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First Church in Windsor  
United Church of Christ—Gathered 1630  
An Open and Affirming Community  
for all God's people

Our mission is to worship God, love our neighbor,  
and follow Jesus as together we journey in faith.



**JANUARY  
2012**

## From the Minister



The Christmas season has come and gone and what a wonderful season it was—full of glad tidings, well wishes, and happy memories. Now however, the new year stretches before us and like all new years it is impossible to predict what lies ahead. Will the upcoming year bring weal or woe? Will it bring good favor or lost opportunities?

None of us can predict the future, but as people of faith we are called to “walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). And of course, as people of faith, we also know that we do not have to walk alone. We have the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us along the way.

As we look to the past with gratitude and toward the future with hope I leave you with the following words from an anonymous author by way of a New Year's blessing:

“I said to the man who stood by the gate  
of the year, ‘Give me a light that I may  
tread safely into the unknown.’ And  
he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness,  
and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light, and  
safer than a known way.’”

May the hand of God continue to guide each and every one of us in the days and months that lie ahead.

Grace & Peace, **RHH**



### **No 8 a.m. service on January 1**

There will be no 8 a.m. worship service on New Year's Day (January 1). We will return to our regular worship hours (8 & 10 a.m.) on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

## January Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Family Worship

### January 1

Rick Huleatt  
(No 8 a.m. service)

### January 8

Rick Huleatt

### January 15

Char Corbett

### January 22

Rick Huleatt

### January 29

Erica Nierendorf

## January Lectionary Lessons

### January 1 (New Year's Day)

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

### JANUARY 8 (First Sunday after Epiphany)

Genesis 1:15

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

### JANUARY 15 (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

I Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

I Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:29-42

### JANUARY 22 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

I Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### JANUARY 29 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

## Receive and Share Stewardship Update



Receive and Share

As the 2011 stewardship campaign draws to a close (although pledges are still being accepted for 2012) we have pledges from over 200 pledgors for a total of \$358,781.12. Thanks to all of you who have chosen to support the mission and ministries of First Church through a gift of treasure; if you didn't have an opportunity to pledge yet, you may still do so online at [www.fcwucc.org](http://www.fcwucc.org); pick up a card in church or the church office or call the church office directly. There are still openings on the stewardship committee so if you'd like to know more, contact Hugh McLean, the ministers or the church office. Many thanks for all your generosity!

## Update on the Church Meetinghouse Renovation

A contractor has been chosen and documents signed so the window restoration and, ultimately the painting of the entire building, will begin shortly. Our contractor's name is Dan Williams (D. H. Williams Company) who came highly recommended by his references. The final contracted amount comes to \$72,600, half of which will be reimbursed by a CT Historic Restoration grant. The windows will be covered and insulated while being worked on so extra sweaters will not be necessary! It's expected that work will be finished by the end of third quarter 2012. As the work progresses, we'll continue to update you.

## Meet our New Members

On December 4, seven members joined our church family. **Gerry Dolliver**, formerly from Poquonock Community Church, is interested in helping with Parish Caring Ministries including knitting. She lives at 625 Palisado Avenue, Apt 112. (860-688-0484) **Janet Graves** joins us from Wilson Congregational and sings in the choir. She is also interested in Parish Caring activities, and is a member of the First Church Women's Club. She lives at 16-B Heritage Drive. (860-298-0784) **Gwen Hurd** also came from Wilson Congregational and is interested in helping with shelter meals and baking for church events. She lives at 38 Washington Rd. (860-688-5120) **Helen and Leroy Jones** join us from Wilson Congregational and have three grown children. Their daughter, Kimberly Brown and her children, Jalyn and Joshua also attend. Both children are active in church school. They live at 120 Pine Lane (860-688-8666) **Brian and April Vines** have two children who are active in our church school (Cameron and Liam) and are interested in our outreach ministry and sports. They live at 79 Pebblebrook. (860-219-1035)  
Please welcome our new members warmly.

