

the edge

First Church in Windsor
United Church of Christ—Gathered 1630
An Open and Affirming Community
for all God's people



October
2011

Our mission is to worship God, love our neighbor, and follow Jesus as
together we journey in faith.

From the Minister



“With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God’s creation...”

-“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky,”
Ruth Duck, *New Century Hymnal* #563

The theme of this fall’s stewardship campaign is “Receive and Share with Open Hands.” In preparation for “Consecration Sunday” (October 30) the stewardship committee is sponsoring a progressive supper on Saturday evening, October 15. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a fellowship hour at the Windsor Historical Society (96 Palisado Avenue). Participants will receive directions to their host homes at that time. Following a simple meal of bread, soup, and salad, we will all gather for dessert and a closing exercise in Nelson Hall. If you have not signed up to attend the supper please contact the church office as soon as possible at 860-688-7229 or first.church.windsor@snet.net. You will also be able to sign up in Nelson Hall after church.

The topic for discussion around the dinner table that evening will focus on the question, “What have you received from First Church?” and “What are willing to share?” No doubt we have all received far more from this church family than we will ever be able to give back. Still, the church needs us to share our time, talents, and money more than ever before. I hope you will come to this year’s progressive supper prepared to talk about something you have received and something you plan to share as our church enters into the fall stewardship season.

Speaking of receiving and sharing, one ministry that has given us an incredible amount of joy over the years is the partnership we have forged with Pastor Lee and the members of the Sanwoon Church in Korea. Pastor Lee will be coming to Windsor October 11-24. If you would like to host Pastor Lee and Mrs. Kwon for an activity, a meal, or an outing, please plan to attend the Korean Partnership meeting after church on Sunday, October 2. The meeting will take place at 11:15 a.m. in the Morrell Room. Anyone who has an interest in the partnership or has participated in the past is encouraged to attend. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Carol Hubert at 860-668-0566 or JhnHub@aol.com

Grace & Peace, **RHH**

October Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8 a.m. Holy
Communion
10 a.m. Family Worship

October 2
Rick Huleatt

October 9
Char Corbett

October 16
Hugh McLean

October 23
Lee Kyung Rim

October 30
Rick Huleatt

October Lectionary Lessons

October 2 (16th Sunday
after Pentecost)
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 19-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 9 (17th Sunday
after Pentecost)
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16 (18th Sunday
after Pentecost)
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 23 (19th Sunday
after Pentecost)
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
I Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

October 30 (20th Sunday
after Pentecost)
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
2 Matthew 23:1-12

Stewardship Progressive Dinner on October 15

On October 15, the Stewardship Committee will sponsor a Progressive Dinner as part of this year's campaign "**With Open Hands Receive and Share.**" The dinner will begin at the Windsor Historical Society with a wine and cheese reception from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Guests will then proceed to an assigned Host Home for soup, salad and conversation from 6:15 to 8 p.m. The evening will conclude at the Parish House in Nelson Hall with coffee and dessert, and a special Power Point presentation of First Church highlights.

To attend the dinner there are 3 ways to sign up:

- Online at www.fcwucc.org
- In Nelson Hall during the Sunday coffee hour
- Call or email the church office: 860-688-7229 or first.church.windsor@snet.net

Childcare will be provided at the Parish House. Sign up for childcare when you RSVP for the dinner.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 30!

Russell House Meeting

The Russell House Committee invites you to an all-church second hour (11:15 a.m.) meeting on October 16 in the Meeting-house. Robert Hurd, AIA, consulting historical architect, will report the findings of his team. This study was partially funded by a Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant from The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation matched by in kind work both by the Windsor Historical Society and the Russell House Committee of First Church. Come to hear what his team, which included the architect, a structural engineer, and a company that assesses the presence of hazardous materials, has learned about the house. Come to hear the steps needed to make the house appropriate for various levels of use. Come to learn, to ask questions, to express your hopes and ideas about the decisions we as a congregation will have to make. There will be no formal vote at this meeting, to give people time to consider options and pray for guidance in decision-making. Childcare will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

For those people who have never viewed the Russell House interior, the house will be open after church on October 9.

