

November

Sunday Schedule

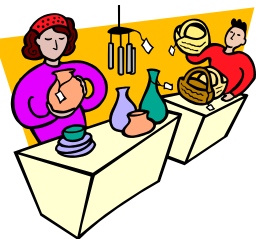
- Nov. 7** *Care & Share Sunday*
Stewardship Sunday
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**
Sunday School
11:30 a.m. **JYF**
- Nov. 14** *Budget Sunday*
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Budget Meeting
11:15 a.m. Library Committee
3:00 p.m. **Koinonia II**
- Nov. 21** *Thanksgiving Sunday*
Strengthen the Church
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**
Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Deliver Thanksgiving baskets
6:00 p.m. **Koinonia I**
- Nov. 28** *First Sunday of Advent*
10:00 a.m. **Family Worship**
with Communion
11:30 a.m. Board of Missions



Children's and Youth Choirs will rehearse immediately following morning worship on Sundays (11:00-11:15 a.m.) unless otherwise announced.



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



Holiday Village Fair

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

On Sunday, November 21, we will be receiving fruit for Thanksgiving baskets which will be taken to our local homebound members. **Please place your donation of the biggest, best, most beautiful pieces of fruit you can find on the table in the Sanctuary as you arrive.**

Following worship, our Sunday School families will create and deliver the baskets. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Dining Room with a list of our homebound members. Please volunteer to deliver a basket. It will be a spiritually enriching experience for your family as well as the person you visit.

Strengthen the Church offering will also be collected on this Sunday.

Community Thanksgiving Worship

We Gather Together

The Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, November 21, at 7:00 p.m., East Hartford people of faith will join for **worship at Faith Lutheran Church** 1120 Silver La. E. Hartford CT. This is a once a year opportunity for interfaith worship in East Hartford. Many clergy in town will participate and the Mayor will bring a Thanksgiving proclamation.



30th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 25, 2010
1:00 pm in the Dining Room of
First Congregational Church

Reservations are encouraged. Call the Church office at 528-3133 or stop by to give your name and the number of people attending.

For those who would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Day dinner, monetary donations help cover expenses. (Checks should be made payable to the First Congregational Church, EH and in the memo section, write "Thanksgiving Dinner".)

The Pastor's Corner

Heritage

I know that sometimes we wish we did not have this big old building to maintain. After a hundred and seventy five years things start to wear out!

Of course, we are not the first generation to need to keep up with repairs. And as difficult as it is for us now with a smaller congregation and a recession and the loss of some people of means, at least we don't need to build the Meeting House from the ground up. Yes, we would build it smaller now but that would still be quite the undertaking. How rare it is that churches anywhere are constructing new buildings today!

So, in spite of all the time and expense required to maintain it, I am glad for this building. I am glad it is downtown even though that presents particular challenges for attracting new members. Where but in the middle of town is the gospel witness more needed? And we are highly visible here. And there is plenty of parking.

For me, the most important reason to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the building is the heritage that the building represents. We are part of a long line of people who right here, at Connecticut Boulevard on Main Street, chose to worship, pray, sing, laugh, cry, work, argue, grieve, live and die— as Christians, as best they could, right smack dab in the center of town, because that's where they thought faith belonged in their own lives and in the wider society, at the center!

Proud to be a Downtown Pastor,

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Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, November 7th. We will receive and dedicate pledge cards on this day.

Stewardship Moment

Giving Back – November 2010

We had a fantastic day at the 1st Annual Mini Golf Tournament. All together, we raised \$331 to go toward the roof.

Pledge cards have been mailed. Please try to have yours back by November 7. Thanks to the efforts of this congregation, our present meetinghouse has played an important role within our community. We need all of your support to continue our important service to our God and our town.

In addition to returning your pledge card, additional opportunities for using your time, talent and treasure to give back to God are available through the Holiday Village Fair on November 20. And our next "Fun" Raiser – the Wii Bowling Tournament – will be coming up in January! Watch for details next month.

The **Board of Christian Education** will meet Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The **Board of Deacons** will meet Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Missions** will meet Sunday, November 28 at 11:30 a.m.

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

W.E.B. will meet on Thursday, November 18 to set-up for the fair.

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.

Standing Committee will meet Thursday, December 2 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.

Prayer Meeting

On the first Wednesday in November a Prayer Meeting is held in the Chapel from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Coffee Hour - Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour following worship. Members of **Missions** are serving for **November**. 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.

Bus Trip Fundraiser

NYC on your Own. Sat. Nov. 6. Cost is \$32.00

Leave 8am. Return 5pm.

Contact: Church Office - 860-528-3133.

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.



