

Volume 116

THE CORNERSTONE

MAY 2009



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## May 09 Worship Schedule:

- May 3                      Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
*Sermon: "Does God Expect Too Much from Us?"*  
Erica Petitti will be preaching on John 10: 14-18  
*"Shepherding and Abundant Life"*  
**Peace and Praise Worship at 6 p.m.**
- May 10                      Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Alison Buttrick Patton will be preaching both services
- May 17                      Sunday Worship **9:30 a.m ONLY**  
**Annual Meeting** will follow the service  
*"Finding Satisfaction in the Joy of Others"*  
Jonathan Morgan will be preaching  
**Peace and Praise Worship at 6 p.m.**
- May 24                      **Geranium Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m ONLY**  
*Sermon: "What Makes Us Christian"*  
Jonathan Morgan will be preaching
- May 31                      Confirmation Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. ONLY  
Kevin Weikel will be preaching

### WORSHIP SERVICES AT FIRST CHURCH

- 8:30— 9:15 a.m.      **Worship in Palmer Hall with child care in Palmer Hall**  
10—11 a.m.           **Worship in the Sanctuary with Sunday School and child care**  
6—7 p.m.              **1st and 3rd Sundays - Peace and Praise Worship in Palmer Hall**

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Dear Friends in Faith,

### Family Matters

Today, families are too often pulled apart in a multitude of directions. Work demands are ever increasing. School, sports, and civic obligations are exacting their toll on a family's ability to be together as a family. Truly the challenges of raising a family have never been greater. Last fall, we recognized this growing need within our congregation and community. Starting now, we will be offering a new initiative called, **Family Matters**, to address these issues head-on through special programs and activities.

*First Church's Family Matter's mission is to provide parents and their children fellowship opportunities that build personal and family connections that engage them in service and ministries as followers of Jesus Christ, while helping to form and sustain our Christian faith.*

As part of a Family Matters initiative, a trial re-design of Fellowship Hour into a layout that is both child-friendly *and* sensitive to the comfort of adults will be offered. On **Sunday, April 26th** and **Sunday, May 3rd** after the 10:00 a.m. service, children will have child appropriate snacks available and they will be allowed to play in the new Kid Zone. In this way, we hope to encourage more families to come together during our fellowship hour, which will enhance connections throughout our church community.

Starting next fall, you will see more offerings of seminars, activities, and worship experiences that are designed with the active family in mind. We hope to be offering Parenting and Marriage Seminars, Fellowship and Outreach Opportunities, and special programs and trips in which the *whole* family can participate. If you would like to offer your thoughts and ideas please speak to our Family Matters team: **Sarah Holmes, Jane Costello, Donna Donegan, Heather Duncan, and Kate Bruno** or email me with your suggestions at [jonthan.morgan@1stchurchsimsbury.org](mailto:jonthan.morgan@1stchurchsimsbury.org).

I am delighted in the efforts of our Family Matters team and I am convinced that our congregation as a whole and our families in particular will benefit greatly from this new initiative.

God bless,




## ANSWERING “THE CALL”

Many of us think of a “calling” to serve the church as something that applies only to ministers. The ministry is replete with references to a call or calling—a minister senses a call to attend seminary and join the profession; he or she is then called to serve a particular congregation, and often feels called to particular types of mission or outreach in the course of ministering to others. But calls are not reserved solely for clergy. Each and every one of us is called, in different ways, to service and to serve.

In the Reverend Ken Denton’s presentation to First Church last spring, he reminded us that participation in the life of the church can take many forms, and all are important. Some members of our congregation may have the gift of leadership, or a particular professional skill, that they can use in service on church boards or committees. Others are passionate about outreach, and volunteer for missions projects. Others love to cook, and help with coffee hour or soup kitchen preparations. Some are greeters, others Sunday School teachers, others artists who display their work in our gallery space, some knit prayer shawls, others pray for those in need.

