

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 6/17/2018

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 9:00 & 10:45 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 or activities for our youth at the 9:30 AM services on 6/17, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and 8/26!

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.

Milford Salvation Army Service Unit
@Milford Family Resource Center



School Backpack Program for 2018—2019

Let's fill 35 backpacks, First Church, for students who need support. Backpacks with the list of supplies are available now in the Narthex. They are due on **July 30th!** Contact person for more info: Joan Canavan at (203) 874-0365. We hope that you will join us in this important ministry of encouragement and empowerment.

Bible Studies—Join us for a Bible study this summer! If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk with Kelsey. Our offerings include *Bible and Brews* *whether it's coffee, tea, or a cold one - must be 21+ to join this Bible study! Join us for a Bible study of a different kind! We are diving into the contradictions present in the Bible. Meets on the first Tuesday of the month (with the exception of meeting on July 26). If you have ideas of where to meet or would like to be on the email reminder list, please let us know!

Women's Bible Study

This summer, we are exploring the book *Accidental Saints*! Please join us on the following Thursday evenings (6-7 PM) 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 - 6/21, 7/12, 8/9, 8/23

Letters of Support for SrPF Mission Trip Participants

We are going on a Mission Trip. Opening and reading words of support when we are away from home and doing something completely different than our regular stuff, is very uplifting. We invite the congregation to write notes of support to youth advisors, or a note of thanks to our host Churches. Visit the table in Fellowship Hall for a list & supplies. Return to Rev. Ashley by June 22, basket by her office.

SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 HOMECOMING PICNIC!

Bring the whole family and join us on Sunday, **September 23rd** on the back Plymouth Lawn for food, games & entertainment! We need: 2 Coordinators, Grill squad, Entertainment, Kid games, Food Gurus, Set-up team & Clean up team. If you'd like to help, please contact Rev. Ashley Grant or call the office to sign up. Hope to see y'all there!

Sunday, June 17

8:00 AM service—C

9:30 AM service—S

Baptisms & SrPF Commissioning

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 AM Women's Fellowship

6:30 PM Bicycle Blessing—Church

Parking lot

Thursday, June 21

6:00 PM Women's Bible study

PM Summer Junior Choir

6:30 PM Board (Dinner) FH

7:00 PM Board meeting—FH

Sunday, June 24

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 Honor of George Grant, Mike Grant, Earl Eckhart & Adam Eckhart. "Happy Father's Day". **Currently June 24th, July 1st & 8th 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,

Raymond Britting, Cheri Cerrone, Elizabeth Classy, Jack Fiorillo, Richard Gillian, Susan Gilbert, Rosemary Hendler, Ruth Jones, 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.

VBS will run until July 13th— Registration is live on our website, Facebook page. If you have questions or would prefer to register over the phone, please let Kelsey know. Her email is faithformationminister@firstchurchofmilford.org. If you are interested in working with our youth for this week, please let Kelsey know. It's going to be fun and we will need lots of volunteers to make this adventure possible!

Godspell Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Sunday School for 2018-2019 will begin on Sunday, September 9th

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