## Attention Council Members and Staff

All board, committee and staff reports are due in the office *no later than Friday, January 20*. If you need copies of last year's report you can call the office or go to [www.fcwucc.org](http://www.fcwucc.org).

CHURCH NEWS

# AROUND the CONGREGATION

Dear First Church Members,  
The outpouring of prayers, calls, cards and the beautiful flowers and wonderful meals has been almost overwhelming. I am so pleased and happy to be remembered in such a grand way by this wonderful church. Thank you all so very much.

*Marge & Gary Wildey*

Dear Rick,  
We can't tell you what a wonderful service you held for my mother, Bobbie Willet. Being back at First Church again brought back a lot of fond family memories.

*Scott, Rick and Don Willet*

Dear First Church,  
I am overwhelmed by the church's kindness. I am blessed by God and thankful for the support.

*Sincerely, Martha Littlefield*

Dear First Church friends,  
Thank you for your support and many acts of kindness when my dad passed on. Every card, call, and warm greetings helped us get through that difficult time. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

*Many thanks, Lauren, Alan,  
Amanda and Matt Morris*

Dear Rick,  
Thank you for donating to the Joseph Connolly Family Trust. We are so grateful for all the wonderful people who were touched by Joe's life. The outpouring of love has been vital to our grieving process and healing of our hearts. There are no words to describe the way we have been uplifted by your generosity and warm regards.

*With much love, Leanne, Erin, and  
Patrick Connelly*

We would thank you from the bottom of our hearts, but for you our heart has no bottom.

*An ELC family*

Dear Friends,  
Thank you to the members of the Knitting Ministry for the gift of the prayer shawl and for your prayers and blessings that came with it. Its warmth and comfort means so much and I am profoundly grateful for your care. Thank you to so many of you who would often ask for about my mother, Lucy Backus, and offered condolences and shared memories upon her passing. My mom loved her traveling friends and neighbors at First Church. She always felt warmly welcomed here. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness.

*Betsy Kenneson*

Dear First Church friends,  
Nancy and I were treated to some wonderful voices of all ages who came caroling at our home last Sunday. One of our favorite songs was "Rudolph, the red-nosed Reindeer" because of the children's surprise refrains. They sang with joy! We thank the church staff, choir members, adults, children and their parents. It made one memorable evening.

*Nancy and Randy Clark*

Dear First Church,  
I want to thank you for the Thanksgiving basket. That was very thoughtful of all of you. Everything was lovely, and thank you for thinking of me. Sincerely,

*Patty Fitzgibbons*

It is so heartwarming to know that First Church has our family in its thoughts. The box filled with Thanksgiving goodies was very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone.

*Wendy, Jordan, Marissa and Alaina Lewis*

Dear friends at First Church,  
Thank you so very much for helping me through the worst time of my life. If it wasn't for my church family, I don't know how I could have managed. Thanks to Priscilla, Char and everyone who worked to make my son's funeral honorable. Love to you all,

*Sheri Grant, mother of  
Christopher Fiorentino*

Dear First Church,  
Thank you very much for the turkey basket. We know we are not the only family who is grateful for your kindness and generosity. *An ELC family*

Dear First Church,  
Thank you so much for your generosity during this holiday season. Our girls were so excited about Thanksgiving and your kindness will be remembered for a long time. *An ELC family*

## Russell House Committee Update

As you remember, a committee was appointed to define and investigate options for the future of the Russell House. Members are Barry Budlong, Al Boehm, Randy Clark, Rick Huleatt, Doug Kelly, Aubrey Loomis, Jan Stevens, Christine Ermenc, our partner from the Windsor Historical Society, and Diane Whitney, our legal advisor. Our first action in partnership with the Windsor Historical Society was to apply for a technical assistance grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. Since the house is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, we needed information on the condition and problems of the structure along with estimates of costs of repair before we could go forward with any plan of action.