Korean Garden Dedication – October 23

The new garden on the north side of the Parish House, designed as an Eagle Scout project by Joseph Patalik and his grandmother, Helen Silchenko, will be dedicated after church on Sunday, October 23. The garden, which is modeled on a traditional Korean garden, is being dedicated in honor of **Nancy Clark**, a long-time member of First Church and a devoted steward of the church grounds.



CHURCH NEWS AROUND the CONGREGATION

Dear First Church,
I'm writing to thank you. I have been on many trips and loved them all. Just this summer I went on two trips; the Youth Mission trip to New York and the rafting trip. I can't wait for next year. I got to hang with a bunch of friends and made new ones.

Once again thanks, Coleen Belanger

Dear First Church,
Thank you so much for the Music Scholarship. I really enjoy playing the violin. I look forward to performing at church some day.

Love, Charlotte Michaud

To All my Church School friends,
Thanks so much for the nice cards you sent me when I was not feeling well. It is always a joy to be remembered by my friends.

Peace! Mrs. Barbara Reardon

The Athlete Among Us

On Sunday August 14, 2011 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium, New Britain, Tom Butterfield competed in the Nutmeg State Games Track and Field Championship meet, accomplishing the following in the age 75 and over category:

Javelin—1st place

1 mile run—1st (new record by 39 seconds.)

800 meter run—1st (new record by 20 seconds.)

2 mile run—1st (new record by 5:16)

2000 meter steeplechase—1st (new record—also achieving the fastest time in the nation for 2011 in the 75-79 age category by 1:17)

Congratulations, Tom!

New Members Class

The next "Seeking Disciples" orientation session will be held after church on Sunday, November 6 in the Parker Room (room adjacent to the sanctuary) from 11:15 - 12:30. Come learn more about the history, practices, and possibilities of becoming part of the FCW faith community. While attendance at Seeking Disciples does not commit you to joining the church, it is required if you do join. New members will be received at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 4. Please contact the church office at 860-688-7229 or first.church.windsor@snet.net if you are interested.

Mid-Week Bible Study Returns

Rick Huleatt will lead a six-week Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians beginning Wednesday, October 12. The class, which will meet in the Morrell Room, will be held from 4 - 5 p.m. Participants should plan to bring their Bible and an open mind. Known as the "Queen of the Epistles," Ephesians is considered by many scholars to be the apex of New Testament thought. Come find out what makes this particular Epistle so special.

CT Conference Annual Meeting

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference will be held at the First Congregational Church in Guilford, on Saturday, October 22. In addition to discussion of the 2012 budget, Charles Wildman, Interim Conference Minister will give the "State of the Conference" address. Marilyn Graham, Executive Director of HOPE Inc. and a member of the Mystic Congregational Church, will be presented with the "Living Waters" Award. For further information visit http://www.ctucc.org/annual_meeting/.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet October 19 in the Morrell Room at 7:15 p.m. We will be discussing "The Lace Reader" by Brunonia Barry. This is a modern gothic style story set in Salem, MA and includes witches, Calvinists, family secrets, a good dose of dark mystery and the mystical seen with modern eyes. It is a fun read for the Halloween season. Come join us to discuss this one. If you want further information call Jan Stevens at 860-683-0563.

Partnership Pastor to Visit

The Rev. Lee Kyung Rim ("Pastor Lee"), Pastor of our partner church in Sanwoon, Korea, will be in Windsor October 11-24. Pastor Lee, who is also serving as Moderator of the Kyung-Ki Presbytery, is in Connecticut to attend the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference, October 20-21. He will preach at the 10 a.m. worship at First Church October 23.

