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# THE HERALD

## April 2024



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*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation*

All are welcome!

### *Memorial Day Kids Fun!*

May 27, 2024

Start at 9:00am

Bounce House, Lawn Games, Cotton Candy,

Ice pops & More...

On the Church Lawn

### *Music in the Meetinghouse*

June 2, 2024

4:00pm

The Fairfield County Children's Choir

\$20 Adults, \$5 Kids, \$10 Seniors

### *Vacation Bible School*

June 17-21, 2024

9am - 12pm

Drop off Program by Disciple Road

Registration opens on April 15

### *Sunday Service*

Every Sunday

8:15am & 10:15am

Faith Formation by Disciple Road

Childcare offered

We hope to see you soon!

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39th Annual

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
**HOLOCAUST**  
COMMEMORATION

Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
————— 7:30 PM —————

First Church Congregational  
148 Beach Road



Facebook: @firstchurchfld

Facebook: Fairfield Holocaust Commemoration

<https://fairfieldct.org/holocaustcommittee>



CROP Hunger Walk No. 50 - Sunday, May 5, 2024  
1:30 – 4:00 pm (rain or shine) 2+ or 1+ mile walk  
United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue in Bridgeport

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year for our local interfaith CROP Hunger Walk in the Bridgeport area. It is the Community Appeal of Church World Service. It fights hunger, locally, nationally and internationally, and emphasizes self-sustaining agricultural practices. 75% of the money collected will be used by Church World Service projects and 25% remains here supporting 11 local agencies that support our vulnerable neighbors here in the Greater Bridgeport area. Contributions are tax deductible.

Agencies we are helping this year are: in Bridgeport, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Daughters of Charity Rescue Mission, Inc., King's Pantry, Thomas Merton Center's "Eat Smart Marketplace", in Fairfield, Operation Hope Food Pantry & Meals, in Stratford, Stratford Baptist Church Shepherds Food Pantry, in Trumbull, Trumbull Social Services, in Shelton, Spooner House, in Monroe, Monroe Food Pantry, in Milford, Beth El Center, and for our Greater Bridgeport area, the Council of Churches Hunger Outreach Network.

**Walk Registration:** We encourage all participants to register on line before the walk at the following website [crophungerwalk.org/BridgeportCT](http://crophungerwalk.org/BridgeportCT) and to fundraise online with the CROP Hunger Walk Website. You can also register in person on the day of the walk on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. However, if you are unable to walk, but would love to support us with your donation you can do it online or by mailing a check with the form shown below to our First Church member Debby Dwyer who is the Fairfield recruiter on the Greater Bridgeport Crop Walk Board. Questions call her at 203-255-8835.

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50<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Bridgeport CROP Hunger Walk - May 5, 2024  
Donation Form - Send in before June 1, 2024

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street town state zip code

Your Church/Organization/Personal \_\_\_\_\_  
town

Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check & form to Fairfield recruiter: Debby Dwyer, 2607 Congress St. Fairfield, CT 06824  
OR to our Treasurers at CROP WALK, c/o Elaine & Robert Wood, 6 Lakeview Ave. Shelton, CT 06484  
Make your check payable to CWS/CROP and put the PIN # 840005364 on the memo line.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATION Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# REMEMBERANCE STONES

## HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN CONNECTICUT, FAIRFIELD & FIRST CHURCH *LECTURE & RECEPTION*

Join Town of Fairfield Enslaved Database Co-Creator, Alec Lurie, in a presentation on the history of slavery. Four pre-Civil War First Church pastors enslaved 10 people while serving as spiritual leaders of our Church and our Town.

**APRIL 26, 2024**

**7:30PM**

**FIRST CHURCH, FAIRFIELD, CT**

***RECEPTION TO FOLLOW***



**SPEAKER:**

**ALEC LURIE**

Alec is a PHD student at Stony Brook University studying the institution of slavery in the American north. For the last six years, he has been the research project lead for the Fairfield Slavery project.

## Environmental Justice Team



April 28 will be our Celebration of Creation Sunday. With our church staff, the Environmental Justice Team is planning parts of the worship service to emphasize the goodness of God's gift of creation and our responsibility as people of faith to care for the earth. The team is also working on a service project to provide Spring planting for some of the residents of Parish Court.

**Interested in helping?**

Let Dean Lindsey know [rev.dean.lindsey@gmail.com](mailto:rev.dean.lindsey@gmail.com)

### SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD TASK FORCE



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force has received a Community Partnership Initiative grant through Energize CT to support a campaign to encourage Income Eligible (i.e., low or fixed income) households to have home energy assessments and consider switching to heat pumps. The Home Energy Solution - Income Eligible program is available at no cost for qualifying customers (the same general program is available to non-Income Eligible households but requires a \$75 co-pay).

***The value of services provided is estimated to be about \$850 and annual savings are about \$180 for the average home.***

As part of this program, participating churches will receive a \$25 referral fee for any member that goes through with an assessment. Please mention First Church when you call New England Smart Energy for an appointment at 203-292-8088

**Questions about the program?**

**Robert Wall at Sustainable Fairfield can be reached at 203-581-0006**



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## Wednesday Bible Study with Reverend Rose

10:00am

Music & Meeting Room

Join the conversation!

### **Black Rock Sunrise Group**

Closed Meetings Daily 7:00am  
Please call Matt D. for more information  
203-394-2229

### **Daily Reprieve AA Group**

Tuesday 8pm  
Closed Big Book Meeting

Thursday 7pm  
Open Step Meeting

Friday 8pm  
Open Speaker Meeting

Sunday 8pm  
Online Beginners Topic Meeting

Please call Len for more information  
203-333-4771

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JUNE  
17-21**

**2024**

**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

**AGES  
4-10**



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**ENDING HUNGER**
  
**ONE STEP**
  
**AT A TIME**
  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

**SAVE THE DATE**

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024  
1:30-4:00PM

Starting at United Congregational Church  
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT  
[www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct)

**Office Hours at**
  
**First Church**
  
**Monday - Friday**
  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**



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 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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