

Carillon

IN THE CENTER & THE SQUARE

THURSDAY
July 30
5:30-6:30



Free concert. Bring chairs, blankets, and a picnic!

You are invited to pack a picnic and enjoy our carillon bells from our front lawn/labyrinth, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Concert features carillonneur **Margaret Angelini** who began her organ studies at Wellesley College with Frank Taylor. She discovered the carillon by opening the window of her dorm room on her second day at Wellesley College, and promptly fell in love with the sound of the bells.



Please bring your family/friends, chairs or blankets, and refreshments to the front lawn of the church in West Hartford Center. Free parking is available in the church parking lot, which is accessible from Farmington Ave.

WEATHER POLICY: Concerts take place rain or shine. The sanctuary will be open for dry listening if raining. In the case of severe weather the concert will have to be cancelled. Updates after 2 p.m. on date of concert either here or on our Facebook page.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday | 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. & Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Room 304



July 26,
2026

Sunday Notes

First Church Happenings

Issue
#30

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

This week's flowers are from
Dallas & Cindy Dodge

"In memory of our parents,
Henry & Ingrid Engstrom
and **Dallas & Terry Dodge**"

Sign up to sponsor altar flowers:

<https://bit.ly/FCAltarFlowers>

LIGHT THE STEEPLE

Sign up to light the steeple in honor,
memory of celebration of a loved one!

<https://bit.ly/FCLightSteeple>

P-R-A-Y

Let us hold you in prayer

Submit a prayer request:

http://bit.ly/FCprayer_request

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Contact Rev. Fredd

In person

By phone: 860-233-9605

Or E-mail: fredd.ward@whfirstchurch.org



*The Parable of the
MUSTARD SEED*

Parables are both easy and hard. They seem easy to understand, but sometimes that easiness is misleading, and there are actually deeper and more difficult things going on. So, we continue this week with two more of Jesus's parables, one agricultural and one culinary, that challenge us at least partly because we are not used to seeing the things of which Jesus speaks.

Join me as we look at baking and growing as metaphors for our relationship with God.

See you in Church!

Terry

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- TODAY!

A Meeting of the First Church of Christ Congregational will be held in the Meetinghouse **TODAY, Sunday, July 26, 2026**, at approximately **11:15 a.m.** This meeting is called to transact the following items of business:

1. To consider and vote on the minutes of the congregational meeting held on Sept. 21, 2025.
2. To consider and vote on the Business Team's proposal for using the funds received from the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) program.
3. To consider and vote on the proposed budget for the First Church Academy for Young Children for the fiscal year 2026-2027.
4. In accordance with the By-laws of First Church, action will be taken only on matters included in this Call to Meeting.

What's Happening?

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us for coffee, conversation, and community.

📅 Wednesdays

🕒 10 a.m.

📍 Hartford Baking Co. WeHa Center

OXEN HILL FARM SUMMER CSA

Reservations for summer subscriptions are still open! Choose your customizable share size and schedule your pickup to enjoy a wide variety of organic produce for the summer!

📅 Thursdays; through October 22

🕒 3 - 6:30 p.m.

📍 Rotunda entrance

🔗 <https://oxenhillfarm.com/>

GHIAA INVITES YOU TO "COMBATING ANTI-LATINE BIGOTRY"

Led by Nina Vasquez, GHIAA organizer and Puerto Rican scholar. This session will help us explore the ways that our upbringing may have taught us to see others as "them" rather than "us". Lunch is provided and there is no cost to attend. Group size will be limited to 20.

Register soon, link below!

📅 Wednesday August 19

🕒 12:30- 3p.m.

📍 Hartford- location will be emailed when you register

🔗 <https://bit.ly/GHIAAALB>

Summer Concerts

WHAT TO BRING TO THESE EVENTS:

Friends & Family

Chairs & Blankets

Refreshments & Snacks

Your Sweet Tooth (7/30)

CARILLON CONCERT

Pack a picnic and enjoy the carillon bells! Ice cream will be provided courtesy of our Spirit Team!

