

# October 2010

## Sunday Schedule

**Oct. 3**

*World Communion Sunday*

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship w/ Communion & Sunday School**

7:00 p.m. Koinonia III

**Oct. 10**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Library Committee

3:00 p.m. Koinonia II

**Oct. 17**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

6:00 p.m. Stockholder's Banquet

**Oct. 24**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

11:30 Missions Meeting

1:00 p.m. CROP Walk

**Oct.31**

**Morning Worship & 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 and Youth Choirs** will rehearse immediately following morning worship on Sundays (11:00-11:15 a.m.) unless otherwise announced.



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

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. William E. Flynn*

## Flea Market

**Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Limited dealer spaces available. Rent your space now! 10 x10 space \$20.00. (Tables not provided.) Call 528-3133 or 528-4532.



## Can & Bottle Drive

To support our PYF Workcamp Trip.

Ask your neighbor for theirs.

Please drop off your cans & bottles by 12:00 noon.



The JYF will be selling **Plants**.

*Beth Roberts* (568-9204) is accepting donations of any plants, rootings, colorful pots or plant supplies until October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

The PYF thanks you for all of your past donations. They will not be accepting any donations, due to the fact that, they will no longer be having a table at the Flea Markets.

## Symbols of our Faith



**Women's Retreat** - A special get-away weekend has been planned for the women of the church Friday, October 8 - Sunday, October 10 at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT. For those who would like, we have the option of staying through Monday, October 11 at no additional cost.

Our theme this year is *Symbols of Our Faith*. We will have a Spiritual program, some Bible fun, free time and lots of great food that is prepared for us. The setting is relaxing and the company is outstanding! If you are interested, let me know as soon as possible, so we may plan. Cost: \$90.00 per person. Please see *Louise Holmes* for more information.



- Oct. 3** Sunday School following Children's Moment Communion
- Oct. 10** Sunday School following Children's Moment Women's Retreat Weekend
- Oct. 17** Sunday School following Children's Moment
- Oct. 24** Sunday School following Children's Moment
- Oct.31** Sunday School following Children's Moment



**Junior Youth Fellowship**

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

- Sat. Oct. 23**  
9:00-3:00 p.m. Flea Market plant table  
12:00 p.m. Can and Bottle Drive

- Sun. Oct. 24**  
1:00 p.m. CROP Walk

**Prayer Meeting**

On the first Wednesday in October, November and December there will be a Prayer meeting in the Chapel from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



**Coffee Hour** - Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour following worship. Members of The **Board of Deacons** are serving for the month of October. 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.

**Standing Committee** will meet Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. All representatives are encouraged to attend. If unable to attend it is your responsibility to ask another member of your board.

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

The **Board of Christian Education** will meet Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deaconesses** will meet Monday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Missions** will meet Sunday, October 24 at 11:30 a.m.

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**W.E.B.** will meet on Thursday, October 21 at 6:15 p.m. for dinner.

**W.E.B.**

**Women Empowered and Blessed** is a group comprised of members of the **Guild**, the **Business & Professional Women's Group** and **Mother's Club**. All women of the church are invited to attend.

***"Care & Share"*** Sunday is the first Sunday of every month when we bring items for Food Bank. You will find white envelopes marked **Food Bank** in the pews in which monetary donations may be made. All donations are gratefully accepted.

## Stewardship Moment

Giving Back - October 2010

Our first “Fun” Raiser – our very own Mini – Golf tournament is over. Don’t despair if you missed this wonderful time. You can come join in the fun at the Holiday Village Fair in November or at the Wii Bowling Tournament in January! Stay tuned for details.

As fun as these events are, the important part is that they represent just some of the many ways we can give back to our church. Now that autumn has arrived, it’s time to be watching for your pledge card in the mail. There are many reasons to fill out and send in your pledge card – as a thank you to God for always being there for you, to continue the tradition of supporting and maintaining this congregation and its building (a 300 year old tradition), to fulfill our obligation outlined in the Bible to give 10% of all we have back to God (or 5% for the modern tithe).

Like deepening your relationship with God through prayer, there is something extra satisfying about being able to dig just a little deeper into our pockets to give back to God. And the more you give to God, the more you seem to have to go around for everything else. Try it this fall and you’ll see that it’s true.

## The Pastor’s Corner

One Hundred Years of Scouting. Wow!