Junior Youth Fellowship

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

Sun. Nov 7 11:30 - 1:00 Bring your lunch.
Sat. Nov 20 9:00 - 3:00 Popcorn Booth at
the Holiday Village Fair



November

7 Sunday School following
Children's Moment
14 Budget Sunday
Sunday School following
Children's Moment

*Activities for the children will be available
so parents may attend the budget meeting*

21 Following the Children's Moment all
classes will meet in the dining room
28 Family Worship No Sunday School



High School Youth Group

Sat. Nov 20 4:00 Set up and serve as wait staff
for the Holiday Village Fair Dinner
Sun. Nov. 21 Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets

HOLIDAY FEST WEEKEND

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Santa's Breakfast 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Live Nativity 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Carol Sing 4:30 p.m.

Boy Scout's Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:00 p.m.

"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.



Church Library



November
is a good
time to
"Fall into
Reading"

Why not visit your Church Library this Sunday?
Look over the resources: Books, Videos, DVDs
Choose one or more to borrow to take home.
They are due in 4 weeks and may be renewed
Don't worry about overdues. There are no fees.

You will be surprised at the variety of books:
inspirational best sellers as well as classics.

Stop in next Sunday.

**Thank
God!**

At Thanksgiving we are
especially mindful of all the
blessings the Lord has given
us, and we thank Him.

Whether our prayers are of thankfulness or
supplication in times of need, prayer is an integral
part of our lives.

The following books of prayer are available in our
Library.

- 242.8 Doubleday Prayer Collection,
sel. By Mary Batchelor
Prayers for all occasions.
- 248.3 The Power of Simple Prayer
by Joyce Meyer
"How to talk to God about everything"
- 242 New Every Morning
365 devotions for Christian women
- 264 Blessing New Voices by Maren C. Tirabassi
Prayers of young people
- 242.8 Prayers that Avail Much
by Germaine Copeland
Scripture based prayers for life situations.
- 264 Prayer Finding the Heart's True Home
By Richard Foster
- 285.7 Prayer: My Soul's Adventure with God
By Robert Schuller
The influence of prayer in the author's life.
- 242.86 Praying Through the Tough Times
By Lloyd John Ogilvie
Prayers to help in difficult times
- J 264 Best-Loved Prayers comp. by Lois Rock
One of many books of prayers for children
available in the Children's Library.

SERRV - SERRV catalogs will be available in
the dining room during coffee hour. 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**.

Strengthen The Church:

This 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. There were not any boxes handed out this year, as an attempt to save money, but there are plenty of offering envelopes. Please bring your special offering with you on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21 so that you and your family may be part of this growing ministry.



Dear First Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$200 to the Hartford East Association Scholarship Fund. As you know this fund financial assistance to our in care students in defraying ever increasing expenses of attending seminary. The Church and Ministry Committee feels it is important that students no be burdened with massive loans after their graduation from seminary.

John Kidwell
Treasurer, Hartford East Association

Riverside Donations

Christmas is coming up fast, and we would like to remember the Riverside Home residents this year. On November 21, the day after the Church's Holiday Fair, we will put out a box in the downstairs lobby. Cost should not be more than \$10 each. Here are some suggestions for gifts:

lotion, perfumes/colognes hair brushes or combs
large print books/puzzle books cards/games
watches/costume jewelry small teddy bears
hard candies/package crackers

Thank you for your giving!

Coming Events:

For Unto Us



A Child is Born

Live Nativity

The Live Nativity will be Sat. Dec. 4 and once again coincides with the East Hartford Holiday Fest. Participants for the Live Nativity are needed for 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. The Junior and Senior High Youth will volunteer at 4:00. Approximately 10 participants are needed for each hour. They include: Mary, Joseph, 3 wise men, 3 shepherds and 2 angels. Sign-up sheets will be in the dining room in November.



Christmas Memorial

This year, in addition to Christmas poinsettias, part of your donation will go to the East Hartford Human Needs Fund. We will purchase the number of plants necessary to deliver to the ill, bereaved, or homebound members with the remainder of your donation going to the Human Needs Fund. The cost of this donation will be \$11.00. Your check, made payable to the *First Congregational Church*, should clearly indicate Christmas Poinsettia and placed in the offering plate, given to a flower committee person or mailed to the church office by **December 6th**.

-----PLEASE PRINT & CHECK ONE-----

___ In loving memory

___ In honor

___ In celebration

Of: _____

By: _____

FCC's Annual Golf Tournament

Save May 14th for the 7th Annual Golf Fore the Church Golf Tournament and banquet at Topstone Golf Course.

EHIM

East Hartford Interfaith Ministries

Human Needs Fund Office

Beth Harlow, Coordinator

(860) 289-4919

Contributions can be made to EHIM.

The EHIM United Way designation number is A69127



Just a reminder...if you have moved, have a new phone number, or your college student would like to receive news from their church in the Columns..... we want to know!!!

(Information for December Columns must be in the church office no later than November 15th!)

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