



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

A Ministry of First Church

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October Reach Out: Mental Health CT



Mental Health Connecticut partners with individuals, families, and communities to promote mental health and wellness. Through housing support, recovery programs, in-home services, workshops, and crisis intervention, MHC helps individuals access the resources they need to live safely, find purpose, and thrive in their communities.

Learn more about Mental Health CT:
<https://www.mhconn.org/about-us/#about>

HOW TO DONATE

Through First Church:
Write 'MHC' on your giving envelope

Online through First Church:
Select "Reach Out Monthly Collection under "Fund"
<https://pushpay.com/g/whfirstchurch>

LIGHT THE STEEPLE

Share a little light with our church community.

There are so many reasons to Light the Steeple!



In Honor



In Celebration



In Memory



Just Because

Celebrate a milestone, remember someone special, express your gratitude, or simply give a little light.

\$25

One week of
Light the Steeple

Reserve Your Week!

Contact the Church Office to sign up.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday Notes

First Church Happenings

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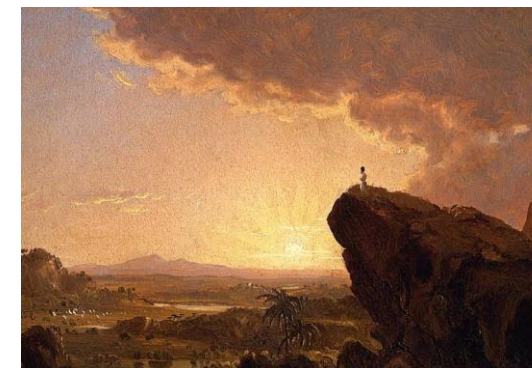
"Then Moses, the servant of God, died there in the land of Moab, at God's command. God buried Moses in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day." – Deuteronomy 34:5-6

Loved ones:

During the summer (23-August), we studied the very beginning of the epic saga of Moses. We considered the contributions of the Israelite midwives who feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded – they let boys like baby Moses live. In subsequent weeks, we've watched him grow up and gain renown as the people of God crossed the Red Sea; and suffered snake bites; and stayed the uncertain course to freedom under his leadership.

This Sunday, the featured scripture (Deuteronomy 34:1-12) depicts the death of Moses. According to the sacred record: "Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his strength had not abated." That single sentence summarizes the legacy that he leaves us to emulate. I'll say more when I see you. The sermon is entitled "Vision and Vigor".

Shalom,
rev.fredd



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

This week's flowers are from:
Judy & Terry Schmitt

"In loving memory of Jean Quick Piper"

Sponsor flowers:
<https://bit.ly/26-27FCaltarflowers>

LIGHT THE STEEPLE

Light the steeple in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one, or just because!

Sign up to Light the Steeple!
<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
860-233-9605 ext. 101
fredd.ward@whfirstchurch.org

LOST & FOUND

Room 304

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our food collection for Covenant to Care's Thanksgiving Baskets is in full swing! Donated items will help fill baskets for families in need this Thanksgiving. **Want to help?** Please bring a food item based on the first letter of your last name, using the guide below. Donations may be placed in a **Food for Friends** barrel at church by **Sunday, November 22**.

Stop & Shop gift cards are also welcome!
Each family will receive a gift card in their basket.

LAST NAME DONATION GUIDE

- A–D: Rice and pasta
- E–H: Juice, tea, and coffee
- I–L: Gravy, cranberry sauce, & Hispanic foods (Goya products)
- M–P: Canned fruits and vegetables
- Q–T: Breakfast cereals and juice boxes
- U–Z: Bread and roll mixes, stuffing mix

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us for coffee, conversation, and community.

📅 Wednesdays

🕒 10 a.m.

📍 Hartford Baking Co. WeHa Center

FITMIX FITNESS W/ KATHI BORATKO [FREE]

📅 Tuesdays

🕒 5:45- 6:45p.m.

📍 Auditorium

🔗 <https://bit.ly/FitMixKathy>

TAI CHI & QI GONG W/ CYNTHIA HOAG [FREE]

📅 Thursdays

🕒 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

📍 Chapel

🔗 <https://bit.ly/TC-QGCynthia>

MONTHLY CELTIC WORSHIP

Worship centered on prayer, Communion, poetry, music, and shared silence. Our October service will be led by retired minister and spiritual director, Tom Carr. Contact Court Lewis or Jennifer deSimas with questions.

📅 TODAY! Sunday October 25

🕒 5 p.m.

📍 Chapel

LET’S MAKE LUNCHES! [WITH OUTREACH]

Volunteer to prepare lunch bags for our neighbors in the Asylum Hill Community.

📅 TODAY! Sunday October 25

🕒 During coffee hour

📍 Auditorium

SISTERS IN SPIRIT: MINI RETREAT

A community for women seeking connection and spiritual exploration. Join us for guest speakers, retreats and more! Light bites provided.

