

NEWS

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**THE FIRST CHURCH
OF CHRIST IN
HARTFORD**

A member of the United
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CENTER CHURCH
60 Gold Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday,
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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Monday thru Friday,
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
(July thru Friday before Labor Day)

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Sunday Worship Service:
10:30am

Summer Worship Service:
10:00am
(Early June through the
Sunday before Labor Day)

**WE JOURNEY
TOGETHER...**



**I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE**

...TOWARD EASTER!

From the Minister

“What God does first and best and most is to trust God’s people with this moment in history. God trust them to do what must be done for the sake of the whole community.”

--Walter Brueggemann

Dear Family,

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of meditation, prayer, and renewal. It is a time to take inventory of those things we need to relinquish, embrace new disciplines, and seek God with wholeheartedness, humility and vulnerability. It is during this time that I invite you to reflect upon what it would mean for us, as a community of faith, enter intentionally into a process transformation.

In January, we received Russ Crabtree, our consultant from *Holy Cow Consulting*. He presented the results of the congregational survey, which yielded the following findings:

The congregation’s current high-level priorities are to:

- Make the necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
- Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this same vision and commitment.
- Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.

Mid-level priorities:

- Work as an advocate for social and institutional change, so that society might better reflect the values of the kingdom of God.
- Change or improve the music of the church to deepen our worship experience.

As you know, we are continuing the conversation through Cottage Meetings. I hope that we are all willing to continue to be part of this process, as it is imperative for our health and our future. Please see the listing below.

The church is a living organism. Just like a body, it possesses, internally, its own renewal rate. Health is an internal continuous process. Thankfully, we have the strength of the Holy Spirit to boost our immune system. Let us embrace this time as a gift from God, for I truly believe that we are pregnant with God’s purpose. We will experience pain while giving birth, but let us continue to push, for the rewards are beyond what we can imagine.

Paz,



(Rev.) Damaris D. Whittaker,
Minister

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Friday, March 15:

Hosted by Luciano Valles, Jr.

Thursday, March 21:

Hosted by Rev. Damaris Whittaker

Sunday, April 7:

Hosted by Lesley Morgan Thompson

(Time and location to be announced soon.)



happy anniversary

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Alvin Thompson
3/4	Gladys Hernandez
3/6	Michelle Jones
3/7	Connor James Thomas
3/9	Cheryl Sanderson
3/9	Roberta Roy
3/13	Damaris Whittaker
3/14	Margaret Allegrini
3/17	Julia Thompson
3/17	Olivia Otte
3/19	Andre Keitt
3/21	Anakin Piatti-Rios
3/27	Mary Esoian
3/29	Thomas St. Amant
3/30	Jane Foxall

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Priscilla French
4/2	Susan Hayes
4/2	Katherine Markham
4/4	Luke Salls
4/5	Abel Tangarone
4/13	Tucker Salls
4/13	Ariella Wagan
4/14	Jorgette Peroza
4/15	Rosemary Arcieri
4/15	Dectora Jeffers
4/16	Nancy Maclean
4/16	Leila Sipes
4/19	Alice Norsigian
4/21	Geoffrey Smith
4/23	Jade Peroza
4/24	Robinson Buck
4/25	Zachary Smith
4/28	James Thomas
4/30	A. Harry Sanders

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/21 Abel & Serafina Tangarone

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/5 Harry & Sabrina Sanders

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Curtis Anderson, Mary BeBisio, Carolyn Bidwell, Robinson Buck, Riet Buma, David Cruz, Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, Hulon Geter, George & Gladys Hernandez, Mary & George Howell, Robert Irving, Cecelia Jackson, William Jackson, Pamela Libby, Janice Lombardi, Christine MacDonald, Diana Mateo-Perez, Lincoln & Debbie Rathnam, Madeline Simonson, Gabriela Smith-Rosario, Sally St. Amant, Sabrina Sanders, Norman Stanley, Jeffrey Thomas, the City of Hartford, the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, the First Church of Christ in Hartford, and the State of Connecticut





CHURCH MEMBERS & FAMILY NEWS BULLETIN BOARD

Births: *Adalina Inocencia Vales (1-29-13)*
Deaths: *Patricia Renfro (1-3-13)*
New Members, Weddings, Baptisms: *None.*

AROUND HARTFORD...



Grace Academy, a tuition-free, private, faith-based, highly successful girls' middle school located at 277 Main Street, Hartford, is accepting applications for girls entering 5th Grade for the 2013-2014 school year. Admission in Grade 6 is on a space-available basis. It is their mission to develop the kinds of personal and educational support that will ensure your daughter's continuing success in high school and college. Visit their next Open House on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm or contact the school office at (860) 263-7535 for application information. Visit their website at <http://www.graceacademyhartford.org/>. Grace Academy – a Star of Hope in Hartford!