A required part of the study was to identify possible uses for the structure. Robert Hurd, AIA, was chosen to oversee the study and do accurate drawings of the house floor plans as they exist today. He presented his results to the congregation on October 16. His findings indicate that the house does have some structural issues and needs some updating, but is not beyond repair. The cost estimate for those repairs is \$317,000. He recommended renovating the building for use as a commercial office property.

Following this report, the committee went back to work doing further research on all of the options. We quickly reached agreement that we would be uncomfortable advising the church to sell the property to someone else. The Parish House sits on the lot line between the two buildings, which is a legal issue that could be resolved. But we felt that being such close neighbors and having someone else owning property in the middle of our campus might lead to problems in the future. We rejected that option.

We also looked at the options of demolition or moving the house. Since the house proved to be repairable, it is unlikely that we would be able to get the necessary permission to demolish it, and would almost certainly face legal action. We looked seriously at the idea of moving the house across the street. We learned that under the laws for protection of historic homes, separating the house from its foundation is also classified as demolition. To get permission to move the house, we would have to prove that “all feasible and prudent alternatives” have been considered. We could face years of litigation, and in the end we could lose. Town officials told us that the lot across the street is not available, and a quick estimate of the costs of moving, buying a lot, building a foundation, and renovation show that the costs would likely exceed the value of the completed property.

We then examined the options to renovate the building for our own use and to renovate it as a rental office space or home. These options would not lead to litigation. On further investigation, we discovered that renovating the building for professional office use would enable us to qualify for a number of funding sources unavailable for the other uses we were considering. It is possible that we could receive grants and tax credits to cover up to two thirds of the costs. John Stevens, a church member and a commercial real estate analyst, conducted market analysis, which shows that the renovated building should be able to support itself (including professional management) and pay debt service. Commercial real estate brokers confirmed his analysis. The building would be stabilized and could be used as a rental property for many years, producing income for the church. If we need it for our own uses, it will be available to us in the future. The majority voted to recommend to the Cabinet that we move forward on the option to renovate the house for use as a professional office space for rental. The next step will be to apply for a grant to design the changes needed, draw the working plans and specifications, and begin planning the marketing effort. On Dec. 4, the Cabinet gave its approval to move to that next step. We will begin the grant writing process in early January.

The final decision for what ultimately happens to the Russell House belongs to the members of First Church. After the investigative stages have been completed, there will be further congregational hearings and opportunities to be heard. Stay tuned.

**Auction and Dinner Loomis Chaffee School**  
**March 24, 2012, 5—9 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$35 each** which include appetizers, buffet dinner, wine, beer, soft drinks, and a whole lot of fun with your friends. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.fcwucc.org](http://www.fcwucc.org), after church in Nelson Hall or through the church office. Childcare will be available in the Parish House for a very reasonable contribution to the Youth Mission trip. So plan a night out and buy something fabulous, all while raising money to support the mission and ministries of First Church.

**I/We want to support the auction by helping with:**  
Set—up, clean-up, auction night operations (circle one:)

Business calls/Item pick ups/Ticket sales after church (circle one:)

**Use your Imagination to Dream up Donations**

Life is busy so bidders love the following types of donations: dinners, certificates, vacation spots, health and wellness items, family fun and many other “good for the soul” types of items.

**By donating a silent auction item (please describe):**

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----- \$ Value: -----

Name:----- Address:-----

Phone #:----- Email address:-----

Please tear off this page and leave in the church office, bring it to church and place in an offering plate or give to a deacon. You can also volunteer by contacting Helen Davenport-Senuta, 860-285-8694. ([dancerhiker@comcast.net](mailto:dancerhiker@comcast.net)), or Mary Phelan, 860-688-7229. ([first.church.windsor@snet.net](mailto:first.church.windsor@snet.net))