📅 Sunday November 1

🕒 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

📍 JPWL

OXEN HILL FARM FALL CSA

Experience the fresh produce OHF has to offer for the fall!

📅 Thursday November 5 & 19

📅 Wednesday December 2

🕒 3 -5 p.m. 📍 Rotunda entrance

More info: 🔗 <https://oxenhillfarm.com/>

FILL OUR FOOD BUCKETS!

Blue buckets located throughout the church are waiting to be filled with pantry and toiletry items for local families in need.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

📅 Sunday November 15

🕒 3 p.m.

📍 Chapel

JPWL LUNCH & LEARN:

A QUARTER-ACRE OF HEARTACHE [HYBRID EVENT]

Join us to discuss Connecticut’s Golden Hill Paugussetts’ 1976 legal battle to preserve their reservation. Clan Mother, Shoran Waupatukuay, will join us via Zoom. Light lunch to be served.

📅 Sunday, November 15

🕒 11:30 a.m.- 1p.m.

📍 JPWL

🔗 <https://bit.ly/Quarter-Acre-Registration>

EARLY CHRISTIANITY BOOK CLUB

This fall, we’ll explore one of the very first converts to the faith while reading “Jesus According to Paul” by Victor Paul Furnish. Register online or contact Michael.

📅 Sundays: TODAY! 10/25, 11/22, 12/13

🕒 9 a.m.

📍 JPWL

📅 Tuesdays: 11/10, 12/01

🕒 6:45 p.m.

📍 Youth Room

🔗 <https://bit.ly/FallChristBookClub>

✉ Michael Protos: michaelprotos@gmail.com

PIECES OF THE PAST:

MEMENTOS FROM THE CHURCH ARCHIVE

An eclectic collection on display from the church Archive.

📅 Through November 12 [Monday-Thursday]

🕒 9a.m- 5p.m.

📍 JPWL Ramp Gallery

SAVE THE DATE!

Sisters in Spirit is planning a winter retreat! Please save January 15-17 on your 2027 calendars! More details coming soon!

**While the Leaves Fall,
Our Gratitude Tree Grows!**

As Autumn leaves fall outside, our Gratitude Tree is growing with thankfulness. Stop by the Gratitude Tree Table during coffee hour this Sunday, complete a leaf, and place it in the black basket. The leaves will be added to the hand-painted tree on the third-floor

EXPLORING SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

📅 November 1 & 15

🕒 9 a.m.

📍 JPWL

✉ Joe Tobin: jmtobin@gmail.com ☎ 860-916-1923

JPWL SPONSORED BOOK GROUPS

Book groups run September – June. Copies of books are provided at no cost. New members are always welcome!

For more information, contact Jennifer & Molly 860-232-3893

Hybrid option available for adult groups

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT

📖 *How the Qur’an Interprets the Bible*, by John Kaltner and Christopher Frechette

📅 Mondays

🕒 12-1 :30 p.m.

📍 JPWL

🔗 <https://bit.ly/Awakeningthespirit>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

📖 *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi

📅 November 3; Every first Tuesday of the month

🕒 5-6:30 p.m.

📍 JPWL

🔗 <https://bit.ly/4yzO6jJ>

BELIEVE IN YourSHELF [6-8 GRADE]

📖 *Little Monarchs*, by Jonathan Case

📅 November 15; Every third Sunday of the month

📍 Community Room

🕒 10:15 a.m.

**Help Keep a Child Warm
This Winter**

Hat and Mitten Collection for Our
Covenant to Care
Children will be through Dec. 31st!



Please bring new or gently worn mittens, hats, scarves and other winter clothing for needy children to church, and look for designated boxes for collection. Thanks!!

**11TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF TREES**



We’re inviting individuals, families, friends, businesses, and organizations to reserve a spot and create an original decorated artificial Christmas tree, wreath, or wall hanging for the festival. Let your creativity shine—entries can be traditional, whimsical, elegant, playful, or completely unique!

You can participate by donating gift cards for “Gift Card Presents,” packages of gift cards that will be included in the festival.

Reserve your entry by Saturday, Nov 28. Once you’ve reserved your spot, your completed tree, wreath, or wall hanging is **due Sunday, Nov 29.**

📅 Festival of Trees **December 3 and 5**

Festival Entry:

https://bit.ly/Festival_Entry2026

Gift Card Entry:

<https://bit.ly/FestivalGiftCardEntry>

Inreach & Faith Formation

INVITE YOU TO

**Family & Friends
Dinner Night**

📅 Friday, November 6 | 🕒 6:00 p.m.
Church Auditorium

**We’ll bring the dinner –
you bring your family
and friends!**

Come enjoy a relaxed evening of good food, fun activities and time together.

Everyone is welcome!



🔗 <https://bit.ly/InreachDinner>