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, is looking for Latino Mentors -- volunteers to mentor Latino children in Hartford and other areas of Connecticut. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Suarez, Nutmeg Big Brothers, Big Sisters, at (860) 525-5437 (ext. 115), or esuarez@bbbsnutmeg.org.

...WITH THANKS

Dear Center Church Community,

I appreciate those of you who came to my ordination. It was such a pleasure to see your smiling faces! I miss you and think of you often.

Blessings,

(Rev.) David Fish,

Minister, First Congregational Church of Rutland, MA

MUSICAL NOTES

By Jason Charneski



CANTUS – “...the premier men’s vocal ensemble in the United States” – TO PERFORM AT CENTER CHURCH ON APRIL 21

Music and the Arts at Center Church will present CANTUS, the Minneapolis-based men's professional vocal ensemble, in concert on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. "Fanfare" magazine has dubbed CANTUS "...the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States."

The program, titled "On the Shoulders of Giants," will be eclectic -- everything from 12th-century Paris (organum by Perotin) to 20th-century pop (Michael Jackson's "Heal the World"); from Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" to John Lennon and Paul McCartney's "I Want to Hold Your Hand;" from Tomas Luis de Victoria's setting of "O Vos Omnes" to Gordon Lightfoot's most well-known song, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" and a little bit of everything in between, including works by Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Steven Sametz, Bono, Sibelius, and Grieg. Should the audience's appreciation necessitate an encore, the men will sing the much-beloved setting of "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl. This is a program that has something for everyone!

Tickets: \$40 premium (a limited number available at this price); \$25 general (\$20 for Greater Hartford Arts Council "Let's Go Arts" card holders); \$15 students/seniors. **WE ARE WILLING MAKE DEALS FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE;** thus, for groups and all: To order tickets in advance, please call me at 860-249-5631, ext. 19. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Free parking will be available in the Travelers Tower garage (enter via the ramp down from Atheneum Square North).

To learn more about CANTUS and to hear audio or watch video clips of them, please visit www.cantussings.org. For more information about Center Church, please visit www.centerchurchhartford.org. *Please see the flyer printed in this newsletter AND share it with your friends. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP FILL THE MEETING HOUSE!*

MUSIC TO ACCOMPANY OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO EASTER

What music might the choir be planning to offer in the worship of God as we continue and finish the Lenten journey and proclaim the shouts of resurrection victory and joy on Easter morning? A foretaste:

On March 3, the Third Sunday in Lent and participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, will include standard Communion text settings (Kyrie eleison [Lord, have mercy], Sanctus et Benedictus [Holy, Holy, Holy... and Blessed is he...], and Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]) by William Mathias, and Ned Rorem's simple "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love," this to complement a theme of grace as found in the day's Gospel lesson (Luke 13:1-9).

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32) on March 10 affords the opportunity to again explore a theme of grace, this musically through Maurice Bevan's setting of Frederick W. Faber's text, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." On March 17, Johannes Brahms's tear-like setting of Paul Fleming's "Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee" will paint in different colors the account in John 12:1-8 of Mary wiping Jesus' feet with costly nard.

The Palm Sunday (March 24) procession of Jesus into Jerusalem is accompanied musically with shouts of words from Psalm 24, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," in a setting by William Mathias. The awkwardness

of that procession leads to the holy-yet-mysterious happenings in the upper room on Maundy Thursday (March 28), as we come again to the Communion Table with liturgical settings by Franz Schubert and the much-beloved “The Invited” by Hubert Bird. The Service of Tenebrae that concludes worship on Maundy Thursday afford the sopranos and altos of the choir the right time to sing words from the 16th century, the “Corpus Christi Carol,” as set by Paul Drayton. A quartet of solo voices will bid us to mourn awhile with “Were You There?”

Easter morning (March 31) cannot come too soon, especially in words from the Song of Solomon, “Arise, my love, my fair one,” as set by Healey Willan. Trumpet and grand organ will inspire and lead our hymn singing, and the choir will celebrate the joy of the day by looking back to Hebrew scripture – the first sin – in medieval words, “Adam Lay Ybounden” set by Hubert Bird, and by looking forward – to the restoration of all – with the “Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*. In addition, the sung congregational “Glory to God the Creator” will return and we’ll all have opportunity to travel, musically, to the Caribbean through “Halle, Halle, Halle” as a Gospel acclamation.

This “Old Ship of Zion” (yea, House!) known as Center Church makes a call at port each Sunday morning. I hope you will choose to “...get on board!”