It may not be often for many of us that we get to be first, I mean really first, like the no one else ever did what we did before we did it kind of first. Well, everyone who is connected to Boy Scout Troop 1, and so, indirectly that means everyone who is a member or friend of First Church, can take a share in being really first. Troop 1 is the first Boy Scout Troop in the United States to celebrate one hundred uninterrupted years of scouting under the same sponsor, which for Troop 1 is First Church!

Think of that! Consider all that has happened over the last century in the United States; the recessions and the Depression, the wars, and the jaunty periods when it seemed there was nothing more important for us to do but make more money and have more fun. So many circumstances could have led to the dissolution of Troop 1 for a while but that did not happen; instead, somehow, people who continued to care, and remembered how important the values of Scouting are to the boys who learn them, kept Troop 1 going. Those people are really social heroes. No others anywhere else did what the leaders and boys of Troop 1 did here.

I was a once a Boy Scout in another Troop as was my son Ben. I learned some things as a Boy Scout that I did not learn anywhere else. Ben and I had some time and did some things together through Scouting events that we would not have experienced together anywhere else. Some of the

best character developing self-confidence building experiences I had growing up were at weekend Scouting events and week long summer Scout camp. Through Scouting I learned things as varied as how to stop the bleeding when an artery is cut to how to paddle a canoe.

We can all be proud of Troop 1 for the extension of the mission of First Church that it has been over these years. On Saturday evening, October 16, we will have an opportunity to celebrate the Troop’s birthday with so many who will join us, some from a distance, on this extraordinary occasion. The event will take place in the worship sanctuary and the crowd just might fill the room. I hope you can join us!

I think it has changed slightly, but I can still say the Scout Oath the way I learned it almost fifty years ago. It continues to be among my best aspirations and an indelible part of my conscience.

*On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

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### Recommended Readings

by the Library Committee

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Your church library has several books on Islam.  
Stop in and chose one to borrow.

*Read to Understand.*

### FIRST CHURCH FUN FACT

DID YOU KNOW??? When this building was first built in 1835, there was no clock tower, but there was a bell in the bell tower. In 1878, that bell was removed, melted down and a new larger bell was cast. That year the clock tower was added, thanks to the generosity of Albert Raymond.

## **RECYCLING FOR THE CHURCH**

First Church is collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. We will receive between \$.10 and \$4.00 per cartridge. Simply place your old cartridge in our collection box under the stairs by the mailboxes. Please check at work to see if they would donate also. A complete list can be found next to the box.

## **Boy Scouts Centennial Celebration**

Saturday, October 16, 2010 7:00 pm  
Show Your Support  
Everyone is Welcome!



The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at First Congregational Church on Wednesday, October 13 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up via the sheet in the dining room, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or GiveLife.Org  
Positive ID is required to donate.

**SERRV** - SERRV catalogs will be available soon in the dining room. Your purchase of useful and unusual gifts from the US and abroad will help many groups as well as contributing to your own **Board of Missions.**

## **Town Council Meeting Here**

at First Church Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in celebration of our **175 year** anniversary of this building!

## **Coming Events**



## **Rummage Sale**

The Ladies Guild (W.E.B.) will sponsor its bi-annual Rummage Sale on Friday, October 22, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. noon. As you go about your fall cleaning, please set aside items to donate to the effort. *Good sellers include curtains, towels, sheets, dishes, glassware, other housewares, sweaters, coats, and fall clothing, especially children's clothing.* No shoes, please. Also, please save your spring and summer clothing for the spring sale. We will be happy to receive items for donation at the church beginning Oct 3.



This year's CROP walk will leave South Church at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and will make its way around the south end of East Hartford going via some of the churches. The distance will be approximately six miles. The walkers will gather at South Church afterwards for refreshments. and the walkers will be grateful for your sponsorship to help in poverty, hunger and disaster relief at home and abroad.

## **Bus Trip Fundraiser**

NYC on your Own. Sat. Nov. 6. Cost is \$32.00  
Leave 8am. Return 5pm.

## **Trustees Fall Clean-Up**

Saturday November 6, 2010  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## **Budget Sunday**

Sunday, November 14, 2010  
Congregational Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

## **Holiday Village Fair**

Saturday, November 20, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Dinner – 5:00 p.m.

## **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Sunday, November 21, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.  
*Strengthen the Church Offering* collected  
Thanksgiving baskets delivered to our homebound.

## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual**

## **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**

Thursday, November 25, 2010  
1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church  
Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

