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Why Our Pledge Season Matters



Thank you to all the members of our congregation who have made a pledge to our 2025 Imagine Together Campaign. Your generosity will help us sustain our many ministries next year. We are so happy to be past the 50 percent mark towards meeting our goals. This response fills us with hope and gratitude.

When you give to Imagine Together, you are helping us live our faith and plan for the year ahead. Some of the things your pledge makes possible are:

- \$2,000 helps us sponsor a refugee family through our relationship with the IRRC.
- \$700 helps us create a free and meaningful Vacation Bible School for children in our community.
- \$1,000 helps us keep our gardens beautiful.
- \$550 helps us purchase supplies for weekly worship.

If you are new to pledging or have questions about how your tax deductible support sustains the mission of the church, please contact Michelle Velez, Steward for Resource Development at Michellesgvelez@outlook.com



Join us in contributing new or gently used coats for adults and children to our neighbors participating in the ESL program offered by nOURish in Bridgeport. We will be accepting coats through Sunday, Nov. 7 in the bin that will be placed in the breezeway leading into the sanctuary. It will be located near the film recycling bin. This is a wonderful way to clean out your coat closet and share things you no longer need with those who could use a warm coat for the coming months. Thank you for supporting this drive.



Join us on Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for an Election Day Vigil in our sanctuary. We will be lighting vote-if candles and welcoming all for quiet contemplation and prayer during this important day devoted to local and national elections. Our clergy, deacons and lay congregants will be on hand to lend their support.

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November Lessons:

Service Learning Sunday (Disciple Road + Middle Road) - November 3

(always the first Sunday of the month!)

"Wandering the Wilderness" (Bk of Exodus) - November 10 & 17

Random Acts of Gratitude - November 24

Dates TBA:

Family Advent Devotional & Advent Gift

Christmas Cookie Decorating Night (for parents & kids!)

There's more in the works! Parents, check your inbox in the coming weeks!



* Christmas Pageant 2024 *

Calling all aspiring angels, lambs, shepherds, narrators, singers, & more!

~ ALL children & youth are invited to participate in First Church's 2024 Christmas Eve pageant! ~

~ There is a role for every child. All ages are welcome. ~

If your children are interested in participating in the 2024

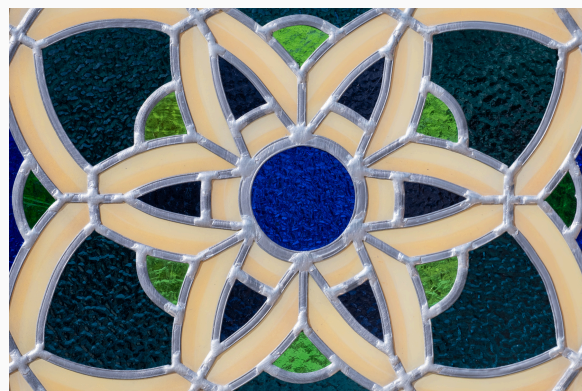
Christmas pageant,

please email Kim at kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org by Monday, November 11.



Lift Your Voices

Teens, young adults, parents, and adults of all ages: Are you planning to attend our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve pageant service? Consider helping to lead the singing of familiar carols at this beautiful service. We will have one or two rehearsals. Interested? Contact Frank at fmartignetti@firstchurchfairfield.org.



Join us for a Sanctuary Window Tour, Sunday, Nov. 11

Congregation member Karin Layton will lead a guided tour of the beautiful and historic windows in our sanctuary this Sunday, following our 10:15 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the meaningful art that surrounds us during worship.

Three Kings Bazaar



at First Church of Fairfield,
Saturday Dec. 7 from 3 to 8 p.m.

We are currently looking for bakers, volunteers and vendors for our annual Three Kings Bazaar, which coincides with the town of Fairfield's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. We hope to produce a spectacular holiday-themed event this year which will include a bazaar featuring an array of vendors for a unique shopping experience along with tasty treats and visits with Santa. Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in volunteering or baking or know a vendor who would like to please reach out to the church office at office@firstchurchfairfield.org.



Thanksgiving Gift Cards

Covenant of Care is seeking donations of gift cards in denominations of \$25 to Shop Rite and Stop & Shop to support those in need this holiday season. Please drop off at the church office no later than Nov. 21 for delivery to social workers.



Mail Delivery of the Herald

If you would like to receive the Herald by mail, please let church office know at office@firstchurchfairfield.org.



ReConnect Men's Retreat, Nov. 15-17

Registration is still being accepted for ReConnect, a retreat for UCC men, which will take place at the beautiful Silver Lake Retreat in Sharon, CT., the weekend of Nov. 15. The retreat will be led by the Rev. David W. Spollett and Rev. Todd Shipley. To register and for more information contact David McKinnis at 203-246-8138 or david@bethanddavid.org.



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