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# *The Herald*

## May 2026

- Earth Day Celebration at First Church
- *Join us on Memorial Day*
- Mendelssohn Choir at First Church
- *Mom's Night In!*
- Vacation Bible School Registration
- *The Wedding Singer*
- More Church News & Mission Updates

# Worship News



## Creation Care Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m., May 10

Fairfield Audubon

2325 Burr Street

Please join us on the beautiful grounds of the Fairfield Audubon this Mother's Day for our annual outdoor worship service celebrating the gifts of Mother Earth.

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the service in comfort.*

*This service is rain or shine!*

## Two Houses, One Home

10:30 a.m., Sunday May 24

First Baptist Church, Stratford

1301 Stratford Avenue



First Church joins the disciples of First Baptist to worship together on Pentecost Sunday for our annual Two Houses, One Home service. We look forward to this meaningful expression of shared faith and fellowship with our many brothers and sisters at First Baptist.

Please note: There are no First Church services on May 24.

Kindly RSVP  
by Friday 5/1



You are invited to a

# Moms Night In

~ An evening of unwinding ~

A serene and comforting evening  
for mothers and grandmothers in the  
Disciple Road / Middle Road programs.

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## The evening will include:

- Soothing tea and light refreshments
- A comforting yoga class led by *Maggie Taylor Yoga*
  - Cozy corners for quiet reflection
- Curated gifts of beauty for each attendee
  - Maker activities, and much more...

**Monday, May 4 @ 6:00pm**

**First Church Sanctuary**

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Yoga begins at 7 PM | Please bring a yoga mat.

Questions? →

Contact Jumana @ 347.512.2236  
or [jumanagrassilcsw@gmail.com](mailto:jumanagrassilcsw@gmail.com)



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# Church Mission Updates

## Lasagna Love & Feel the Warmth

Something is always cooking at First Church



Every week church volunteers make a Lasagna to deliver to a family in need. We also bake 8 trays of brownies for nOURish Bridgeport's

Feel the Warmth dinner at the Harrison Apartments in Bridgeport. Sometimes we do both at the same time! Volunteers are always welcome. Email Nikki Kenney at [treschukeeney@gmail.com](mailto:treschukeeney@gmail.com)



## Covenant to Care

Thank you to all our church family who donated Easter baskets to the Covenant to Care ministry. We collected 39 beautiful baskets to give to our Social Workers to deliver to the children in their care. We posted thank you letters from the Social Workers on the bulletin board in the hallway; we hope you will take the opportunity to read them.

Again, our heartfelt thank you to all our generous donors.

Marilyn, Kim and Jessie



# Fairfield's EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026  
10 AM - 1 PM

First Church and its Creation Care Pathway have partnered with Sustainable Fairfield to serve as one of the host sites for this year's town Earth Day Celebration. Stop by the church May 2 to meet vendors, learn more about our efforts to be a sustainable church, enjoy food truck treats and engage in earth-friendly activities including:

- A gently used sale in our Webb Room
- A bike rodeo for kids on our basketball court
- An opportunity to meet representatives of green-minded businesses, organizations and services.

Want to help? Our Creation Care Pathway members welcome volunteers. Reach out to Peggy Lindsey at [peggyblindsey@gmail.com](mailto:peggyblindsey@gmail.com).



# Memorial Day Watch Party

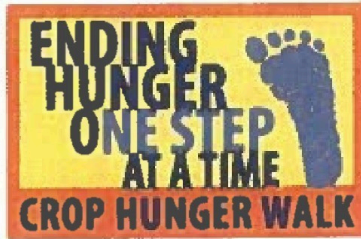
## Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

### First Church Front Lawn



Meet us on the church front lawn this Memorial Day to watch the town parade, enjoy our bounce house and have some fun. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and activities.

**Want to volunteer? Email Lauren Strickland at  
[lesmediate@aol.com](mailto:lesmediate@aol.com)**



**CROP Hunger Walk No. 52 - Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**1:30 – 4:00 pm (rain or shine) 2+ or 1+ mile walk**  
**United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue in Bridgeport**

This is the 52<sup>nd</sup> year for our local interfaith CROP Hunger Walk in the Bridgeport area. It is the Community Appeal of Church World Service. It fights hunger, locally, nationally and internationally, and emphasizes self-sustaining agricultural practices. 75% of the money collected will be used by Church World Service projects and 25% remains here supporting 11 local agencies that support our vulnerable neighbors here in the Greater Bridgeport area. Contributions are tax deductible.