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, AT 7:30 P.M., WHEN THE CENTER CHURCH CHOIR WILL OFFER A CONCERT OF THINGS MELODIOUS!**



Please Mark your Calendar for

**Camp Asto Wamah Work Day**  
**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 9AM to Lunch.**

Bring work gloves, a rake,  
and a happy heart!

Join the fun and the community of workers  
As we ready Asto Wamah for the 2013  
season.

RSVP (Nancy [860] 649-8614)  
so sufficient lunch supplies  
can be purchased.

# OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS



*Outreach Co-Chair Deborah Tuhill's Outreach Ministries Update article was recently included on the CT-UCC's website and in their last edition of ConnTact, the Conference newspaper:*

## **Ministry Downtown**

By Deborah Tuhill

HARTFORD (2/16/2013) -- Center Church, the First Church of Christ in Hartford UCC, is located in the heart of downtown. Our neighbors include corporations, high-rise dwellers, the Wadsworth Atheneum, the low income, and the homeless. It is our stated goal to be welcoming to all. To that end, we have initiated various programs in which we hope some of our neighbors will be served, and others of our neighbors will serve. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17).

Rebecca Richards, our new Director of Outreach Ministries, has expanded our Saturday Breakfast Program offer the first meal of the day to our less fortunate neighbors three Saturdays a month. Center Church has invited suburban congregations and organizations to participate in this effort. Each week a different group purchases, prepares, and serves breakfast to all who come. We invite all congregations and organizations who are interested to contact us. We can always make room for more volunteers.

Read the rest of Deb's article at [http://www.ctconfucc.org/news/20130216\\_ct1302\\_tuhillcenterchurch.html](http://www.ctconfucc.org/news/20130216_ct1302_tuhillcenterchurch.html).

## **Outreach Ministries Budget Update**

*From the Board of Outreach*

The Crabtree Survey clearly showed our congregations priorities. Foremost is the desire to attract new families to our church and our church school. Also high in the priorities scale is our desire to minister to our Hartford neighbors through a vital and active Outreach program.

Your Outreach Board has been blessed in the last few years with a burst of energy which has generated new ideas and new partners who share our desires to actively engage the members of our immediate community, whether they are living in the high rises or the street. We have invited people and programs to utilize our spaces. We have invested our financial resources in ways that increase our visibility in the community and our usefulness to our neighbors.

Center Church, under the leadership of Rev. Damaris Whittaker, has made a commitment to our congregation to enhance and expand our Outreach programs in new and exciting ways. Our Church School is an essential part of our Outreach plan. New families will be looking for an active Christian Education program when deciding where to worship. With Rev. Whittaker's help and guidance, it has become clear that changes need to occur in our thinking about Christian Education and how we implement these new ideas. These new ideas will cost money. Our overall budget needs to reflect our commitment to these ideas. It is for this reason that the Outreach Board decided this year to forgo some of our funding from the collection plate, and direct those funds to the Christian Education fund, an important element in the Outreach of Center Church.

*(More Outreach news follows...)*

## Outreach Report from Camp Asto Wamah

Since the very beginning of Center Church Camp Asto Wamah, 104 years ago, there has been a commitment to providing a camping experience to children regardless of their financial means. So, for decades, Asto Wamah has provided camperships to needy families so that their children can be part of this supportive environment where children can grow and develop the skills and attitudes of healthy community living.



When we think of the Outreach efforts of Center Church, we must include the impact Center Church Camp has had on the many lives of the children it has touched over the decades. In 2012, forty-five children attended for a total of 99 weeks as a result of financial aid.

The institutions and churches that have identified the children have changed over the years. The one constant that remains is the need for such opportunities in under-served communities. Today we work with Family School Connection of Hands on Hartford, Grace Academy, Covenant Prep, East Hartford Youth Services and O'Brien School in East Hartford. Of course the children in our Church School have forever been included. There is also another group of young people who have been identified in a wide range of places by individuals who work with them and care about seeking out valuable experiences for them.

When the contributions of individuals and the Trustees of the Warburton Chapel are subtracted from the total expense of the 2012 camperships, the balance remaining is \$30,000. This outreach provided by CCCAW continues to be a focus and of major importance to camp and its mission.

*-Submitted by Nancy Maclean*

## Backpack Food Drive

Center Church is having a food drive for Hands on Hartford's Backpack Nutrition Program for low-income Hartford school children, many of whom depend on eating breakfast and lunch at school Monday through Friday. The Backpack Nutrition Program helps provide their families with enough food to eat over the weekend. Each Friday, 275 backpacks are prepared with 3-4 lbs. of "kid friendly" and healthy food. The backpacks are distributed to children in six Hartford elementary schools. Backpacks are then returned on Monday to be cleaned and repacked for the following weekend.

