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March 2026

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Sunday Worship Updates

The Rev. Vanessa Rose is taking some vacation this weekend and will return early next week. In her absence, The Rev. Kathy Williamson will lead worship at services on March 1.

The Rev. David W. Spollett, our pastor emeritus, will be available to handle pastoral care emergencies.



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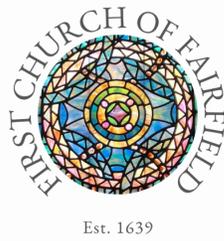
Palm Sunday: Services begin with a bagpipe procession at 10 a.m. on the Town Hall green with St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

(Please note: No 8:15 a.m service.)

Maundy Thursday: Worship at the dinner table. Come at 5 p.m. to cook with Chef Ben! Dinner and Worship: 6:30 p.m., Wakeman Hall
Details and signups to come in the Weekly Word

Good Friday: Worship Service at 12 p.m.

Easter Worship: Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m. at Jennings Beach
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary



All-Church Finance Meeting

Our Feb. 25 meeting was a success with the church budget adopted and reports approved. Thank you to all the congregation members who participated.

Church Mission Updates:

The church has many mission-focused committees busy working on a variety of meaningful projects.

Some updates include:

Covenant to Care: Will be asking for Easter baskets for kids in need this month. More in this issue.

Affordable Housing: The church continues to work with the CONECT Affordable Housing Team to change laws so churches can build affordable housing on their excess properties.



Church Mission Updates Continued:

nOURish Bridgeport: Nikki Kenney continues to oversee the baking of 250 brownies each week with the help of our Middle & Disciple Road students and volunteers for nOURish's weekly Feel the Warmth suppers at the Harrison Apartments in Bridgeport.

Refugee Resttlement: Nikki also reports this important church mission is currently dormant because of current government policies.

Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport: Thank you to Suzanne Herlihy for serving as our delegate. The council has been reestablished and is working with several local nonprofits to serve the needs of the Greater Bridgeport community.

Save the Date: The Working for Racial Justice Pathway is planning to a Juneteenth Celebration on Friday, June 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. More to come on this wonderful town and four church collaboration.



Lenten Organ Recital Series 2026

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m through March 25

Our Lentten Organ Recital Series kicked off on Feb. 25 with a wonderful concert featuring the talented Rebecca Ehren of the Church of the Epiphany in New York City. Rebecca played a rousing program that elicited sustained applause and spontaneous invites for her to return next year.! Many of our guests stayed for the delicious lunch prepared by our dedicated volunteers

We hope you can join us as during the next four weeks for more great music, food and conversations during Lent with these artists.

Mar. 4: Alice Caldwell, Our Saviours' Lutheran Church, Fairfield

Mar. 11: Susan Carroll, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford

Mar. 18: Our own Dr. Frank Martignetti

Mar. 25: Michelle Horsley, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Musician Rebecca Ehren enjoying some time with our audience this week





Covenant to Care Easter Basket Drive

Dear Church Family.

It's early spring and that means Covenant to Care will be holding Easter basket donation signups this month.

The signups will take place in the connecting corridor on Sundays, March 15 & 22 after the 10:15 a.m. services.

The baskets need to be back to the church by March 29 for the social workers to deliver.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

**Blessings,
Marilyn, Kim & Jesse**



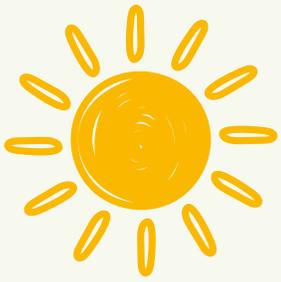
Disciple Road News

Updates from our Faith Formation Ministry

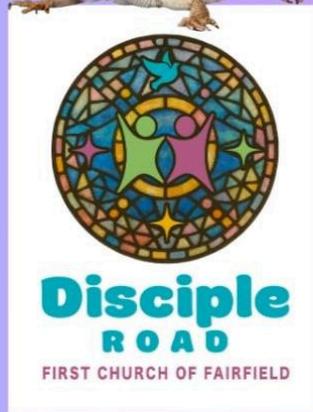
VBS 2026

Dates & Registration Info

Coming Soon!



