

**Our Music Ministry**—Did you know that in addition to being a staple of great music here at First Church, our Music Ministry also plays a role in church outreach? Imagine that a member of the community hears that our church is putting on a concert of Messiah, or the Jolly Beggars or a Silent Movie, or leads a beautiful Christmas service in December and decides to attend one of those events. After they are treated to a great performance, they rave to their friends and they come back and want to learn more about other things we do here including our worship services. And then they just might stay and become part of our community. So many have come to this church via the pathway of music which is why music is so important to this community and to the wider community and is why we need YOU to get involved! Check out the back page to see the many different ways you can get involved in music at First Church!

### Get Involved in Summer Music at First Church!

#### **Make Music in Worship....**

Not only should you make plans to attend worship all summer for Fun and Games and to hear great music, you should consider enriching the worship service with your music! No previous training necessary; just meet with Dan and put something together. Sign-up in the Choir Room or contact Dan directly (see below).

#### **Study Music in 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, tune up your voice or start something brand new. Interested adults and kids alike are welcome to contact Dan!

#### **Volunteer to help with our Summer Projects...**

Even though the music ensembles are enjoying a well-deserved summer break, we are hard at work behind the scenes doing the work that we otherwise are too busy to do during the program year. If you can/are interested in helping us as we tackle these projects, consult the list below and contact Dan or Leslie Weaver.

- ~ Grant Writing for Long-Term Organ Renovations
- ~ Organizing and updating the Music Library Catalog to reflect current holdings and updating the conductor library in Dan's office.



## **Church Updates 6/24/2018**

**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 AM, 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!



We are so thankful for First Church's Support and Prayers as we travel to Houston to extend the care of our congregation through mission work. Visit [www.firstchurchofmilford.org](http://www.firstchurchofmilford.org) during the week to check our blog & see Facebook updates.

**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 June 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 - 7/12, 8/9, 8/23

**Be a Sunday School teacher!!!** —Our incredible Sunday School program would be impossible without the help of our amazing volunteers!! We would like to invite **YOU** to be one of them!! The only experience required to be a Sunday School teacher is experience loving God, Jesus, and the lessons taught in the Bible. We provide our teachers with a comprehensive curriculum, as well as the support of our Minister of Christian Education and Christian Education ministry, to help them succeed! If this sounds like something you are interested in, please talk with Kelsey DeCarlo, Tracy Hoppock, or any member of the Christian Education ministry. Kelsey can be reached at [faithformationminister@firstchurchofmilford.org](mailto:faithformationminister@firstchurchofmilford.org).

**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 24**  
8:00 AM service—C  
9:30 AM service—S

**Tuesday, June 26**  
6:30 PM Bible & Brews

**Wednesday, June 27**  
10:00 AM Women's Fellowship  
6:30-8:30 PM Messy Church

**Sunday, July 1**  
8:00 AM service—C  
9:30 AM service—S

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

\*July 4th the office is Closed.

**Food Closet**—Please help if you can with any of these items; Potatoes, Rice Snacks, Meat & Veggie Soups, Personal Hygiene, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels & Condiments. **Thank you all for your continuing generosity!**



**Chancel Flowers today are given in Honor of the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Mission Trip. Currently July 1st, 8th & 17th 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, Wendy Riling, William Ross, Colleen Satterlee, Nancy Somohano, Catharine Trueman, Dolly VonHacht, 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](mailto: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 July 9-13th**— Registration is live on our website and Facebook page. If you have questions or would prefer to register over the phone, please let Kelsey know. Her email is [faithformationminister@firstchurchofmilford.org](mailto: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](http://www.MTIShows.com)

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

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