The list is endless, and so are the opportunities! Whatever your special gifts, there is a home for them at First Church. If you are already active in the life of the church, we thank you for your service. If you are not, we invite you to share your gifts and interests in service to the Lord and to experience the wonderful blessings that abound when you answer the call.

In His Service,

A stylized black and white graphic of a hand with fingers spread, holding a flame or a torch. The hand is positioned as if offering or presenting the flame.

Susan M. Orr



## The Time Has Come To Starve for Food...

Assuming it takes you two minutes to read this insert, 36 children under the age of five will have died by the time you have finished. 36 CHILDREN. And those deaths are from hunger, poverty, and hunger-related diseases – all completely preventable. The good news is that our youth group has decided to do something about it: **The 30 Hour Famine.**

The problem is huge, but the solution is not. Just \$30 a month –roughly \$1 a day – can help feed and care for a child in most developing countries.

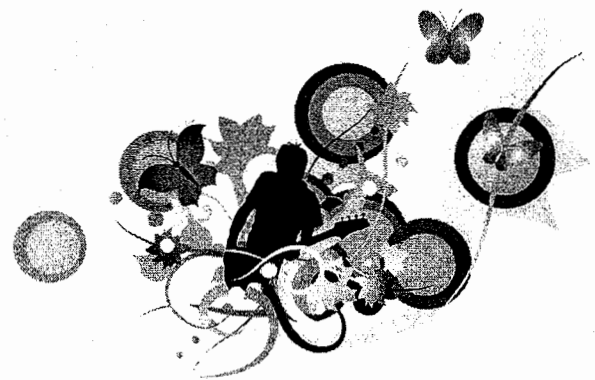
Our teens are taking sponsors to support them as they go 30 hours without food. The funds that they raise will go to starving children in the U.S. and around the world. In the process, our teens will get a taste of what it's like to be hungry and homeless (they'll be sleeping outside in front of the church in cardboard boxes!). Please help our youth group in this effort by:

- Praying for our participants from 7am on Friday, May 8 through 1pm on Saturday, May 9.
- Praying for those our group is working to help.
- Support Famine participants by sponsoring them. Teens will be taking sponsors at Coffee Hour on May 3rd and 10th.

## PEACE & PRAISE

### Worship Service

(an uncommon worship experience)



May 3rd and May 17th, 6pm in Palmer Hall

*“Spirited, Inclusive, and Contagious”*

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS...

### 7th grade Church School:

- **Sun. Mornings at 10am.** 7th Graders sit together for the beginning of the 10am service and then go down to Church School in Room 28 after the Children's Chat. **Last day of Church School is May 17th.**

### 8th grade Confirmation:

- **May 2-3, 12noon Saturday through 7pm Sunday:** Confirmation Retreat to Boston. Check the mailing that was sent home for details and/or contact Kevin with any questions.
- **Wed., May 5, 7-8:30pm:** Large Group Meeting in the Youth Room. **Topic: Baptism & Communion.**
- **TBD:** Final Small Group Meetings. Small groups will meet with Kevin and their small group leader to make final decisions about being Confirmed. Times are being organized through small group communicators. These meetings are mandatory!
- **Fri. & Sat., May 8-9: 30 Hour Famine!** Confirmands are invited to fast for 30 hours in an effort to raise money for hunger relief while getting a "taste" of what it's like to be hungry. Check the mailing that was sent home for details and/or contact Kevin for a donation envelope.
- **Tuesday, May 12, 7-8:30pm:** Optional **Confirmation Sunday Planning** Meeting for all Confirmands interested in planning and/or having a leadership role in the Confirmation Service.
- **Saturday, May 30, 9-10:30am:** Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- **Sunday, May 31, Confirmation Sunday!** Confirmands arrive in the youth room at 9am. Service begins at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

### Junior High Fellowship—"JF" (7th & 8th Grades)

- **Sunday, May 3: 6-7pm—Peace & Praise Service; 7-8ish—Pizza at Little City after the service.**
- **Sunday, May 10: 5:30-6:45pm—Jr. High Fellowship** (Fun, fellowship, discussion, and prayer).
- **Sunday, May 17: 6-7pm—Peace & Praise Service; 7-8ish—Pizza at Little City after the service.**
- **Sunday, May 31: 5:30-6:45pm—Jr. High Fellowship** (Fun, fellowship, discussion, and prayer).