Mother Nature has thrown a few kinks in our Vacation Bible School schedule. The number of snow days (boo winter!) means we will have to make some adjustments in the schedule for our summer week of faith and fun for kids ages 4 to 10. Stay tuned for details on VBS dates and registration coming soon!



Critter Caravan



visits Disciple Road!



Sunday, March 15

During the DR/MR session!



Join the joy!
A snuggly meet-n-greet
with God's cuddly, scaly,
soft, fluffy, & spiky
beautiful creatures!



Questions?



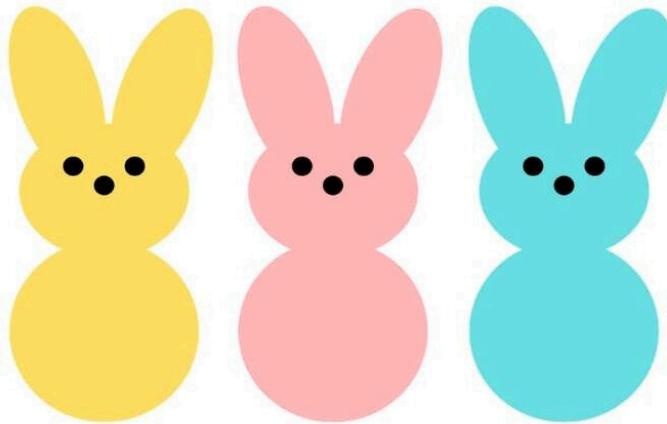
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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5 @ 10:15AM

For more info: email Kim Feeney,
Minister of Children & Families
at kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org

First Church of Fairfield
148 Beach Road
Front Lawn @ 10:15am





Bible Study

with The Rev. Vanessa Rose

Wednesday at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to gather for faith and fellowship through Bible study.

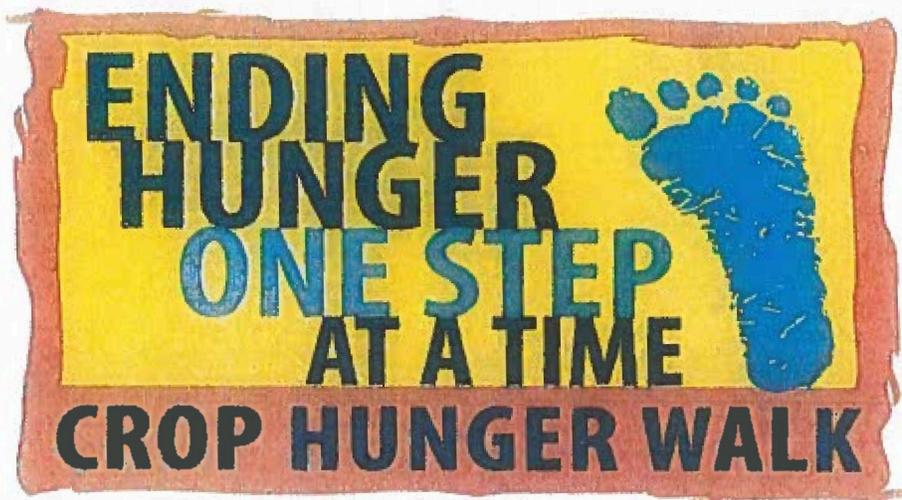
Meetings happen each Wednesday at 10 a.m. through June.



Walk With Us ... It's Our 52nd Walk!



Pick up materials on
Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 2 PM at
CROP Rally
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
406 White Plains Road, Trumbull, CT



CROP Hunger Walk – It's our 52nd!

