

THE HERALD



First Church Congregational
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 2024 (revised)

Call to Annual Financial Meeting, 2024

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:00PM Dessert and Coffee

7:30PM Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Financial Meeting of First Church Congregational, UCC in Fairfield, CT will be held in the Sanctuary to receive and accept the reports of:

Finance Board *Treasurer* *Investment Committee*
The Store *Annual Giving* *Auditor*
Act on Proposed Budget for 2024

and transact any other business that may rightfully come before it

Ash Wednesday is
February 14
Service at 6pm



Office Hours at
First Church
Monday - Friday,
9am - 1pm



Greater Bridgeport Council of Churches

The following highlights some of the activities that the council is engaged in. Following a change in leadership the council is fully staffed as of January and ready to offer other services needed in the Greater Bridgeport area.

Nueva Vida Reentry Ministry - for those returning from incarceration

Street Ministry - to the homeless in the area

Feeding program and Food Bank - includes a mobile grocery during the summer months

Janis Center School Counseling & Mentoring Programs for Youth at Risk

BAR - Becoming Anti-Racist study group.



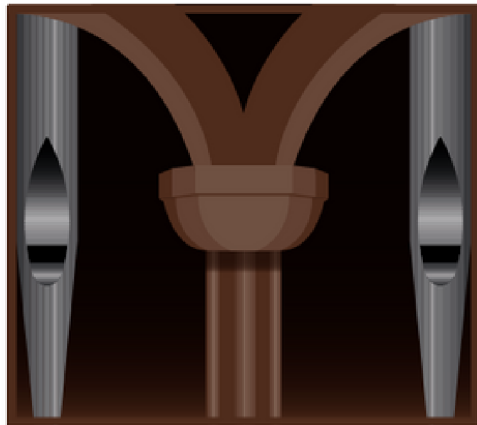
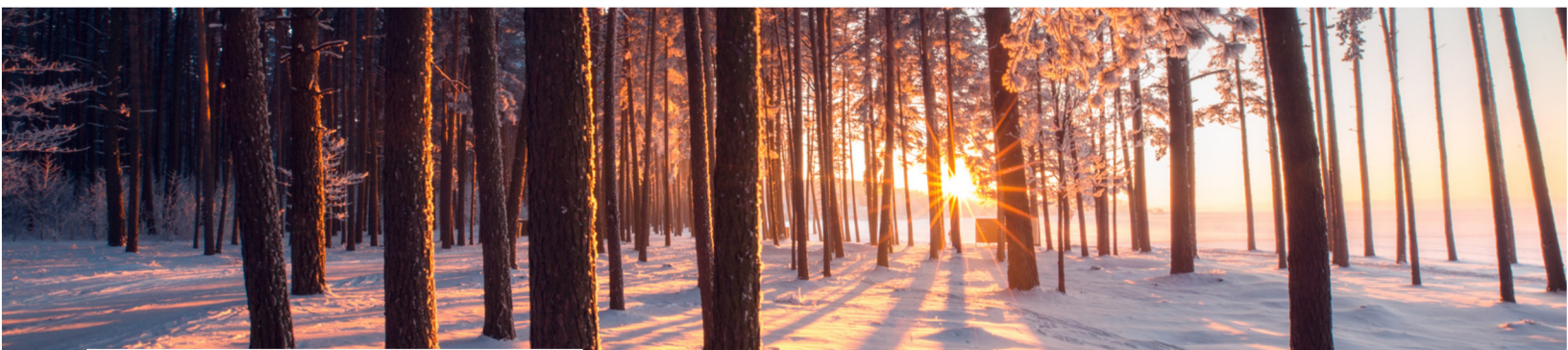
Working For Racial Justice Pathway

Please join us for a tour of the

Ruby & Calvin Fletcher African American Museum

in Stratford CT on **Saturday, February 3rd.**

We will join with our sisters and brothers from First Baptist to view the museum exhibits. This is a joint sponsored event to recognize, commemorate and begin Black History month. Following the tour, we will gather back at First Baptist for brunch and a discussion of what we saw and experienced. There is a free will donation at the museum for those who wish to leave something. Please contact Rita Skog at 203-908-5647 or ritaskog@hotmail.com with any questions.



