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THE HERALD July & August 2024

## Upcoming Events

#### Sasco Beach Services through September 1

Temporary Church Office Closure Begins July 1

Environmental Justice Committee Potluck, August 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Welcome Back Sunday, September 8

Men's Retreat: November 15-17, Silver Lake



#### Senior Pastor's Summer Schedule

The Rev. Vanessa Rose will be away on the Appalachia Service Project with Greenfield Hill Congregational Church and two members of our high school youth group from June 29-July 6. From July 8-August 8 she will be in New Hampshire for vacation. During her absence, the Rev. Kathy Williamson and the Rev. Jake Joseph will be providing pastoral care and worship leadership with support from the Deacons. Please email or call the church office if you are in need of pastoral care while she is away.



#### Environmental Justice Committee Potluck August 25 at 4:30 p.m.

The Rev. Dean and Peggy Lindsey are hosting a late summer potluck at their home in Trumbull for the church's Environmental Justice Committee.. Existing members, as well as those interested in joining the committee, are welcome for the gathering at their home at 160 Canoe Brook Road on August 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Bring a favorite dish and your ideas for fall service projects that will help the church's efforts to serve as a steward for the environment.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We had a wonderful week of inspiration, learning and fun at Vacation Bible School. The week included art, music, service projects, a visit from the Critter Caravan and an ice cream truck finale. Thanks to all the students and volunteers who helped us create a meaningful VBS 2024.











See you next year!





#### **Pastoral Team Office Closure**

A reminder that our Pastoral Team offices temporarily closed beginning July 1 for asbestos abatement in Wakeman Hall. For approximately two to three weeks, our team will work remotely but will remain available to answer your calls and emails during normal weekday office hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church sanctuary and adjacent rooms remain open for Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship services as well as other meetings and events. Please email the church office at Office@firstchurchfairfield.org with any questions or concerns.

#### Save the Date: First Church Fall Men's Retreat

Make plans to join our Men's Fellowship for a fall retreat alongside men from throughout the UCC's Southern New England Conference. The retreat is set for November 15- 17 at beautiful Silver Lake in Sharon, Ct. For more details contact David McKinnis at 203-246-8138



### The Sounds of Music

First Church was delighted to participate in Make Music Fairfield, a day-long community celebration of the arts. The event showcased a diverse range of talented artists performing at various venues across town. Dr. Frank Martignetti, our Director of Music, offered tours of our beautiful sanctuary, featuring performances on our magnificent organ. Outside, Gavin Schlingheyde, a singer-songwriter and music student at Duquesne University, displayed his talents on our front lawn. It was a wonderful way to kick off the summer season.



# Beach Services at Sasco Beach 8:15 AM

July 7 - Southport Congregational July 14 - First Church Fairfield July 21- First Church Fairfield July 28 - Southport Congregational Aug. 4- First Church Fairfield Aug. 11- Southport Congregational Aug 18 - First Church Fairfield Aug 25- Southport Congregational Sept. 1 - First Church Fairfield



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



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