**Agencies we are helping this year are: in Bridgeport, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Daughters of Charity Rescue Mission, Inc., King's Pantry, Thomas Merton Center's "Eat Smart Marketplace", Nourish Bridgeport, in Fairfield, Operation Hope Food Pantry & Meals, in Stratford, Stratford Baptist Church Shepherds Food Pantry, in Trumbull, Trumbull Social Services, in Shelton, Spooner House, in Monroe, Monroe Food Pantry, and in Milford, Beth El Center.**

**Walk Registration:** We encourage all participants to register on line before the walk at the following website [www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct) and to **fundraise online** with the CROP Hunger Walk Website. **You can also register in person on the day of the walk on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm at the United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.** However, if you are unable to walk, but **would love to support us with your donation** you can do it online or by mailing a check with the form below to our First Church member Debby Dwyer who is the Fairfield Recruiter on the Greater Bridgeport Crop Walk Board. Questions call her at 203-255-8835.

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**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greater Bridgeport CROP Hunger Walk - May 3, 2026**  
**Donation Form - Send in before June 1, 2026**

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street town state zip code

Your Church/Organization/Personal \_\_\_\_\_  
town

Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check & form to Fairfield Recruiter: Debby Dwyer, 2607 Congress St. Fairfield, CT 06824 or you can hand it to her in church or drop it off to her at her house, but call her first to make sure she will be home.

**Make your check payable to CWS/CROP and put the PIN # E26CT10081 on the memo line.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATION Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday, June 19**

**4–8 pm**

**FAIRFIELD HONORS**

**JUNETEENTH**

**Town Hall Green** Corner of Beach Road  
and Old Post Road

**Food Trucks • Ice Cream • Children's Crafts and Entertainment**

**Live music by The Bernadettes**

**Ceremony at 5 pm featuring Senator and Pastor Herron Gaston**

First Church's Racial Justice Pathway is planning this Juneteenth event in collaboration with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church and First Baptist Church in Stratford, along with our partners at CONECT.



# VACATION Bible SCHOOL



**June 22 - 26, 2026**

(Monday to Friday!)

**9am to 12pm**

**Register by:  
Friday, May 22**

- story telling
- arts & crafts
- music
- cooking
- outdoor games
- service learning
- animal encounter
- & more!



**faith,  
fun &  
creativity!**  
**outdoor  
activities!**

**First Church  
of Fairfield**  
148 Beach Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
**\$50 registration fee**  
*(per child)*

Interested? Email Kim Feeney, Minister of Children & Families  
kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org | www.firstchurchfairfield.org

FAIRFIELD  
CENTER  
STAGE

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WEDDING

SINGER



MAY 8-17

[fairfieldcenterstage.org](http://fairfieldcenterstage.org)

Fairfield Center Stage theater brings its spring production of the popular musical *The Wedding Singer* to our Wakeman Hall Stage beginning Friday, May 8. Weekend performances continue through Sunday, May 17. The musical explores the trials and tribulations of a wedding singer left at the altar!

Church members are once again invited to use the code FCCFRIEND for a \$10 discount on all performance tickets purchased at [fairfieldcenterstage.org](http://fairfieldcenterstage.org)

# MENDELSSOHN CHOIR OF CONNECTICUT



## LIGHT, HEAVEN, AND EARTH

Schubert's *Mass in G*

Mozart's *Regina Coeli*

And more!

### SILENT AUCTION!!!

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 8:00 PM

First Church Congregational

148 Beach Road

Fairfield, CT

Christopher James Hisey, Music Director

Lisabeth Miller, *Soprano*

Estefani Lopez, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Corey Shotwell, *Tenor*

Kyle Pfortmiller, *Baritone*

Ling-Fei Kang, *Oboist*

Connecticut Philharmonic Orchestra

*Tickets available at [MendelssohnChoirofCT.org](http://MendelssohnChoirofCT.org)*



# Save the Dates!

*Put these upcoming events on your June calendar!*

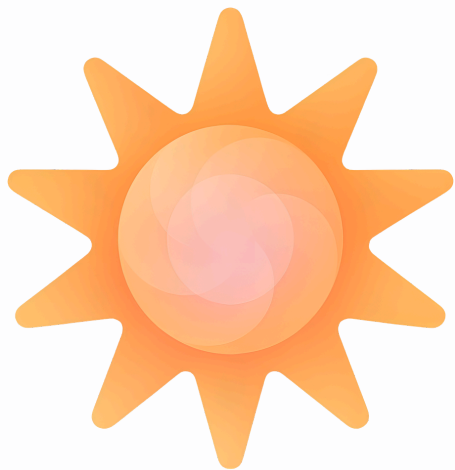
## Celebration Sunday & All-Church Meeting

Sunday, June 7

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service



We celebrate the season of worship with delicious pizzas baked here for us in a vintage fire truck by the Fire Engine Pizza Company. Salads, Italian ices and gluten-free pizza options included.



## Summer Beach Services

8:15 a.m., Sasco Beach Southport

Beginning June 21 through Labor Day

Join us for waterfront worship in services shared with our friends at Southport Congregational Church.

Full summer schedule coming soon!