JOHN P. WEBSTER LIBRARY

Resources for Faith & Life



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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November Reach Out: APK Charities

APK CHARITIES
In Memory of Captain Andrew Pedersen-Keel, Special Forces
Never Falter Never Quit

This month we are honoring and supporting CT veterans by supporting APK Charities. APK raises awareness and support for our active, retired, wounded and fallen warriors and their families and provides financial aid and material assistance to charitable organizations and causes. Support includes but is not limited to medical support, housing assistance, transportation assistance, individual family support, service support animals.

Learn more: www.apkcharities.org/about-apk-charities/

HOW TO DONATE

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

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

Look Closely!

Can you find all 12 hidden items in the picture?
Take your time, look closely, and see how many you can spot!!



Find These:

- pumpkin
- acorn
- maple leaf
- pinecone
- bird
- squirrel
- hedgehog
- basketball
- mug
- birdhouse
- butterfly
- Bible

What a beautiful season of gratitude!

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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Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." — Henry David Thoreau



Friends:

All Saints Sunday's coming. During the worship service, we'll hold space for naming the faithful departed of First Church – those who have gone before us…who have left their sign and seal deep within us.

Meanwhile, I invite you to think about where the saints of the church and the saints of our lives rest in peace and power (beyond the boundaries of here below and heart and mind). Assuming you visualize them in heaven, what does that everlasting environment look like?

The featured text (Revelation 7:9-12) is concerned with a vivid portrait of eternity as painted by the apostle John. He pictured some things that I'd like to see for myself when the time comes to take leave of this earthly life. I'll say more when we're together. The sermon is entitled: **More About Vision: A Great Multitude Robed in White.**

Fondly,
rev.fredd

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Sponsor altar flowers
in honor, memory or celebration
of a loved one, or just because!

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

LIGHT THE STEEPLE

This week the steeple is lit from:

Anne Jones

"In loving memory of my dear friend Bobbi"
&
Cathy, Jim & Maggie Meiczkowski

" In loving memory of Johnny Egan & the deceased members of the Godfrey & Egan families"

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

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

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.

TODAY! 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/

PIECES OF THE PAST:

MEMENTOS FROM THE CHURCH ARCHIVE

An eclectic collection on display from the church Archive.

Through November 12 [Monday-Thursday]

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. — JPWL Ramp Gallery

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

FILL OUR FOOD BUCKETS!

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



MONTHLY CELTIC WORSHIP

Worship centered on prayer, Communion, poetry, music, and shared silence.

Sunday November 22

5 p.m. — Chapel

LET'S MAKE LUNCHES! [WITH OUTREACH]

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

Sunday November 22

During coffee hour — Auditorium

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: 11/22, 12/13 — **Tuesdays**: 11/10, 12/01

9 a.m. — 6:45 p.m.

JPWL — Youth Room

https://bit.ly/FallChristBookClub

Michael Protos: michaelprotos@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

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

EXPLORING SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Nov. 1 canceled; next meeting Nov 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

White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity, by Robert P. Jones.

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

10:15 a.m. — Community Room



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



https://bit.ly/InreachDinner