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:30 – 4:00 pm
for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

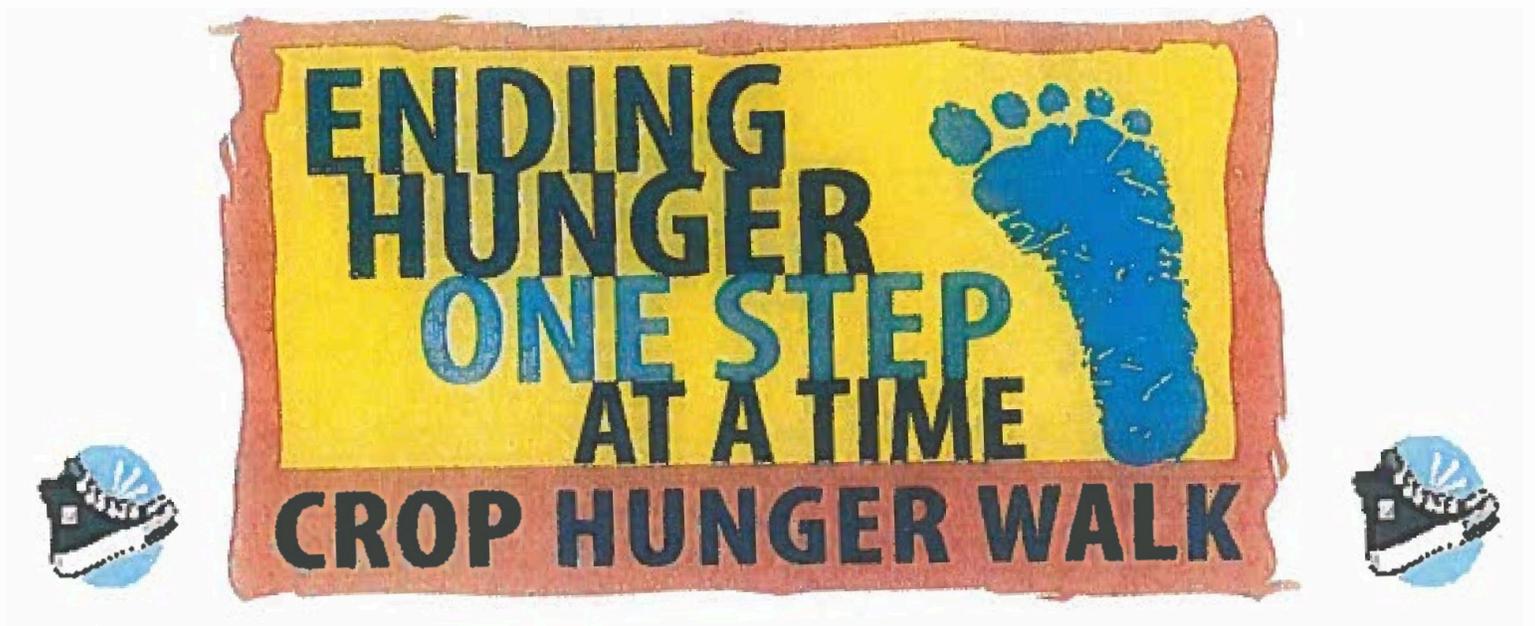
Beginning at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

5 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more info, call 203-375-1284 or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



Dear First Church,

We hope to get walkers and donations from all of our surrounding towns but as your Fairfield recruiter for the last five years, I hope to get as many participants as I can from all 20 Fairfield congregations to help our neighbors in need. In March and April, I will send additional mailings and information on how to walk and donate online, by mail or in person the day of the walk. Remember, our donations help support 10 local food charities. Thank you for your help and please reach out with any questions,

Debby Dwyer

The Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut
Christopher James Hisey, Music Director

presents

Resonance: A Journey Through Sound and Soul



March 8, 2026 at 4:00 PM

First Church Congregational
148 Beach Road
Fairfield, CT

Featured are wonderful selections including Eric Whitacre's *Sing Gently*, Elaine Hagenberg's *O Love*, as well as arrangements of *You Will Be Found* from Dear Evan Hansen, *Let the River Run*, and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, and much more.

Tickets available at MendelssohnChoirofCT.org