### Senior High Fellowship—"PF" (9th through 12th Grades)

- **Sunday, May 3: 6-7pm—Peace & Praise Service; 7-9pm—Youth Fellowship, 30 Hr. Famine Pep-Rally!**
- **Fri. & Sat. May 8-9: 30 Hour Famine!!!** Teens are invited to fast for 30 hours in an effort to raise money for hunger relief while getting a "taste" of what it's like to be hungry. Check the mailing that was sent home for details and/or contact Kevin to get a sponsor envelope.
- **Sunday, May 17: 6-7pm—Last Peace & Praise Service; 7-9pm—Youth Fellowship, Regular Gathering.**
- **Sunday, May 24: No PF—Memorial Day Weekend.**
- **Sunday, May 31: 7-9pm, Regular Gathering in the Youth Room.**

## Church School News

### Church School Dates:

**May 2, Church school tag sale.** Please volunteer to help.

**May 3: Church school volunteers Appreciation Day**

**May 17: Jerusalem Market place, Palmer Hall 11:15-12:30**

**June 29-July 2 (Mon-Thurs), 9am-noon, Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible**

### Summer Church School

#### @ 9:30 Movie and Activities

**May 31, Pentecost, Acts Visual Bible**

**June 7, Moses: The Great Adventure Series**

**June 14, Moe and the Big Exit, Veggie Tale**

**June 21, What's a Manna with you? Bugtime Adventures**

**June 28, The Not so Golden Calf:** about the meaning of God's commandments - "Do not worship any other gods beside me" and "Do not make idols of any kind."

**July 5, The Rest is Yet to Come:** about the meaning of God's commandments - "Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God" and "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy."

**July 12, A Life and Seth Situation:** about the meaning of God's commandments - "Honor your father and Mother" and "Do not murder."

**July 19, Stolen Jewels Stolen Hearts:** about the meaning of God's commandments - "Do not commit adultery" and "Do not steal."

**July 26, Toying with the Truth:** about the meaning of God's commandments - "Do not testify against your neighbor" and "Do not covet."

## K. I. D. S. @ First

### Kids Investigating Divine Stories at First Church

#### Nursery (under 3 yrs. old)

The nursery (rm. 20) is available during the service for children ages 3 and under. In May the children will be learning Jesus' commandment to love one another.

#### Pre-K Class (ages 3-4)

The Pre-K class (rm. 38) will be doing a unit called, "Teach us how to Pray," to learn about prayer in activity centers of art, dramatic play, blocks, manipulatives, books, science, and music and movement.

#### Kindergarten Class (ages 5&6)

The Kindergarten class (rm. 37) will be learning stories about Peter by doing crafts, playing games, and singing.

#### Rotation Program Grades 1-6 : Bible Occupations

Bible Verse: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. (1Co 12:4-6)

Learning about life in Bible times helps children better understand the biblical message that we all have different gifts that can be used to glorify God. By the end of this unit children will: 1) experience a variety of Bible times occupations, 2) discover that stories from the Bible were influenced by daily life in a world that was very different from ours, 3) discover Bible writers used stories and examples from daily life to emphasize their message, 4) discover that a variety of occupations today can be used for the glory of God.