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**Women’s Club**

The Women's Club met on Tuesday, December 13 for our Christmas potluck luncheon. Everyone brought delicious main dishes and desserts to share. Jan Dagenhart and Helen Davenport-Senuta arranged the festive centerpieces. Using poetry, art, and hymns the Rev. Ruth Martz presented a meaningful Christmas meditation on Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Through the generous donations of our members we were able to give Hartford Hospital many knit hats for the premature babies. Hand-knit and crocheted lap robes and socks and toiletries were given to Kimberly Hall and Windsor Rehab. Hand knit and crochet children's hats, baby blankets, and colorful scarves and toiletries were given to Windsor Family Services. We thank Elaine Mesick's daughter who lives in Florida and Pam Sweeny's sister from Arizona for the lovely lap robes and children's hats they made for us.

The Women's Club next meets on Tuesday, January 10. Our program is entitled "Holistic Medicine." We meet at noon for lunch. Please bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert is provided. The program begins at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Please call Sally O'Brien at 860 -683-0770 for more information.



## ***A letter from your student minister...***

Dear friends,

Christmas fast approaches as I take some time to reflect on my experience at First Church this fall. Some of you may still be wondering what I am doing here. Good question! Andover Newton requires that all Master of Divinity seminary students (those studying to become ordained ministers) complete at least one year of field education in a church or pastoral setting. This gives students supervised, hands-on experience in the "real world" of ministerial work

Specifically, I have been and will continue to be involved in leading worship, leading and participating in adult and youth education, attending staff and board meetings in the life of the church, visitation, as well as participating in many other the church activities. Rick and Char have generously shared of their wisdom and experience, when I have joined them in their pastoral duties.

You will be hearing more from me in 2012, as I share new experiences with you. In February, I will join the group traveling to Biloxi and I look forward to sharing our stories with you in a special worship service when we return.

I ask you for your prayers, and I will keep you in mine, as we journey together. And I thank God for this wonderful community of faith, which shines bright with the light of Christ!

I wish you a peace-filled New Year!

Yours with joy in service to Christ, Erica

## **Craft Fair—December 1, 2012**

A First Church Craft Fair will take place on Dec 1, 2012. We will need enough elves (church members) willing to participate to make this affair one to remember.

We will have craft workshops scheduled after church and some week nights throughout the 2012 year. Volunteers willing to head a class or teach a craft are always needed. Call Diane at (860)285-0660.

*Our first class will be scheduled on Jan 9* after church (sequenced ornaments) that have been donated to the church. Fun for adults and teenagers so mark your calendar, bring a snack, drink or lunch and join us in the computer room and help complete these ornaments so that they can be sold at the Craft Fair. Hope to see you there.

## **Annual Budget Meeting**

### **Save the Date—January 8, 2012**

In preparation for the February Annual Meeting, a budget hearing will be held January 8, after the 10 a.m. service, in Nelson Hall. All are invited to review the 2012 budget and make comments for consideration by the members of the Cabinet.

## **From the Early Learning Center**

Thank you for supporting our Friendly's Night on Tuesday, October 25 at the Windsor Locks Friendly's. The center earned \$189.

On Thursday, December 1, the Early Learning Center hosted a fundraising vendor night in Nelson Hall. Even with the change of date due to storm Alfred, this was a fantastic opportunity to do some holiday shopping. We had representatives from many wonderful vendors. The center earned over \$190 from these vendors.

During the week of December 5th, the children had a visit from Michelle Kaminski a member of the Windsor Public Library's staff, who shared holiday and seasonal stories with the children.

Thanks to many local businesses, who donated food, money or raffle prizes, on Saturday, Dec. 10 we had our annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast. Over 80 children and adults enjoyed pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, plus a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

We still have openings for three and four year old children in our MWF, M (pm) TTH or TTH (9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.) classes. If you are interested in signing up your child or know of anyone with a young child please call the office at 860-688-4597 to schedule a tour.

We have all had a very busy past few weeks and are looking forward to some quiet holiday times with our families. The teachers at the center wish everyone a happy and restful holiday!!



