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Two Houses, One Home is October 6

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 annual Two Houses, One Home service here at First Church. We are honored to welcome The Rev. Dr. William Sutton III and members of the congregation to our sanctuary for a shared morning of meaningful worship and fellowship. There will be no 8:15 a.m. service this Sunday. After the service, we invite you to stay and help welcome our guests for coffee, dessert and fellowship.

Imagine Together

Our 2025 Pledge Season Has Begun



Imagine: God stretches our imagination for what's possible and what is necessary.

Together: God calls us into community. We follow Jesus as siblings in faith. United with others, we form a Christian movement living the way of Jesus. As a statement of faith from the United Church of Christ, we affirm we are not alone. We live in God's World.

The spiritual practice of generosity arises from imagining all that God calls on us to do as a community. Our donations to our congregation make it possible to turn what we imagine into a reality.

We imagine together all that we can do.

By making a pledge to First Church we are making a faithful statement about what we hope to be able to give to support the church in 2025.

We hope you will give generously when you receive your pledge card in the mail. And join us for worship on October 27 when we will bless our gifts together.



Pipescreams Returns

First Church is proud to host the return of Pipescreams, a Halloween-themed family concert presented by the Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on October 27 at 4 p.m. Proceeds from this annual concert benefit the M. Louise Miller Paul Knox Scholarship. Paul Knox was a much-loved Music Director at First Church and a member of the congregation following his retirement. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students and free for children 11 and under are available at the door or at GreaterBridgeportago.org



Seeking Young Voices

Our children's choir is still seeking new members interested in exploring faith formation through the gift of voice. If your child is interested, please contact Bethany Dupuis at BDupuis@firstchurchfairfield.org



We're also eager to add new members to the First Church Bell Choir. We'll teach you how to use handbells to create music performed during services about eight times a years. To learn more, please contact our Music Director, Dr. Frank Martignetti, at fmartignetti@firstchurchfairfield.org.



Silk'n Sounds Celebrates World Singing Day

Please join Silk'n Sounds on Saturday, October 19, 2024 here at First Church as the vocal group celebrates World Singing Day with a 4 p.m. concert. **World Singing Day** has been held annually on the 3rd Saturday in October since 2012 to encourage people around the world to come together and inspire unity and friendship through song. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for children. To purchase visit silksounds.org.



Make Way for the Three Kings Bazaar

Planning has begun for our Three King's Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 7. We're looking for vendors to join us at the church for this festive celebration that coincides with the lighting of the town Christmas tree. Vendors are encouraged to apply to be part of our popular event which brings hundreds of visitors into the church. Email the church office at office@firstchurchfairfield.org for details.



AN EVENING WITH RICHARD ROTHSTEIN

Join advocates and friends for an inspiring discussion with Richard Rothstein, co-author of *JUST ACTION: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law* and author of *THE COLOR OF LAW: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*.

Richard also writes an occasional column to which you can subscribe for free at JustAction.substack.com. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute, and Senior Fellow (Emeritus) of the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He is the author of many other articles and books on race and education, which can be found at his web page at the Economic Policy Institute.



Richard Rothstein

Friday, October 18th
7:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
661 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Scan to register for this free event:



Or visit: ctoca.org/evening_with_richard_rothstein

PARTNERS



YES, IN GOD'S BACKYARD

CONNECT's Greater Bridgeport Area Strategy Team is looking for YIGBY's - Yes, In God's Back Yard - affordable housing supporters living in the towns of Fairfield, Stratford and Trumbull.

Maybe once every two months or so we would like to have a group of people available to attend Town Planning and Zoning meetings or other town meetings to support affordable housing development. You can only participate in the town you live in and it only requires you to state your name, address and indicate your support of a specific affordable housing project.

Help us grow housing that our elderly, our young and our entire work force can afford. Please contact the person below in your town and become a YIGBY!

Fairfield: Jacque Paige, jpaige210@gmail.com

Trumbull: Mary Ellen Hagedus, merhagedus@gmail.com

Stratford: Therese Lefever, lefever.therese@gmail.com





CONNECT FALL ASSEMBLY AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church is honored to be the host location for CONNECT (Congregation's Organized for a New Connecticut) Fall Assembly on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please join us hear more about this inspiring organization's impact on social and economic justice issues facing residents of our state.

RSVP's appreciated at weconnect.org.

Join us for light bites and conversation at 6:15 p.m. in the Eunoia Room. RSVP to office@firstchurchfairfield.org



Men's Retreat: November 15-17

The men of our congregation are invited to join REConnect: 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 and The Rev. Todd Shipley. 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.



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