#### It is time to start thinking about the Fall Church School Program:

The church school is a co-operative program where parents work together to teach their children about their faith. There are many opportunities to volunteer including:

- Teaching the pre-K students (ages 3&4): teaching curriculum and craft materials are provided to you.
- Teaching the kindergarten students (ages 5&6): teaching curriculum and craft materials are provided to you.
- Shepherding the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade class. The role of the shepherd is to build relationships and be responsible for classroom management tasks, i.e. name tags, attendance, etc.
- Teaching a rotation workshop; computer room, art room, cooking room, science room, game room, or movie room. Each lesson is taught 6 times to the different elementary age classes which rotate through to the room. Each workshop has two teachers, who may work together or independently on a scheduled Sunday.
- At home work: cutting fleece blankets for fall mission project, Christmas Children Service costume preparation, and craft preparation.
- Bulletin Board Design and Installation
- Special event volunteer

To find out additional information or volunteer call or email Cindy Cole, Church School Director at [cindy.cole@1stchurchsimsbury.org](mailto:cindy.cole@1stchurchsimsbury.org), 651-3593x17.

# Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School

June 29-July 2 (Mon-Thurs), 9am-noon



Please submit your registration forms promptly to hold your spot.

**2 additional Shepherds are needed to accompany the students of First Church.**

Each day the students, ages 4—entering the 5th grade in fall 09, gather in the Sanctuary to learn the Bible point and learn new songs. Then they rotate to the games, movie, art, and Bible story rooms to learn about the day's Bible story. Volunteer opportunities are available for 6th-12 graders and adult shepherds.

**Day 1** God is with us: God speaks to Moses in a burning bush

**Day 2** God is powerful: God sends the plagues on Egypt

**Day 3** God does what he says he'll do: God spares the Israelites at Passover

**Day 4** God cares for us: Israelites cross the Red Sea

**Thursday evening** student presentation to parents which includes slide show about the week and singing.

**Cost:** \$35 includes t-shirt, music cd, crafts, and 12 hours of fun!

This VBS is held in conjunction with the Simsbury United Methodist and St Alban's church at UMC.

## Church School Mission projects



**Flock of Chicks - \$20**  
Student offering envelopes will be purchasing Flocks of Chickens

A flock of chicks can help families add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets.

The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. Protein-packed eggs from even a single chicken can make a life-saving difference.

Heifer helps many hungry families with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year - plenty to eat, share or sell. With Heifer recipients' commitment to pass on the offspring and training, the exponential impact of adding chickens to communities in poverty is truly a model that helps end hunger and poverty.

Because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. And chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens.

## Collection of .05 Deposit Cans and Plastic Bottles

The students will be collecting .05 deposit cans and plastic bottles in the chapel to support church school mission projects. Field trips will be schedule for students to recycle the cans and bottles at the local grocery store. The refund money will be used to support the various church school mission projects that the students undertake each year.

## Jerusalem Market Place

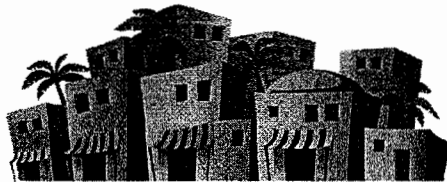
**Sunday morning, May 17th at 10:30**

Get ready to go to the Jerusalem Market Place!

Students will be given 6 shekels to spend in the market place to experience a variety of Biblical occupations: potter, weaver, fisherman, jewelry maker, basket weaver, mason, baker, tailor, and carpenter, to learn time and money management skills. If you run out of shekels, you can earn more by cleaning or working in a booth or participate in the "free" activities at the game station.

Wear your bathrobe, or rent a Biblical costume with your shekels!

Enjoy a sack lunch from the food booth!



## Introduction to Care-Giving Seminar Sparks Enthusiastic Response

On April 1 and 8, 37 First Church members attended a two-part seminar on nurturing skills for care-giving. After sharing a meal together, participants gathered in room 28 to learn skills for effective listening, visiting and praying with others. We also enjoyed animated conversation and a rich exchange of wisdom among those who attended. About 25 participants expressed interest in delving more deeply the fall, by enrolling in a **10-week course on lay care-giving at First Church**. We also had ten people volunteer to form a **lay pastoral care team to visit** First Church members during the summer months. Our hope is to build on this network of lay care-givers in the fall.