## Lofty Notes



Dear First Church Family,

What a difference a year made! I cannot adequately describe the night-and-day transformation I experienced...and continue to experience on my journey and quest for Greater Wholeness. Perhaps the greatest single aspect of all this is the unshakeable belief that I AM NOT ALONE. Surrounded by your love and prayers, as well as friends and family from far away, I rest secure, sheltered in the arms of God.

This month promises to be a busy and productive one. We're planning music for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration at the Town Hall, we're looking ahead to music for Lent and Easter...and we're practicing OPERA. Yes, the well-attended and greatly loved "Opera in the Meetinghouse" is back, but with a new name: "**Opera and Beyond!**", and this time it's in January! Saturday the 28th to be exact, at 7 pm. We're planning a shorter but even more entertaining show this year, and hope that you and all your friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and, of course, enemies. will be in attendance. It's the best ticket value imaginable: \$10 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors. Proceeds will benefit the First Church in Windsor Organ Renovation Fund *and* the Windsor Food Bank...so everybody wins!

**MARK THAT DATE NOW!** January 28, 7 p.m.  
I *will* be looking for *you*.

Peace, Mark



## Parish Caring Ministries



Parish Caring  
Ministries

When I think of January, I think of snow and various things to keep us warm: fleecy mittens, knitted scarves, a cozy fire, and hot cocoa. These things warm our bodies and spirits when it's cold outside.

I've known how to loom-knit for years, and I've enjoyed using my looms to make hats, scarves and other items for my family to keep them warm. There's something wonderful about making something with your own hands to give to someone else. You know the love and care that went into it - from the thoughtfulness of yarn chosen to the patience of each stitch. There is pride in the completion of the project, and joy in giving the gift.

Though I have enjoyed loom-knitting, I have, much to my chagrin, never mastered needle knitting despite various attempts. Maybe it was poor instruction, or perhaps it was an impatient student. No matter the reason, it was a skill I had hoped to learn yet hadn't. That is, until a recent visit to a Knitting Ministry gathering where a couple of very patient knitters guided me to start a prayer shawl. I left the meeting and have continued with my shawl - as well as a second one on my loom and two scarves as well - ever since. It may take me months to complete the project I started that night, but I am confident in my willingness and ability to see it through. Since that gathering, I have found the time I knit to be peaceful.

While the scarves I'm making will likely remain with my family, the shawls are ones that once completed will become part of the Knitting Ministry's prayer shawl collection. These Knitting Ministry shawls, so lovingly made and thoughtfully blessed with prayers, are eventually donated to members of our church community who need the reassurance that one can provide. I love winding down my day with the knowledge that the things I am making with my own hands will help someone else through a dark and cold moment in their own life. If you have a willingness to help others find warmth of spirit by helping to knit a prayer shawl - no matter your knitting knowledge or skill - please visit the Knitting Ministry on the second Sunday of each month in the Morrell Room at 7 p.m.

*April Michaud*

**Additionally, for kids in grades 2 and up who want to learn to knit with looms and help make scarves to donate to others in the community, Knitwits is available in Nelson Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 6-7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to teach our children about helping others, as well as a fun skill that you can share together!**

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### Scholarships Available

*Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship Available:* If you are a confirmed member of First Church, a senior in high school, planning to attend a four year college and can demonstrate need for financial aid, you may be eligible for the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship. An application, eligibility requirements and the application process are on-line at our website, [www.fcwucc.org](http://www.fcwucc.org), under the "Scholarship" tab. Call the church office for more information.

*FCW's School Scholarships now available:* Applications are due May 1: First Church youth members graduating from high school and continuing their education are encouraged to apply for First Church school scholarships, which are available through the generous donations of current and former church members. Please visit "Scholarships" on the church website, [www.fcwucc.org](http://www.fcwucc.org), for details and an application or contact the church office for more information.