Pastor and his wife, Mrs. Kwon, will be staying at the homes of Jack and Carol Hubert and Rick and Susan Huleatt. Anyone wishing to host Pastor Lee for lunch, dinner, or an outing should contact Carol Hubert at JhnHub@aol.com. In addition, a meeting to plan Pastor Lee's visit will be held after church on October 2, in the Morrell Room. Anyone interested in the Partnership Ministry is invited to attend.

Our partnership with the Sanwoon Church, which is now in its 14th year, is part of a larger collaboration between the Connecticut Conference, UCC and the Kyung-Ki Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK).

Recycle reading!

If your fall cleaning includes weeding books from your shelves that you no longer plan to read, First Church can help you recycle them, and you can help First Church raise funds. Once again, its time for our

Used Book Sale Fundraiser

**Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Nelson Hall, Parish Center**

Donations of books may be dropped off in Nelson Hall on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 AM until 1 PM. New or used books are welcome, including children's books; no old textbooks or magazines, please.

With your help, we can make this a successful fundraiser for First Church:

- volunteer to help organize the sale
- donate books you no longer want (please do not donate any books that you would like returned to you; we will dispose of unsold books)
- donate grocery bags or shopping bags to be given away to book buying customers the day of the sale
- help receive and sort donated books on Saturday, October 29, any time between 9:30 and 2:30
- be a cashier the day of the sale, Saturday, November 5
- buy books the day of the sale
- help put away unsold books after the sale

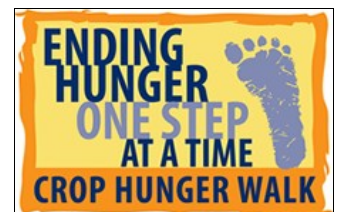
For more information or to offer your help, please contact Betsy Kenneson by email betsy.kenneson@gmail.com or by home phone, 860.688.8070.

Crop Walk 2011

The Outreach Board invites you to join us for:

CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 16, 1 p.m.
Hosted by our own
First Church Windsor

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk because we want to end hunger - one step at a time! SAVE THE DATE, tell your friends, and come walk with us, There will be a shorter route (1 mile) and a longer route (3 miles), whichever you prefer. Walking not your thing? Then we sure could use your help as a volunteer that day! Call Martha at 860-683-0875 or stop by the CROP Hunger Walk booth at Coffee Hour in Nelson Hall following church services to pick up your pledge sheet or to sign up to help out.



Back Bay Mission Trip February 5-11, 2012

There are still several places left to fill in the Back Bay Mission trip (February 5-11, 2012) to Biloxi, Mississippi, but folks need to decide NOW! Absolute cut-off date is October 15th, after which we will notify Back Bay how many volunteers to expect. So think quickly and act now, by notifying Kate McLean or the church office. Thanks!





Lofty Notes

Dear First Church Family,
October is one of my favorite months.

Here at First Church, opportunities for prayer, reflection and celebration abound, from the Blessing of the Animals to Consecration Sunday. This year, Victor and I are excited to be hosting a group for the Stewardship Supper on October 15th, the first really big gathering at our house since New Year's Day of 2010. Having the strength and energy to do this is a blessing from God, for which we are both profoundly grateful.

October brings a wonderful sense of anticipation as we prepare for "Harvest Home". Grains are swelling, fruits are ripening, and the earth is preparing to bring forth gracious bounty once again. It can be the same way in our lives; may we make the most of every opportunity to bring forth a harvest of love, peace, justice, and mercy...abundant enough to meet the needs of hurting people all around us.

Peace, Mark.

News from the Early Learning Center

Another year has begun at the Early Learning Center. We have had a lot of changes. Teachers have switched positions and moved rooms. We replaced windows in one classroom and air-conditioned another.

This fall we will be busy with visits from the police and fire departments, pot luck suppers and a trip to Auer Farm in Bloomfield to learn all about apples.