*Thank you* to all who participated for a terrific, engaging experience! If you were not able to attend, but would like to learn more about the 10-week course to be offered in the fall, please contact me. The course will be open to any with interest in developing skills for care-giving, whether you apply those skills in your own family, in a professional context, among your friends or through participation in a lay pastoral ministry here at First Church.



Finally, a word of deep gratitude to the members of the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee, who helped to envision and coordinate these seminars: To Bill Ketchebaw, Anita McCoy,

Lauren McCombs, Tina Osborn, Sue Trimble and Dane Woodberry: heart-felt thanks!

Grace and Peace,

*Alison*

## MEET OUR NEW HYMNALS!

Our new hymnals have arrived, and we will introduce them at our 9:30 am service on May 17. We have customized Hymns of Truth and Light to be First Church's own hymnal, and they will replace both our present Pilgrim and New Century hymnals. We are planning a special service of dedication that will precede our Annual Meeting. Come and be part of the welcome!

Thank you,

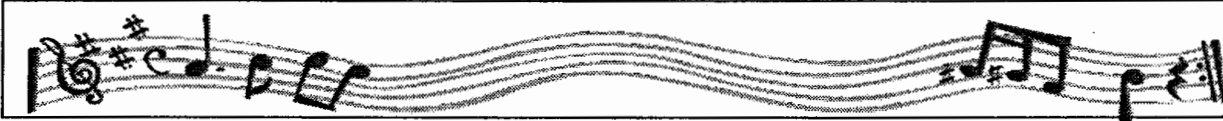
*Dick Wilde*

## CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, May 17, 2009

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on May 17, 2009, following the 9:30 am Worship Service. The agenda will include: program reports, approval of proposed revision to the church bylaws, election of officers and board/committee members, and any other business to come before the meeting. The proposed bylaws will be put on our website by the end of April and hard copies of the complete Annual Report will be available in the church office the first week in May and at the Annual Meeting.

*W.C. Ketchabaw*

Clerk of the Congregation



The last notes of Easter are still ringing, and we would like to thank all who helped with the special music of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. There were many who joined us for these specific events, and we want you to know that we were very glad to see you and that you took a part. Meanwhile, we are already looking to the future. We urge you to take note of all the high-quality presentations, and to join us in either listening or presenting whenever you can.

**On Friday, May 1,** The Bagnall Scholarship Committee will present an annual organ recital to benefit the Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship for Church Musicians. The soloist for the evening will be Anne Laver, who was awarded the scholarship in 2005 when pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree under Hans Davidsson at the Eastman School of Music. She also studied for a year with Jacques van Oortmerssen at the Conservatory of Amsterdam while living in The Netherlands. The program of "Music for the Easter Season" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Church in Simsbury with a reception to follow. All proceeds from a free will offering will go to enhance the scholarship fund.

The Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship, established in 1995 upon the retirement and subsequent death of Mrs. Bagnall, long-time organist here at First Church, is intended to encourage and help musicians improve their ability to support religious worship services. Since its inception, twelve organ students have been awarded the scholarship and eighteen students have received special awards.

First Church is hosting the **Simsbury Chamber Music Festival**, an annual event here in town. For four Tuesday evenings in May at 7:30 pm, the Festival will fill the sanctuary with music from a talented array of musicians, including the **Preludio Saxophone Quartet**, the **Kelet Duo**, clarinetist **Thomas Labadorf** with the **Ligetti Ensemble**, and the **Alturas Duo** performing with Italian flute virtuoso **Sergio Pallottelli**. Also, this year's composer-in-residence is the renowned **Raimundo Penaforte**.

First Church is pleased to be able to use our sanctuary to host this auspicious event. Ticket information can be found by calling 860-798-0773.

The **Choral Bell Festival** will be held this year on Sunday, May 3 at Avon Congregational Church. This is a marvelous festival that ends with a concert at 4:00 in the afternoon. All are invited to attend this free event.

