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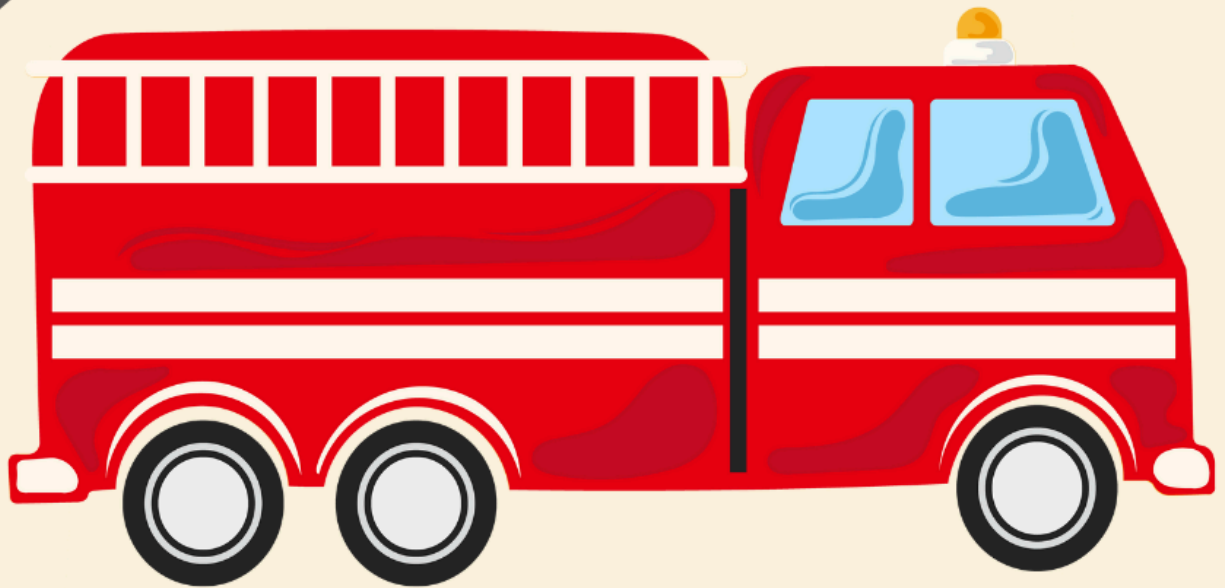
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WELCOME BACK SUNDAY



Sunday, September 8

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

Join us for fellowship, kids' bounce houses and a delicious pizza lunch provided by the Fire Engine Pizza Co., baked here at the church in the ovens of a restored vintage fire truck. Salad and Italian ices too! (Gluten-free options available.) All are welcome as we begin the fall worship season.

Children's Youth Ministry News



Registration for a new season of faith formation in our Disciple Road and Middle Road programs has begun. To enroll children in elementary and middle school email Kim Feeney at KFeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org. To join our children's choir please email Bethany Dupuis at BDupuis@firstchurchfairfield.org.

Calling All Confirmands



Vanessa and Kim are SO excited to prepare another group our wonderful church youth for Confirmation. Confirmation for eighth and ninth-graders will begin in October. Confirmation Day is tentatively scheduled for May 4th, 2025. Confirmation is a powerful moment when young people make their first decision of their adult life in the church and reaffirm the promises made on their behalf in baptism. It also gives them a vote in this congregation which is proud to be led by the wisdom of our youth. We will follow the newly re-released UCC "Confirm not Conform" curriculum and will have opportunities for exploring our faith through relationship building, conversation, worship leadership, and service. In June of 2025 confirmands will be able to join the ASP trip to West Virginia with the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church. Please contact Vanessa or Kim Feeney via email if your child is interested in being part of this class.



The Borealis Wind Quintet



Sunday, September 15 at 4 p.m.
First Church Sanctuary

Come hear this talented, Grammy-nominated quintet perform a selection of music by Debussy, Navarro, Bozza, and Scott. Tickets: \$30. \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students at the door. This concert is sponsored thanks to the generous sponsorship of Marty Jeiven. Call the church office for details.



CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE BASKETS

It's Christmas in September. Our volunteers are in need of new items to create more beautiful raffle baskets for the Three Kings Christmas Fair in early December. You can leave them for Jacque Paige in the church office, or we can make arrangements to have them picked up. Almost anything new works!

Thank you, Elf Jacque, 203-763-9624 or jpaige@smithhanley.com



RACIAL JUSTICE PATHWAY MEETING

The next meeting of the church's Racial Justice Pathway will be on Sunday September 15 at 11:30 after the 10:15 worship service. Topics for discussion include planning for 2025, maternal health initiative on September 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Westport. the 2025 Fairfield Juneteenth Celebration and possible cabaret event with Kimberley Wilson.

Please RSVP to jpaige@smithhanley.com. Always open to new members!



Men's Retreat: November 15-17

The men of our congregation are invited to join **Connect: A Retreat for Men** at the beautiful **Silver Lake Conference Center** in Sharon, Ct., the weekend of November 15 to 17. The retreat is an opportunity to build relationships and community through Christ. Open to UCC men from throughout New England, this retreat will be lead by our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. David W. Spollett. This promises to be a fantastic time to connect with other men through God. For details and more information, please contact David McKinnis at 203-246-8138 or david@bethanddavid.org.



Save the Date: Two Houses, One Home

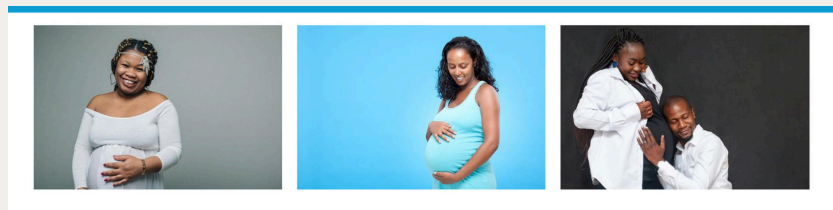
Please plan to join us for our 10: 15 a.m. service on Sunday, October 6 as we welcome our friends from First Baptist Church in Stratford for our Two Houses, One Home service. There will be no 8:15 a.m. service that day.



Maggie Taylor Yoga at First Church

First Church is hosting gentle yoga classes offered by Maggie Taylor in the Webb Room, the rear of our sanctuary, on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Members of the congregation are welcome to join the class as drop-ins. These classes are adaptable and appropriate for a variety of fitness levels and the sanctuary is a beautiful space to practice. If interested in dropping in or joining the class on a regular basis , please contact Maggie at maggieltaylor@gmail.com



Black Maternal Health Initiative Event

Members of the First Church Racial Justice Pathway invite you to join them on Tuesday, September 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport for an evening discussing efforts to improve maternal fetal outcomes for black mothers and their infants in Fairfield County. The conversation from 6 to 8 p.m. is sponsored by Fairfield County's Community Foundation and UU Westport's Reproductive Justice Committee. Advance registration is requested. Please contact Leslie Cenci at UU Westport at optims22@gmail.com or Ryan Deal at Fairfield County's Community Foundation at rdeal@fccfoundation.org



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