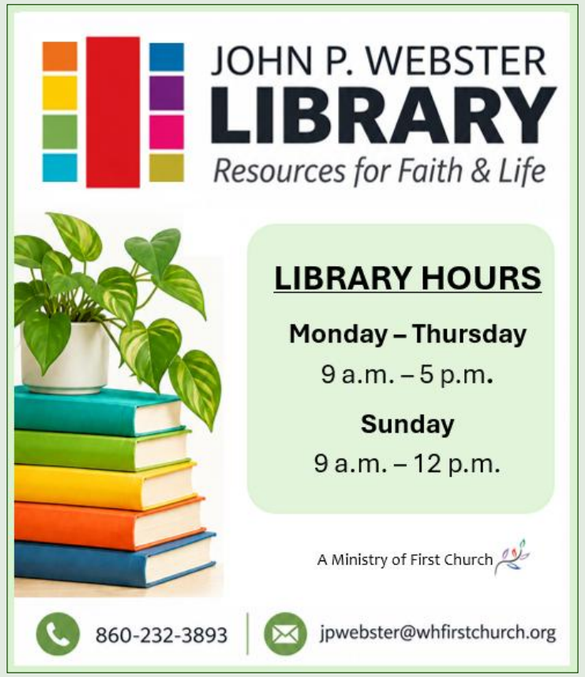


November Reach Out: APK Charities

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





CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday- Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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LOST & FOUND
Room 304

Nov 15, 2026

Sunday Notes

First Church Happenings

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"[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A [humble] widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny." – Mark 12:41-42



One final notice: Sunday is Stewardship Sunday! The worship service will include a moment when we present and dedicate our financial commitments for the upcoming year. Jesus will be there – watching lovingly…paying close attention to our giving. The good news is that he's not concerned with the size of the gifts we put into the treasury but the spirit behind the sacrifice. I'll say more when I see you. The sermon is entitled: **SOS! Pledging from Jesus' POV**.

Tikkun olam!

rev.fredd



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

This week's flowers are from
Julia Rosa & Family

" In loving memory of Domenico Rosa, beloved Husband & Father"

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
fredd.ward@whfirstchurch.org

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

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
TODAY! Sunday Nov 15
9 a.m. — JPWL
Joe Tobin: jmtobin@gmail.com — 860-916-1923

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.
TODAY! Sunday, Nov 15
11:30 a.m.- 1p.m. — JPWL
https://bit.ly/Quarter-Acre-Registration

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
TODAY! Sunday November 15
3 p.m. — Chapel

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/

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.

MONTHLY CELTIC WORSHIP
Worship centered on prayer, Communion, poetry, music, and shared silence.
Sunday Nov 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 Nov 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 — **Tuesday**: 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

VOTES FOR WOMEN: THE WORK MUST BE DONE
A traveling exhibit from the CT Museum of Culture and History. The display features new research about the women of color who worked for women's suffrage.
Through Dec 6
9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. — JPWL Gallery

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

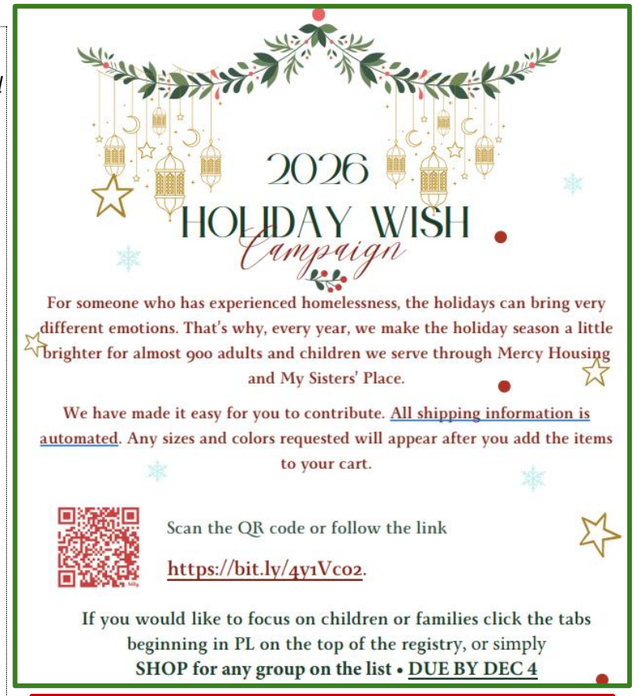
JPWL SPONSORED BOOK GROUPS
Book groups run September – June. Copies of books are provided at no cost. New members are always welcome!
For more information, contact Jennifer & Molly 860-232-3893
Hybrid option available for adult groups

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT
White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity, by Robert P. Jones.
Nov 16; Mondays
12-1 :30 p.m. — JPWL
https://bit.ly/Awakeningthespirit

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Whistler by Anne Patchett
Dec 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
Nov 15; Every third Sunday of the month
10:15 a.m. — Community Room







https://whfirstchurch.org/ministry/festival_of_trees