We are thinking of music for our summer services, and are looking for groups or individuals who would like to help. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mark Mercier at the church. Meanwhile, our summer choir will be singing on a Sunday on July, and a Sunday in August. Plan on coming a little early and joining us as we get together and raise our voices.

## FIRST CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED



We are pleased to announce that four awards have been granted under the 2009 Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship. As in previous years, this year's recipients are talented young musicians with a deep appreciation for the role of music in worship. The following is a brief introduction to the recipients

**Aaron Tan - \$2,500:** Aaron, a Canadian, is a devoted student of church music who has been serving churches as organist since the age of 16. He is currently the organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, Michigan. He is currently a student of the University of Michigan's world renowned organist, Marilyn Mason. At the U of M, Aaron is a doctoral candidate in the College of Engineering working in the area of Material Science. He is a bright and talented young man who is fully devoted to both his engineering studies and his church music.

**Rose Whitmore - \$750:** Rose is a doctoral candidate of music at the University of Washington. Prior to moving to Seattle last fall, she served as the organist at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Tigard, Oregon.

**Laura Ouimette - \$350:** Laura, a graduate of Wesleyan University, is currently the Director of Music for the North Haven, UCC church. She plans to attend the University of Washington in the fall where she will be a Masters Candidate in Organ Performance.

**Evan Cogswell - \$350:** Evan was last year's scholarship winner. He is completing his final year in high school. He plans to study organ and composition at either Hartt or the University of Connecticut. He is the organist at St. Augustine's Church in Glastonbury.

**Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship Committee:** Diana Rutherford (Chairman), Jim Bagnall, Ruth Edwards, Mark Mercier and Peg Psarakis



**DO YOU ENJOY A GREAT CUP OF FAIR TRADE COFFEE, A COOL CUP OF PUNCH, A SWEET TREAT and SOME LIVELY CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING?**

If you answered yes to the above then the Fellowship Hour coffee train needs you this summer! Over the past church year, many of our church boards and committees have hosted once or twice, including our youth and young adults. We are now in need of First Church members to host. If you haven't done it this year, now is the time...If you have done it, we need you again.

REASONS FOR NOT HOSTING

*I've never done it before*

*Coffee urns are too heavy*

*We already have plans that day*

*I don't bake*

THE SOLUTION....

*There are great detailed instructions!*

*No coffee over the summer, only punch,  
which goes on the cart!*

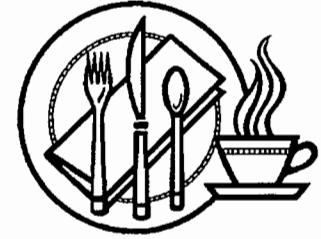
*Pick another Sunday!*

*Fitzgeralds always has stuff on sale!*

We need people on May 24<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend-the unofficial beginning to summer when we can all start wearing white!) and there are openings from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup> which is 8 weeks. These 8 weeks equate to 24 folks, which is 1-3 persons for each Sunday. With over 1000 members of our congregation, can 24 people step up to the cookie plate? Please consider ONE Sunday this summer! Contact Kathy Wildman at 651-9790 or email at [wildmanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:wildmanfamily@comcast.net) THANK YOU!

## SUPPER CLUB

All are welcome to this season's final Supper Club dinner and program to be held in Palmer Hall on Friday, May 15. We gather in the Hall between 6:00 and 6:30.



Bruce Metzger, a member of the Simsbury Camera Club, will present his program entitled "Composition, Color and Light: Lessons from the Masters." Mr. Metzger's presentation introduces the concepts of composition, color and light as they affect the quality of and impact on artistic images. Images produced by famous print makers, artists and photographers will be shown. Although his presentation is focused on digital photography, his program applies not only to any kind of photography, but also to art appreciation and understanding.

We will be dining potluck with a charge of only \$4.00 per person.

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## NEW TESTAMENT SMALL GROUP STUDY IN THE FALL

Do you ever wish you knew the Bible better?

Would you like to connect more closely with other First Church members?

Want to deepen and challenge your faith?