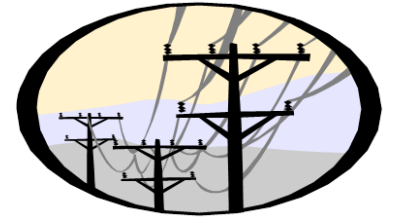
## First Church and Emergency Responsiveness

Several church members have shared their stories and ideas about the October snowstorm and resulting power outage and that has us thinking about what we should do if it happens again. With changing weather patterns and increasing numbers of strong storms, we would like to explore ways to keep ourselves protected in the event of a future long-term emergency.

First and foremost, we want to explore better ways to look out for our congregants who live alone with no family members in the area. This can mean stopping by to check in on someone, bringing them needed supplies, or helping them with a ride to a safer location. If you are concerned for any of our church members who live alone, you can contact Rick, Char, or me, April Michaud, with the information so that we can set up a comprehensive list.

If you're willing to help serve on an "emergency response" team to reach out and help those more vulnerable members of our congregation, again we'd like to hear from you. Additionally, several people have proposed that we look into becoming a warming center. The Prudential Board has been tasked with getting estimates for generators and related electrical work to see if this is a feasible action for the church to pursue.

If we decide to move forward and establish ourselves as a warming center, we will need ideas and volunteers to make it happen. If this is something that interests you, please contact the church office.



## Wilson Congregational Church's Legacy

Over the years the members of Wilson Congregational Church in Windsor have supported Church World Service programs with Blankets+ offerings, CROP Hunger Walks and other support. But their final gift might be the most meaningful. The congregation's \$175,000 gift to CWS came from the sale of their church building, a final act of philanthropy at the end of years of service to CWS. Church members realized that they could no longer keep the building because of dwindling member-

ship and some major repairs that needed to be done. Though some young people with children remained in the church, former member Joanne Coghill says wryly, "My husband and I just turned 70 this year, but were still called the 'young ones'."

Even with the dissolution of the church, their faithfulness continues. In selling the church, the congregation decided to disperse the money to local, regional and global non-profit organizations. Since the Wilson church had such a long, fulfilling relationship with CWS, Coghill said members decided that the global portion of their contribution would go to Church World Service to be used where most needed. Funds were also contributed to support the First Church 2012 Back Bay Mission trip as well as scholarship funds for the First Church Early Learning Center.

"What a sacrificial gift in which an ending for some means a future for so many others," says Kathy Burton, of the CWS New England Regional Office.



## 2012 Youth Mission Update

We are still looking for adult youth leader's for the 2012 summer mission trip to Vermont. We will be working with the Vermont Conference's Disaster Relief Team to assist with Hurricane Irene recovery efforts. There is no fee for adults to attend the weeklong mission trip from July 14 -22. We are particularly in need of adults with carpentry skills. **The first training session for youth and adults will be held on Sunday, January 15**

**from 12 – 3 p.m. in Nelson Hall.** For more information, please email Pastor Char Corbett at [charcorbett@snet.net](mailto:charcorbett@snet.net) or call her at 860-688-7229, x15.

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## Hey YOU-th, It's NYE Time

The National Youth Event (NYE), which is held every four years, is an inspiring opportunity for over 3,000 diverse UCC youth (ages 13 to 18) from across the country to gather for worship, workshops, faith, music, fun and fellowship!

This year's uplifting and exciting NYE is gathering at Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN **from Tuesday, July 10 – Friday, July 13, 2012.** Registration is \$425 per youth. There are two great transportation options being offered:

- The "New England Service Bus" where youth from all over New England will leave on Saturday, July 7 to "camp out" and worship at an urban church, do service work and tour the UCC National Headquarters in downtown Cleveland, OH before arriving at NYE (\$320 per youth/adult)
- The "Express Bus" which leaves on Monday, July 9 with non-stop transportation to Purdue University/NYE (\$180 per youth/adult). Both buses return on Saturday, July 14. Partial scholarships and travel stipends through both the CT UCC Conference and FCW are available.