We still have openings for three and four year old children in our MWF, M (pm) TTH or TTH (9 a.m. -11:45 a.m.) classes. If you are interested in signing up your child or know of anyone with a young child please call the office at 860-688-4597 to schedule a tour.

Mark your calendar: On **Thursday, November 3**, the Early Learning Center will host a fundraising vendor night in Nelson Hall from 6-9 p.m. Stop by to see the fabulous offerings of companies such as Thirty-One, Mary Kay, Arbonne, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys, Barefoot Books, Tastefully Simple and more. Get a jump on your holiday shopping - for yourself or others - while benefitting the Early Learning Center, too.



AUCTION AND DINNER MARCH 24 LOOMIS-CHAFFEE SCHOOL



We need your help to:

- Set-Up
- Assist on the night of the Auction
- Clean-Up Pick Up Items Sell Tickets
- Solicit Local Businesses

Use your Imagination to Dream up Donations

Life is busy so bidders love the following types of donations: dinners, certificates, vacation spots, health and wellness items, family fun and many other "good for the soul" types of items.

Call the church office (860-688-7229) or email (first.church.windsor@snet.net) or contact the chair, Helen Davenport-Senuta at 860-285-8694 or email at dancerhiker@yahoo.com.

Saturday, March 24, 2012



Parish Caring Ministries



Parish Caring
Ministries

Though we have just recently celebrated Parish Caring Sunday during worship on September 25, the contributions of Ruth Budlong, Dottie McAllister and all of the gracious Parish Caring Ministries volunteers deserve additional mention. They are all generous of heart, truly invaluable to the foundation of our Church, and we celebrate their dedication to the wellbeing of our parishioners in need.

Author Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that “the only gift is a portion of thyself.” As such, we seek the gifts of others to help further the work of the Parish Caring Ministries. Understanding the busy schedules we all face, volunteering for the Parish Caring Ministries is a way to share your gifts and talents with others in flexible ways. Are you able to visiting the elderly, sick, or those who are homebound? Could you make a meal or drive someone to church? Can you take a few moments to send a note of caring to someone in need? Are you able to call new visitors to First Church with words of welcome? Do you have a few moments during the week to pray for parishioners in need? Are you gifted at flower arranging? Would you like to knit a prayer shawl? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then we seek your gifts. Please consider volunteering for one of our ministries and make a difference in the lives of others.

To volunteer for any of the Parish Caring Ministries or learn more, please contact me, April Michaud, at 860.298.0193 or aprilmichaudct@comcast.net.

FCW Book Buddy News



Thanks to the enthusiastic support and generosity of over 40 of our church family participants, Book Buddies has been a very successful outreach program over the years! Our First Church Book Buddies commit to donating a new kindergarten level picture book to their assigned student book buddy at the Simpson-Waverly School in Hartford three times during the school year. The Book Buddy co-chairs then arrange with the teachers involved to deliver the books to the classes and to read to the students during their visits. Judging from the enthusiasm of students and teachers, these visits are special times for everyone.

For our current church Book Buddies, you have received an email or call to ask if you wish to continue your book mission. As always, we will wait to learn exactly how many students are in the kindergarten classes before we will know how many adult book buddies we will need. At that time, our letters will go out matching each adult with a student. We may also, depending upon the number of students/adults, be looking for more donors.

Book Buddy donations will be received on the Sundays of October 9, 16, and 23 in the special Book Buddy basket in the narthex of the meetinghouse or anytime during those weeks in the similar basket in the upper “coffee” lounge in the Parish Hall. October 23 will be the date of Book Buddy Sunday when our books are dedicated and blessed. The books will then be delivered to the students the following week.

We are excited to begin another year of Book Buddies!

