupons for ribbons, gift bags, card stock etc.

Victorian Tea Room – make a date early with a friend for lunch.

Wired edge ribbon needed to make bows, fall and Christmas colors.

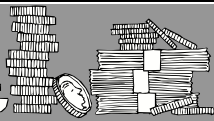
X-tra things in your cabinet?? Clean & wash up for Grandma's Attic.

Yarn can be donated for others to knit or crochet

Zip around to other fairs & craft Stores. Bring us the ideas!

The Fair is only 5 months away!

Church Budget



The Church's expenses continue year-round, so please keep your pledge up-to-date during the summer months.

Church Office: (860) 528-3133

Fax Number: (860) 528-3220

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

Angel Food Ministries Groceries for Less!

No applications - No income restrictions

Everyone qualifies!

\$21.00 - \$41.00 per unit.

One unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about a week or a single senior for almost a month!

New Covenant United Methodist Church,
16 Church Street, E. Hartford, CT.
860-528-2228 for more information.

Voices LLC

Car Wash June 18, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Voices LLC will part of worship at First Church on July 24th.

A morning of great gospel music is coming.