

Important Dates at FCC

Sundays:

Every 10am Worship & Sunday SchoolHouse
1/17 8:30am Governance Meeting (third Sunday)
1/17 10:30am Union Service with South at FCC
1/17 11:30am Conversation on Racism & Privilege
1/24 8:30am Stephen Ministry (fourth Sunday)
1/24 11:30am "Myths about Hospice"
Every 7pm Sunday Night Youth starting Jan 10th

Mondays:

1/4 6:30pm Trustees (first Monday)
1/18 7pm Deacons (third Monday)

Tuesdays:

1/12 & 1/26 1pm NeedleworX

Wednesdays:

Every 6:30pm Marquis
Every 7pm Bell Choir

Thursdays:

Every 8:45am Yoga
Every 7pm Chancel Choir

Fridays:

1/8 7:30pm Sound Healing
1/29 7pm Book Discussion *Between the World and Me*

Saturdays:

1/9 6-8pm Souper Saturday
1/23 1pm Habitat for Humanity Applicant Meeting

Email articles for the next First Edition to
sue@firstchurchgranby.org by January 20th

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When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

by Howard Thurman

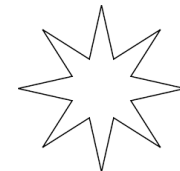
Let the work of Christmas begin! Let's begin it together!

Pastor Ginny

January 3 is **STAR SUNDAY**

Bring your 2015 Star and a story to share

Receive your 2016 Star



Sundays
Worship at 10am
(January 17th - 10:30 Union Service)
Sunday SchoolHouse 10am
starting January 10th

CONNECT

Union Service HERE

January 17, 2016
10:30 a.m.

We will host the first of our joint services of worship with South Church, but NOTE THE WORSHIP TIME! In order to allow the choirs time to rehearse together, worship will begin at 10:30.

Children up to grade 8 meet in the Gathering Room for their own worship and activities. Following worship, a forum over lunch in Cook Hall: "How my eyes were opened"
A panel of speakers from both congregations will share their experiences of becoming aware of the effects of privilege and racism.

SOUPER SATURDAY

Saturday, January 9
6 – 8 pm

Hosted by Beth and Kent Matlack (121 East Street)

Monthly gatherings in members' homes resume this month! Hosts provide soup and guests bring appetizers and sides to share. If you would like to share a ride, please contact Linda B at (860) 920-2500.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Governance meets at 8:30am every third Sunday in Cook Hall. Next meeting is January 1th. Contact: Nancy Cassin (860) 710-0177



EXPLORE

Adult Learning Opportunities ABOUND!

During January, we'll once again offer a variety of adult study options. This month we'll have two forums following worship. At the end of the month our book discussion groups start up. See the attached flyer for descriptions of the different book titles that will be covered. Pick one or pick several. Challenge yourself and learn something new this winter.

Jan 17 – "How my eyes were opened" (with South Church)
A conversation about racism and privilege
11:30 a.m. in Cook Hall

Jan 24 – "Myths about Hospice" (led by Taffy Wilcox)
11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Meeting Room

Jan 29 – Discussion of *Between the World and Me*
7 p.m. at the home of Don and Peggy Shaw (72 Canal Road)

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

This spring we will be reading *Reluctant Pilgrim* by Enuma Okoro. Okoro attempts to reconcile her theological understanding of God's call to community with her painful and disappointing experiences of churches where she felt unseen and out of place. Meetings will start in February.

SUNDAY SCHOOLHOUSE - Sundays at 10am

The SCHOOLHOUSE starts back up for 2016 on January 10th!

FAITH ED FOR NINTH GRADERS - date & time TBD

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (10th through 12th grade) Every Sunday at 7pm

SERVE

Habitat for Humanity

Did you know? Habitat for Humanity of Hartford has received a property in West Granby on which to begin construction of a single-family home in 2016. An applicant information session for potential home owners will be held at First Church on Saturday, January 23. For more information, visit Habitat at www.hartfordhabitat.org

FIRST SUNDAY = GRANBY FOOD BANK

God offers us a place at the table....

We can offer food for the hungry....

Donations most needed:

Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta

Paper products, Detergent

NeedleworX - Tuesdays, January 12 & 26, 1pm

We make baby items, prayer shawls, and other items. We welcome items from those that cannot meet with us. The gift of a prayer shawl to someone experiencing loss, joy or difficulty can be made from the beautiful collection in the Memorial Meeting Room. Kindly note your gift in our book. Questions? Contact Margery Gardow 860-658-6464 or Kay Janssen 860-653-7496

EXTENDED FAMILIES BEGINS IN JANUARY

First Church is starting a new program called Extended Families as part of our Caring for Each Other ministry.

Those who wish to participate will be assigned to a multi-generational group to get together monthly to eat a meal, see a movie, volunteer, go on a field trip, or whatever the members of the group want to do. The only commitment members make is to commit to the family for a year, make as many of the get-togethers as you can, and *have fun*.

Show your interest by signing up outside of Cook Hall!

If you have any questions please see Linda or Pete Betsch or Pastor Ginny.