Well get ready, because First Church is planning an 8-week study series on the New Testament this fall! This series will give us the chance to delve into the story of Jesus and explore our calling to discipleship and community.

Each weekly session will include a meal together, a video on that week's theme, and a chance to break out into small groups to discuss the topic, to learn from and get to know one another. Anyone who took part in the Alpha program at First Church knows what a wonderful experience this can be.

We will be using the DISCIPLES Bible Study curriculum – a great combo of study and faith reflection that is both engaging and accessible. *No previous study or experience necessary. All questions welcomed!* More details to follow!

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## 4th WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

We'll be meeting Wednesday, May 27th at noon in Rm.28. We're going to have a poetry session, and everyone is welcome! Choose your favorite poem - that's the hard part, and come and share it with us.

This is also an opportunity for you to learn about our plans for next year.

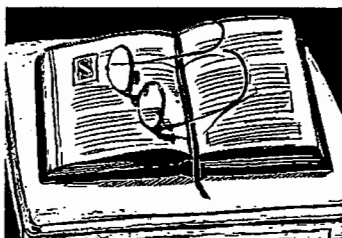
## Good News for All You Genealogists!

In 2004 we had the early church records digitally photographed, copies made, and the originals conserved and rebound. These books were the *First Church Records Simsbury, CT 1682-1929* and *First Ecclesiastical Society Records Simsbury, CT 1832-1907*. They are now put away safely, to hopefully last another 200 years. Interested persons can use the copies or the CD with the books on them to do research.

In early April 2009 we got back the newly re-copied *second set of Church and Ecclesiastical Society Records* that pick up after the first set. These books are: *First Church Records – 1930-1956* and *The First Ecclesiastical Society of Simsbury – Second Book – 1907-1956*. Now these are available to use for historical or genealogical research. There is also a CD with these two books on it so can be done by computer. The copies and the CDs have been given to Simsbury Historical Society, the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library, the CT State Library, the CT Historical Society and the CT Conference of the UCC. Donations made in 2006 in memory of William Boyd Hopkins paid for this work to be done. His family is very grateful for all those who contributed to this fund, and are pleased that the work is now complete and these volumes can be shared.

If you or someone you know is interested in seeing these books, or in doing some research, you must make an appointment by calling Donna Hopkins either at the church at 651-3593 or at home at 404-8814.

Donna Hopkins,  
Historian





## GARDEN CIRCLE

The Garden Circle at First Church is in need of some extra hands. If you enjoy being outside, digging in the dirt and watering the flowers, we would love to have you! Typically we plant flowers around the church grounds the end of May. The group splits up the watering duties throughout the summer months and we wind up our season the end of October with a clean-up session. We also meet a few times during the summer to weed some beds. Many hands make the work light! Please consider joining and bring a friend! Please contact Karen Yanik at [TJYanik@aol.com](mailto:TJYanik@aol.com) or 658-6533.



Attention all Husbands, Fathers, Sons, Grandfathers....  
MEN of First Church!

In honor of the wonderful, beautiful and caring wives, mothers, grandmothers, and women in our lives, the men of First Church will be hosting Fellowship Hour on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th. So, before you take her out to brunch or dinner, please consider bringing a dessert or sweet treat to Fellowship Hour that morning for all to enjoy. Peter Wildman is coordinating this great effort, so please contact him at 651-9790 or [wildmanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:wildmanfamily@comcast.net) if you are able to help out. (and don't worry...on Father's Day we will be honoring you!)

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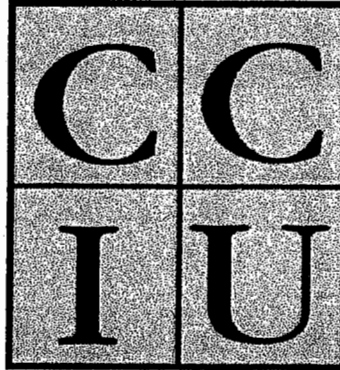
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