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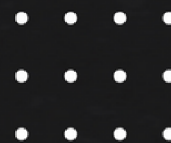
Join us for our
Lenten Organ Recital Series
Wednesdays, 12:15-12:45pm
February 21: Alan Murchie,
St. James, West Hartford
February 28: Ilana Ofgang & Friends,
Trumbull Congregational
March 6: Alex Hodgkinson,
St. Theresa, Trumbull
March 13: James Jeffery,
Christ Church, Rochester, NY
March 20: Frank Martignetti,
First Church, Fairfield

WEST END STRING QUARTET

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2024
4:00 PM
FIRST CHURCH
148 BEACH RD.
FAIRFIELD
(203) 259-8396, X, 102

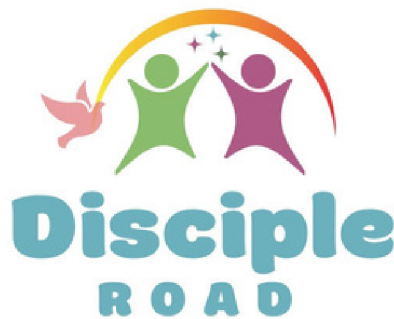
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**Sunday School at First Church is known as “Disciple Road.” BUT -
We are so much more than just Sunday School!**

Disciple Road is First Church's faith formation program for children & youth. The teachers & leaders of Disciple Road provide religious education & faith formation in a classroom setting as well as through spiritually & socially well-rounded activities and programs throughout the year. Disciple Road's classes, events, and programs focus on providing spiritual, practical, and heart-centered support, learning & guidance to our congregation's children (as well as their families!).

Our classroom learning happens every Sunday during 10:15am Worship.

-Each week focuses on a new Bible story or lesson, taught through story, discussion, and constructive learning experiences: this includes music & movement; creating art; skill building through games & activities; dramatic arts; science experiments; and more!

-The first Sunday of every month is Disciple Road's "Service Sunday." The children of Disciple Road and the youth of Middle Road come together to plan and carry out a service project to minister to those most in need in our communities.

ALL children & youth are welcome to participate in Disciple Road's weekly classes, events, and programs throughout the year!

Disciple Road: Sunday School for Pre-K through 4th grade

Middle Road: Sunday School for 5th grade and up (focused on service learning; facilitated by Nikki Kenney)

High Road for High Schoolers is thriving at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, UCC where they have been engaged with the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship under the loving leadership of Rev. Alida Ward and are preparing for an Appalachia Service Project this summer. Please email award@greenfieldhillchurch.com if you are interested in learning more about SPF.

The Nursery: First Church offers professional nursery care staff on Sundays @ 9:45am-11:45am. For ages 3 months to 3 years.

Children's Choir: Our children's choir performs with the adult chancel choir several times a year, as well as in the Christmas Eve Pageant and other special programs. The children's choir rehearses weekly during the school year. Contact the children's music leader, Bethany DuPuis, for more info! Email:

bdupuis@firstchurchfairfield.org

Interested in volunteering? We are always looking for classroom support! Email Kim for more info:

kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org



All enjoyed this year's Christmas Eve Pageant!!





FIRST CHURCH OF FAIRFIELD

13TH ANNUAL

PASTA DINNER



WAKEMAN HALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE DEACONS' EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY OUR FRIENDS AT CHIP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

RESERVE ONLINE AT FIRSTCHURCHFAIRFIELD.ORG

QUESTIONS? EMAIL PASTADINNERFIRSTCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

Join
-US-

There's still time!!

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The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse by Pat Marvenko Smith



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 24th
8am at Circle Diner
in Fairfield. For more
information contact
David McKinnis –
david@bethanddavid.org.

**Save the date for our Annual
Men's Retreat with our
Brothers from First Baptist.**
Saturday, March 9th. If you
are interested, please contact
David McKinnis –
david@bethanddavid.org
Details will be coming shortly

Wednesday Bible Study
with Reverend Rose
10am, Music & Meeting Room.
We are reading REVELATION.
Join the conversation!


**Recent Changes in our
Church Family
Baptisms**

- December 31: Philip Kingston-Edward Black
Deaths
December 7: Priscilla Christianson
December 23: Gayle Hand
January 8: Dan Loh
January 22: Rev. Arlene Studer

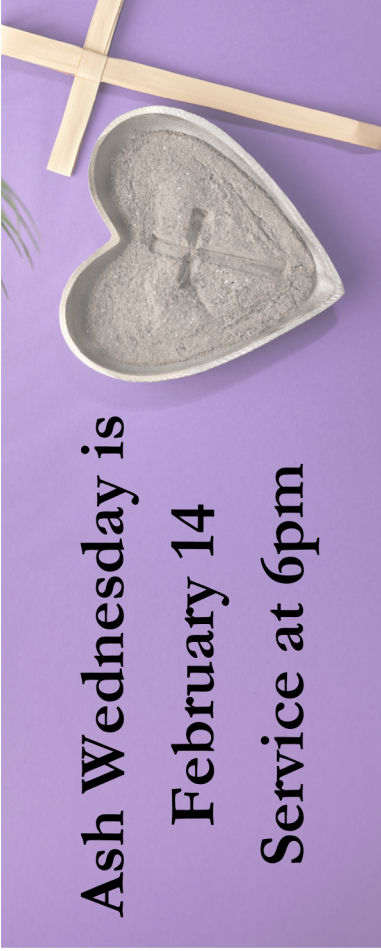
Black Rock Sunrise Group
Closed Meetings Daily at 7am
Please call Matt D. for more
information 203-394-2229

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 with any questions or
for more information
203-333-4771

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