

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

FIRST CHURCH ACADEMY
for YOUNG CHILDREN
Nurturing the growth of the whole child.

Celebrate With Us!

85th Anniversary
1941 – 2026

Congratulations to First Church Academy for Young Children on 85 years of continuous care for children and families in our community!

Join us after worship on
Sunday, November 15
for a tour of the Academy with Director Dawne Quinn.

Come see firsthand all that the Academy offers!

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2027–2028!

Applications are available at both entrances to the Meeting House.
Church families receive priority.

Questions? Contact Dawne Quinn at dquinn@firstchurchacademy.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday- Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Sunday Notes

First Church Happenings

Issue #45

"One who rises early to seek [wisdom] will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate."

– Wisdom of Solomon 6:14



Hello saints:

Sunday's featured text (Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20) is '**apocryphal**'. That's a fancy word used to describe ancient Jewish and early Christian writings that live beyond the boundary of the authorized canon. The reading belongs to a collection of secreted scriptures not printed in most Protestant bibles. In fact, the word derives from a Greek word meaning "to hide away".

The substance of the text is that wisdom is a virtue we're urged to pursue. The good news is "…she hastens to make herself known to those who desire her." Moreover, a vigilant search on her account alleviates anxiety. WOW! I'll say more when I see you. The sermon is entitled: **Wisdom Offsets Worry**.

I wish you heaven,

rev.fredd

Stewardship Sunday

November 15

A day when God's generous people dedicate fiscal and spiritual pledges for the coming year. As that day draws nearer, you'll hear testimonies and encouragement to give based on the thematic question: "How will I…?": How will I make a difference…love my neighbor…share joy? Pledge materials are forthcoming. Meanwhile, be prayerful…stay faithful!

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

Lighting the steeple is meaningful way to honor or celebrate a loved one!

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
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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

OXEN HILL FARM FALL CSA
Experience the fresh produce OHF has to offer for the fall!
Thursday November 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.

EXPLORING SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month
Nov 15
9 a.m. — JPWL
Joe Tobin: jmtobin@gmail.com — 860-916-1923

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! WOMEN'S RETREAT
January 15-17, 2027
Guest House Retreat & Conference Center | Chester, CT

FESTIVAL OF TREES
Individuals, families, friends, businesses, and organizations are invited to reserve a spot and decorate an artificial Christmas tree, wreath, or wall hanging. Let your creativity shine—entries can be traditional, whimsical, elegant, playful, or completely unique! You can also 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

HELP KEEP A CHILD WARM THIS WINTER
Support Covenant to Care's Hat and Mitten collection. Please bring new or gently worn mittens, hats, scarves and other winter clothing for needy children. Look for designated boxes for collection through Dec 31.

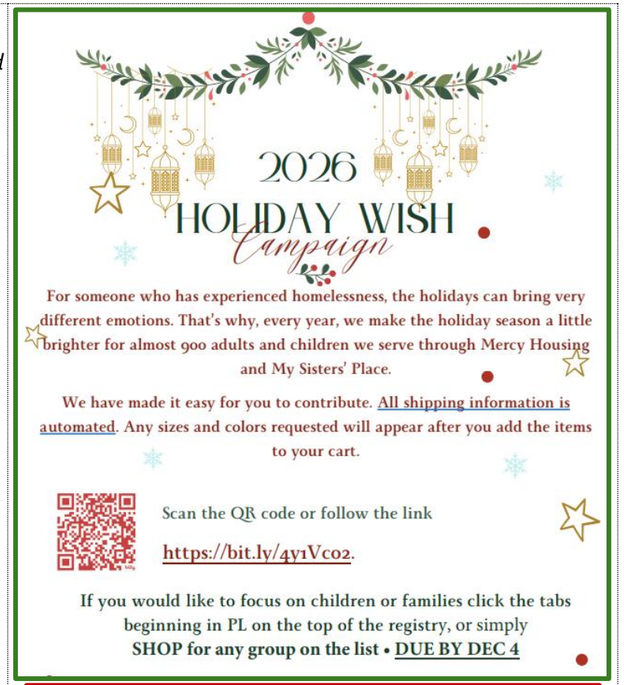
JPWL SPONSORED BOOK GROUPS
Book groups run September – June. Copies of books are provided at no cost. New members are always welcome!
For more information, contact Jennifer & Molly 860-232-3893
Hybrid option available for adult groups

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
Whistler by Anne Patchett
December 1; 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







https://whfirstchurch.org/ministry/festival_of_trees