Ginny Drapeau, Andrea Schnure, Cindy Taplin, Book Buddy Co-Chairs

Leaf Season and Composting

Now that the fall is upon us, it's time to give some thought to composting those yard wastes rather than throwing them away. Composting is nature's way of recycling organic materials back into the soil in order for the cycle of life to continue. The billions of living organisms in healthy soil transform dead plants into vital nutrients for new plant growth. Since healthy plants come from healthy soil, one of the best ways you can build healthy soil in your garden and lawn is by using compost. You can easily make compost with landscape trimmings and food scraps in your own backyard. With a small investment in time, you can improve the health and appearance of your yard, save money on fertilizers and mulch, all while preserving natural resources and protecting the health of your family and pets. Compost materials can consist of yard waste, food scraps or other organic materials that would otherwise be thrown away or landfilled. Yard trimmings and food waste make up approximately 24 percent of the waste stream in the U.S. If everyone makes the effort to compost, a significant reduction in waste can be readily achieved.

Getting started with composting is easier than you might think. People who compost usually either use a pile to begin their composting or make or buy a bin to compost in. Regardless of what is used, the process of composting itself is relatively easy. First, add brown and green materials (generally three parts browns to one part greens), making sure larger pieces are chopped or shredded. The ideal compost pile contains browns and greens (of varying sizes) placed in alternate layers of different-size particles. From there, mix grass clippings and green waste into the pile and bury fruit and vegetable waste under 10 inches of compost material.

As materials break down, the pile will get warm. This is to be expected. In fact, on cold days, you may even see some steam from the compost pile. Every time you add to the pile, turn over and fluff it with a pitchfork to provide aeration. This is the key to the success of composting. If you use a bin to compost, the bin may have a turner that fills the same function. Once the material at the bottom is dark and rich in color, with no remnants of your food or yard waste, your compost is ready to use. There may be a few chunks of woody material left; these can be screened out and put back into a new pile. The resulting compost can be applied to lawns and gardens to help condition the soil and replenish nutrients. Compost should not be used as potting soil for houseplants. For more information on composting, please see the resources available from the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserves/rrr/composting/index.htm>.

How much energy do you have?

There are many good reasons to have a home energy audit, but two will do:

- It can reduce the amount of energy you use, and
- It can save you significant dollars each month.

We encourage you to call **877-947-3873** for either Home Energy Solutions (in this program the charge is \$75 and you receive about \$700 worth of work and materials) or WRAP, the income-based program through which low income households can receive the same services for no fee at all.

<http://www.cl-p.com/Home/SaveEnergy/Rebates/HomeEnergySolutions.aspx> is the website. From it you can register on line and make arrangements for an audit. You don't have to be a homeowner, only a utility payer.

Get yours done now so you still have time to use the coupons they will give you - they usually expire by the end of the year. And it's best to do these tests etc. when it's not terribly cold outside. Let's add more names to the posters at the back of the sanctuary, and save money and the earth at the same time.

News from the Women's Club

On Tuesday, September 13, the women of the Women's Club enjoyed Mark Watkins' program, "Oh Them Bells." He presented us with historical and musical information on hand bells. He and Victor Evans and several of the women performed songs with the hand bells to the delight of all.

The Women's Club next meets on Tuesday, October 11. Connie Nadolny and her Line Dancing class will perform. Please join us for lunch at noon. Bring a sandwich and \$2 to cover the cost of refreshments and programming. The program begins at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Our hostess is Polly Ellis. (860-688-5949)



Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 2 Rain or Shine

On St. Francis Sunday, the first Sunday in October, we cordially invite the community to gather for the blessing of the animals. So on Sunday, October 2 at 1 p.m., bring your pets to the lawn behind the Russell House (or Nelson Hall if it's raining) for a brief service of prayer, poetry and individual pet blessings! Our pets give so much, so let's thank God for all creatures great and small! Treats will be shared with all of our pet friends following the service,

and we also invite you to bring offerings of cash, pet food and animal toys, which will be donated to local animal shelters. What surprising animals - and surprising gifts from them - are in store for us this year? Who knows! But be sure to join us to find out.



