

Make Music in Worship....

Summer is a fantastic time for making music at First Church. While the program year may be over, the summer music phase of our ministry's twelve month a year efforts are just heating up. We are looking for people to enrich our worship service with music this summer. Whether you wish to do a little or a lot, sign-up in the Choir Room and then contact Dan Brownell to work out the details (musicminister@firstchurchofmilford.org).

Study Music this Summer....

Summer is also a fantastic time to study music with Dan, whether you want to brush up on reading music, dust off an instrument after many years, or start something brand new. Adults and kids alike are welcome to contact Dan if they are interested.

Join the Music Committee and help us deliver another fantastic program year next year...

We are looking for folks who are energetic and excited about music, or just want to get involved in an impactful ministry at First Church to join the Music Ministry Committee or become a friend of the ministry. Come join a dynamic team of people that are the real miracle workers behind the great music ministry here. Contact Leslie Weaver or Dan Brownell for more information.



Church Updates 6/10/2018

Please remember to turn off cell phones
Large print bulletins are available from the ushers

To Our Visitors: Here at First Church we often use two Hymnals. During the worship service, the older and traditional language *Pilgrim Hymnal* and the new inclusive language *New Century Hymnal*. The *Pilgrim Hymnal* is red and the *New Century* is black.

Nursery Care - Wendy Gilbert and Mark Byers serve as our nursery attendants. Infant and toddler care is provided between 8:45 & 11:45 a.m., allowing parents the opportunity to host coffee hour, sing in the choir, teach, help with Sunday School or participate in educational events.

Sunday School - We welcome all of our youth to Sunday School! This summer, we will have Story Sunday School for all ages at the 9:30 AM services on 6/24, 7/22, 7/29, 8/19, and 8/26!

Meditation - Tuesday, June 12—Join us in the Chapel (in the Plymouth building) for an evening of Meditation. This time to center our minds and spirits in faith will be guided by Will Osanitsch with the help of Kelsey DeCarlo. All are welcome - whether you are new to meditation or experienced in the practice! Please share with friends whether or not they are part of the First Church community. If you have any questions about the evening, please let Kelsey know at faithformationminister@firstchurchofmilford.org

Blessing of Bicycles & Motorcycles—Wed., June 20th, 6:30 PM, Church Parking Lot—Our second mid-week service of the month allows us to give God thanks for bikes of different sizes and uses. We will bless the vehicles as well as the safety of those who ride them and the awareness of others who share the roads with us! The service should last under 30 minutes.

Mission Trip 2018—SrPF will be traveling down to Houston, Texas on June 23rd & 24th. We will gather as a team during the June 17th 10 AM worship for our Commissioning. We are so thankful for First Church's support and encouragement during our preparation time. Together, we will help families return home after experiencing great loss during last summer's Hurricane Harvey. Please keep our group in your prayers.

Women's Bible Study—This summer, we are exploring the book Accidental Saints! Please join us on the following Thursday evenings (6-7pm) this summer for community and conversation! Each chapter of the book is stand-alone, so please feel free to join us even if you aren't able to commit to every date. Please let Kelsey DeCarlo know if you have any questions. 6/21, 7/12, 8/9, 8/23

Summer Junior Choir Music Sessions—On June 21st and August 23rd, join us with your PK-Gr. 2 children for some summer Junior Choir fun! All are welcome; its a great time to check out the Junior Choir to see what we're all about! Contact Dan Brownell (musicminister@firstchurchofmilford.org) for more information.

Graduates—Did you graduate from High School? A post High School degree or certificate program? Let us celebrate you by adding your name to Rev. Ashley's list. During the greeting of our neighbors, Rev. Ashley will be at the back of the sanctuary, and you can add your name. These names will be shared during the Pastoral Prayer.

Sunday, August 5th, Gulf Beach, 8 AM Beach Service

Please join us for this service of Word and Holy Communion at Gulf Beach by the lifeguard stand. Bring your own chair and enjoy the beauty of God's creation (but in case of rain, check the church's website; we'll worship in the Sanctuary in inclement weather).

Sunday, June 10

8:00 AM service
10:00 AM service—Baccalaureate
6:00 PM SrPF Mission Trip
mandatory meeting

Monday, June 11

7:00 PM Deacons—L
7:00 PM Stewardship—
6:30 PM Personnel—FH

Tuesday, June 12

6:00 PM Outreach—L
6:30-8:30 PM Meditation—Chapel
(Plymouth Building)

Wednesday, June 13

10:00 AM Women's Fellowship

Sunday, June 17

(Worship times will begin to transition.)

***Baptisms**

8:00 AM service—C
9:30 AM service—S

C—Chapel
S—Sanctuary
FH—Fellowship Hall
P—Parlor
PB—Plymouth Building

Food Closet—Please help if you can with any of these items; Veggies, Spinach, Beets, Corn, Tuna, Beans, Spaghetti, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Personal Hygiene, Paper Towels & Condiments. **Thank you all for your continuing generosity!**



Chancel Flowers today are given in Memory of Winthrop A. Smith, by The Smith Family. **Currently June 17th & 24th Sunday dates are available for order of chancel flowers.** The cost is \$50. Call the church office (203-877-4277) if you wish to reserve a date.

Care Ministries—We pray for these our members, friends and family members: Bruce Aldrich, Andrew Blackwood, Cheri Cerrone, Elizabeth Classy, Jack Fiorillo, Richard Gillian, Susan Gilbert, Rosemary Hendler, Ken Kienzle, Judy Kraft, Peter Lasse, Melissa Schwartz, Frank Mossman, Wendy Riling, William Ross, Colleen Satterlee, Nancy Somohano, Catharine Trueman, David Wheaton, Leonore Wilhelm, Charles Yagielski

Congregational Care at First Church Do you have a family member or friend whose health makes getting out of their home difficult? Maybe your own health has meant that you can't get to church like you used to. Please let us know so that we can be in touch and continue to support you on your faith journey and life journey. Email: revashley@firstchurchofmilford.org or call the main office 203-877-4277 and give Ashley Medina your information so that a pastor can contact you.

Starting June 17th Worship Hours will transition into the summer scheduled times 8 AM worship, Chapel and 9:30 AM worship, Sanctuary.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK 5/31/18

	Budget	Actual	%
Pledges	\$120,200	\$125,543	105%
Unpledged	\$11,667	\$11,515	99%
Plate	\$3,540	\$3,033	86%