📅 July 30; Margaret Angelini

🕒 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

📍 First Church front lawn

🔗 <https://whfirstchurch.org/music/concerts/carillon-concerts/>

SUN IS SHINING CONCERT SERIES

📅 Brown Paper Sax; August 11

📅 Rock Voices; August 18

📅 Still Kickin with the Big City Horns; August 25

🕒 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

📍 First Church front lawn

🔗 <https://whfirstchurch.org/music/concerts/sun-is-shining/>

God Called... He said You're Needed

LET'S MAKE LUNCHES!

The Outreach Team prepares 80 sandwiches and lunch bags for neighbors in the Aylum Hill community. Join us!

📅 TODAY

🕒 During coffee hour

📍 Auditorium

FILL OUR FOOD BUCKETS!

Every item donated helps to support local families in need.

FERN STREET BACKPACKS:

Volunteer Shifts available for the FSB Program. Check out the link below and sign up for a time slot!

🔗 <https://bit.ly/FernStreetBackpacks2026>

COVENANT TO CARE ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE

Help our sponsored children start the school year ready to learn by supporting Covenant to Care's annual Backpack Drive! Diane and Molly Bohman will be distributing backpacks and a suggested supply list. Shop for requested items and return the filled backpack just in time for the first day of school! Filled backpacks can be brought to JPWL during library hours prior to the return date. Contact us for any questions.

📅 August 9 -Backpack distribution

📅 August 23- Filled Backpack return date

🕒 9:30 a.m. & during Coffee Hour

📍 Auditorium entrance

🔗 Molly: jpwebsterlib@whfirstchurch.org

🔗 Diane: dmbohman@comcast.net



STOP BY THE JPWL OR OUR BOOKMOBILE DURING COFFEE HOUR.

Explore our welcoming spaces:

- Children's area
- Live-streamed worship service
- Coffee, hot chocolate, and tea bar
- A quiet space to participate in worship

SUMMER FAITH ON FILM- FINAL SCREENING- Free. Discussion follows the film. Bring Your Own Snacks!

📅 July 27: Cabrini; PG-13

🕒 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

📍 JPWL

JOIN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Dive into books this summer! Pick up your form in the library or print one at home. Choose 6 books from our 12 categories to win a \$10 gift card to Café Nero. Choose 12 books and win a \$25 gift card to River Bend Bookshop!

🔗 <https://bit.ly/JPWLSummerReadingChallenge>

EXPLORING SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

📅 August 2 & 16

🕒 9 a.m.

📍 JPW Library

🔗 Joe Tobin: jmtobin@gmail.com | P: 860-916-1923

REV. ELLENWOOD & JPWL HISTORY EXHIBIT

The exhibit includes photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, and other memorabilia, including a copy of "Reformation Blues" and his famous "Book of Revelation Salsa" recipe.

📅 Through August 30

🕒 During library hours

📍 JPWL Gallery

Sundays & Monday-Thursday | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
P:860-232-3893 | jpwebster@whfirstchurch.org

More Events & Updates:

🔗 <https://whfirstchurch.org/jpw-library/>

🔗 Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/JPWLNewsletter>

July Reach Out: Camp Courant

For more than 130 years, Camp Courant has provided Hartford children with a free, safe, and enriching summer day camp experience. As the nation's oldest and largest free summer day camp, it helps reduce summer learning loss through educational and recreational programs led by certified teachers. Campers enjoy activities including arts and crafts, STEM, swimming, music, photography, yoga, golf, and sports. Camp Courant gives children the opportunity to learn, build friendships, and create lasting summer memories.

Donate online using the link provided or give in church. If donating in church, write "Camp Courant" on your envelope. When giving through the church website, select "Reach Out Monthly Collection" under Fund and enter "Camp Courant" in the Notes field.

🔗 <https://pushpay.com/g/whfirstchurch>