Blessing of
the Animals

Looking Ahead—Bells of Hope - Adoption and Foster Care Worship and Dinner, Sunday, November 6

November is National Adoption Month. Adoption and foster care touches all our lives and so FCW members, friends and the wider Windsor community are invited to ring in awareness about adoption and foster care in the state of Connecticut. Worship service and bell ringing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse followed by a community potluck dinner of celebration in Nelson Hall. All adoptive families, friends and supporters are encouraged to attend - simply bring your family's favorite dish to share (beverages and dessert provided)! This is a friendly event for all ages and family sizes. For more information, contact Char Corbett, Associate Pastor, at 860-688-7229, ext. 15.

From Our Church School Coordinator

Who ever said that a parent can't be in three places at the same time? Well, welcome to my world, as I'm sure many of you parents are probably feeling the same way. I love the fall season and I'm a big fan of giving my children exposure to all the great activities and opportunities that are available to them, but seriously folks, with a gallon of gas near \$4 - this lifestyle is starting to lose its curb appeal.

There is no doubt about it; fall is a busy time of year and with three school-age children to get from place to place, my family's dimension has taken on new form this school year. Dinner time has crept later into the evening or practically inhaled as we head out the door to our next event. Our family conversation around the table typically involves drawing straws to see who gets to go where and with what extra kids to bring along. Not surprisingly, the children aren't always thrilled with the decisions that are made for them.

There is however one area of our lives that everyone in my family is in agreement on, and that's attending weekly church service at First Church. First Church is our home away from home, and my family looks forward to going there as much as we do returning home after a busy day of activities. I'm not sure if I could put into words the exact feeling that we all have, but it's a special feeling that we all get to enjoy together as a family. Despite the many changes that lie ahead for our children, I hope this family tradition stays unchanged.

Sometimes things do need to change and especially when children are concerned. The Board of Christian Education, along with the ministers of First Church, has decided to mix things up a little this year when it comes to Chapel Sunday. Stating the first Sunday in October, all Sunday school children will attend regular worship service with their family before being dismissed to work on a group mission project. The children will leave the meeting-house during the second hymn, head over to the Parish House and gather outside to form a prayer circle. After a brief time of prayer, the children will talk about their current mission and discuss how their cooperation can best achieve our church's goals of providing service to others.

I'm excited to tell you that we're reopening "June Space" in the Parker Room. Our church family is growing, and we once again have a need for infant care during the worship service.

Starting October 30, there will be a Food Drive competition kids vs. adults, to see who can bring in the most canned and non-perishable goods. We're going to weigh all the donations at the end of the competition to see which group wins in this challenge. Items will be collected in the narthex in two separate collection boxes. The items will be collected on the following Sundays: Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13, and we will have the judging on Nov. 13 over in Nelson Hall during the fellowship hour.

Our annual Halloween night will take place October 22 from 6-7 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume and join us for a night of games, crafts and good fun. Friends are always welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share with other ghosts and goblins friends. Admission for the night is one non-perishable donation to the Windsor Food Bank.

Family Sunday is October 30, and all children will attend worship service with their family on this date.

Happy Birthday! Cady Berry (10-4), Emily Bernstein (10-6), Amelia Chowaniec (10-19), Valerie Diehl (10-19), Anna Napiorkowski (10-17), Isabella Osowiecki (10-15), Kyle Porcaro (10-3)



Grace and Peace,
Helga Finlay

Outreach News

Outreach Fair October 9: The Outreach Committee is hosting an Outreach Fair in Nelson Hall after worship on Sunday, October 9 to showcase all of the local, national and worldwide ministries that FCW supports. Whether you join us to gather information, ask questions or make a commitment or two to serve, you will be glad you came out for this event. This is a great opportunity for you to come meet friends, share coffee and discover the many ways to help others.