Additional details are at <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2800>. **Are you interested in attending NYE 2012? Want to be an adult chaperone? Need more information? Come hear about all the details on Sunday, January 15 from 11:15-11:45 in the Morrell Room.**

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## Youth News and Events

**Youth Group Calendar** – Check the church website and Facebook page for current middle and high school events, details and permission slips – or see Char for the upcoming programs. Here are the January highlights:



**CALLING ALL YOUTH**

**Friday, January 13 @ 6 p.m. All Youth Skating Event at Veteran's Memorial Skating Rink.** Drop-off is at the Parish House (elevator entrance) at 5:45 p.m., with pick-up scheduled for 9 p.m. Adult drivers and chaperones are needed for the evening. Cost per youth is \$15, includes ice time, skates, pizza and drink. You can bring your own skates. *Permission slip required.*

**Saturday, January 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Family Game Night! All Welcome!** Bring your family and friends and join us for a night of pizza, music and games!

**Sunday, January 29, 10 a.m.: Family Worship Service.** Bring a friend, too!

## Silver Lake 2012

It's not too early to be thinking about summer! The Silver Lake Summer Camp schedule can be found on-line at <http://silverlake.ctucc.org>. Families can register in paper form or online. The church contributes \$50 per child per 1 week session. Additional scholarship may also be available. Want more info? Check out the video in the Computer Room or speak with a former camper.



*On New Year's Day and the whole year through,  
I hope the kindness you've given to others returns many times to you.  
May hope, love, and warmth be in your heart's possessing,  
and may the New Year bring you and yours many blessings.*

*Helga Finlay*

*Happy New Year!!!*

**January 21 at 5:30 p.m. Game night:** Everyone is invited to come out for an evening of fun, pizza and fellowship. Bring along your favorite game or the new one that Santa brought this Christmas to Nelson Hall. We'll provide pizza and drinks, and the cost is just \$5 for the whole family. All proceeds from the evening will go towards Silver Lake camp scholarships. Each family is requested to bring a dessert to share.

**Happy January Birthdays!**

Aran Gillette, Eli Fanguillo



## A Little Cheer for the Holiday Season!

December was a very busy month, with many ways to celebrate the Advent season with friends and family. On December 2, more than 20 church youth ranging in age from 3 to 18, along with many parents, gathered to make and bake cookies which were then used for various Advent gatherings throughout the month. The kids and families had fun making all sorts of holiday cookies together. They ended the evening with some fun games and activities presided over by Char, who guided groups to decorate older youth as reindeer, using balloons, bows and other materials. On December 11, a very intergenerational group of more than 45 church members gathered to bring a little Christmas cheer to several locations around Windsor. The group travelled by bus to Windsor Rehab and about eight residences to sing Christmas carols, and ended the evening back at Nelson Hall for soup, sandwiches, cocoa and cookies. It was an adventure filled with an abundance of joy for all!



# First Church Staff and Contact Information

Senior Pastor  
**REV. RICHARD HANNA HULEATT**

Associate Pastor  
**REV. CHARLENE CORBETT**  
Pastor Emeritus

**REV. F. VAN GORDER PARKER**  
Music Director/Organist

**MARK D. WATKINS**  
Associate Music Director

**VICTOR M. EVANS**  
Parish Caring Ministries Coordinator

**APRIL MICHAUD**  
Church Administrator

**MARY PHELAN**



Church School Coordinator  
**HELGA FINLAY**

Church School Assistant  
**GARY SAVA**

Andover Newton Student  
**ERICA NIERENDORF**

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**AUBREY LOOMIS**

Bookkeeper

**JENNIFER BILODEAU**

Sexton

**MICHAEL HITE**

Director, Early Learning Center

**ELLEN MONCHUN**

## Sunday Church Services

**8 a.m.**—Communion in the Round

**10 a.m.**—Service and Church School  
Childcare Available

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