UCC Mission Initiative 11.1.11 - 11.11.11

From November 1-11, 2011, UCC churches will be on a shared mission to collect more than 1 million items of healthy food for local food banks, make an extra effort to gather on-line contributions of more than \$111,111 for Neighbors In Need, and to offer more than 11,111 letters to Congress to better support efforts that benefit hungry and poor people worldwide. FCW will be a lead church in the effort to share our resources, advocate and raise money on behalf of the hungry with our neighbors in need at home and abroad in order to more fully realize our UCC motto and Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one." In coming weeks, the Outreach Committee will be sharing how each of us can support this wider mission through church events, worship and drives, including recruiting volunteers and food donors for our first Fall 2011 shelter meal for Immaculate Conception Shelter on Sunday, October 30.



If you are in grades 2 - 8 and know how to knit or would like to learn, here is your chance to be a

First Church Knit-Wit! This is a new children's and youth knitting ministry that will meet on the third Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. Needle and loom knitting will be taught. It's easy and fun! Each meeting will be an hour long and



will include 30-45 minutes of knitting, followed by a brief time of worship, food and related games. Older youth, parents and adults wishing to help out are welcome! Parents of younger knitters are asked to stay to encourage and assist. Childcare can be provided for younger siblings with advance notice. Our next Knit Wit gathering will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Parish House (brick building). At this meeting we'll be practicing loom knitting and begin working on our first group project - prayer pillows! To let us know you are coming, please contact the church by email or call youth member Katie Corbett at 860-658-4554.

Want to treat yourself or the family with a fun night out and support a good cause at the same time? Join the First Church Early Learning Center on October 25 for a night out at Friendly's in Windsor Locks. Everyone is welcome! 10% of all sales made from meals, desserts and take out menus served between 5 and 8 p.m. will benefit FCW's Early Learning Center. Meet up with your FCW and ELC friends and have a great time while supporting our youngest learners.





Youth Events

Youth Group Calendar for Fall 2011

Check the church website for current Middle School and High School events, details and permission slips - or see Char for the upcoming programs. Here are the October highlights:

Friday, October 7: 6th – 8th grade youth: You are invited to Fantastic Friday in Nelson Hall (brick building) at 5 p.m. for a “Welcome Back Wacky Taco Party” with a make-your-own taco bar, games, fellowship and dessert. Come see your FCW friends - and bring another friend along, too.

Sunday, October 16 – All FCW youth: Plan to participate in this year’s Crop Walk, which is hosted in Windsor this year. You can pick up pledge sheets during fellowship hour after worship each Sunday at the Crop Walk table. Then plan to join us for a worthwhile walk around town on Sunday, October 16 at 1 p.m. in Nelson Hall. Can’t walk but want to volunteer? Call the church office or speak with Martha O’Donnell. More details included in the Crop Walk article in this month’s Edge. (see page 4)

Saturday, October 22: All FCW Youth are invited to come help decorate and host the annual Family Halloween Party in Nelson Hall! We’ll gather to set up at 3 p.m. before the ghoulish fun begins at 5 p.m. When all the little ghosts go home at 7 p.m., we’ll stay for our own spook-filled fun from 7-8:30 p.m. Party pizza included! Sign up in Nelson Hall.

Sunday, October 30: All FCW Youth: Help prepare or serve a meal for the Immaculate Conception Shelter. We’ll gather in Nelson Hall from 4 – 6 p.m. to prepare the meal. The meal will be served at the shelter; permission slips required if you sign up to serve in Hartford.

Friday, November 4: All FCW Youth: Fantastic Friday’s Book Brigade Party: Help support the Church Book Sale and have fun doing it! We’ll order subs or pizza, play a variety of book brigade games and you’ll even have the chance to win a surprise prize! You won’t want to miss it!

Saturday, November 5: All FCW Youth: Continue to support the Church Book Sale and raise money and awareness for the UCC’s Mission 1 Hunger Initiative and Windsor Food Bank by hosting the baked good’s table from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Come all day or sign up for a shift.

First Church Staff and Contact Information

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