Center Church will collect food on Sunday, March 17 through Sunday, March 24. Bring your contributions to church or to the Church House, where you will find collection boxes. Cash/checks may be donated in Backpack Food Drive envelopes, if that is easier for you. The envelopes may be placed in the offering plates during worship, or given/sent to Marie's attention in the Church Office. Please make checks payable to "Center Church," with the Backpack Food Drive noted on the "memo" line.

Suggestions for food donations include the following items that are individually wrapped:



Juice boxes  
Applesauce cups  
Soup cups/packs  
Mac & cheese cups  
Granola bars  
Cereal bars

Instant oatmeal packs  
Trail mix packs  
Raisin boxes  
Pretzel packs  
Fruit cups  
Goldfish packs

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Richards ([860] 249-5631) or Robin Roy ([860] 523-3149.)

Hartford school children, Hands on Hartford, and the Trustees of the Warburton Chapel thank you for your generosity.

*-Submitted by Robin Roy*

## From the Warburton Director of Outreach Ministries

Greetings!

I would like to personally thank each and every person who has helped make our ministry to the community possible. Because of your contributions, the Outreach Ministry at Center Church have been going wonderfully and growing!

- We now hold **Community Breakfast** every Saturday, except the first Saturday of the month. We have had an increase of people attending and sometimes see between 70-80 people each week. Because of the increase in number of weeks, we are looking for new groups to host. If you know of any organization that might be interested in hosting a breakfast, please let Rebecca know.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry** also continues to grow. It is lovely to hear and see the people on the portico each and every Sunday. Thanks to our partnership with the Brazilian Alliance, we have had a steady stream of volunteers for each Sunday. We are always in need of volunteers to coordinate a month or help out serving coffee for a week.
- **Beat of the Street** and **the Center for Creative Learning** continue to meet in the Church House, and we have been working on cultivating the relationships with these groups. In April, we will be hosting a Poetry evening in which members of this group will share their poetry with us.
- **True Colors** continues to host gatherings in the Church House basement. A good time is always had by all.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these activities, please contact me, Rebecca Richards, Warburton Director of Outreach at [Rebecca@centerchurchhartford.net](mailto:Rebecca@centerchurchhartford.net) or by calling the Church Office. These are great ways to meet and get to know the members of our community and be in service.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rebecca

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### Notes from Community Meals (at Christ Church Cathedral)

One night after a busy evening of cooking and serving our clients, I was helping clean up the room, and I heard what I thought was a professional recording of a female singer. As I approached the woman, I asked her who was the recording artist who sang the beautiful song. She said it was she who was singing, and that she was singing to a friend who was not doing well. I was speechless -- I know that is hard to believe, but I was! I asked her if she would sing something special to the workers as we cleaned the tables. She did, and it was so wonderful.

The experiences we each capture from Community Meals could fill volumes. It is just two hours of work -- chopping vegetables, cooking pasta and hamburger, and mixing in the sauce, cutting and buttering the bread, mixing the salad, cutting the cakes, and pouring the cider. Then -- serving. Sounds like what all of us do every night at our own homes. But the difference at Community Meals? What you get out of it. The appreciation from the clients sends us off with blessings far greater than we would ever get if we did the same work at home.

I can't say enough about this ministry. You have to come down and experience it for yourself. If you have an interest in joining our teams, let us know and we will be glad to introduce you to a great experience!

*-Submitted by Dennis Morin*

# NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. in the Church House Parlor



## ***Lenten Epistle: Studies in Paul's Letters***

Led by Dr. Efrain Agosto  
Professor of New Testament Studies,  
New York Theological Seminary

**Through March 24, 2013**

This Bible study series is exploring the six lectionary passages from the Apostle Paul's Letters to the Romans, Philippians and Corinthians, respectively, that are being offered during this Lenten Season. The connection between Paul's teachings about Christ and our preparation for Lent and Easter is the focus. The schedule of readings is as follows:

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| March 3:  | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 |
| March 10: | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 |
| March 17: | Philippians 3:4b-14   |
| March 24: | Philippians 2:5-11    |

Come ready to read and study together these well-known and not so well-known passages of Pauline theology and ministry.

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## ***The Courage to Be in Community – In Light of Paul Tillich's Sermon, "You Are Accepted"***

**April 7, 2013**

(originally scheduled for February 10, 2013)

On December 16 as part of "The Great Sermons" series, we discussed "You Are Accepted" by Paul Tillich. In the course of our discussion, we identified several interesting topics, which we did not have time to discuss. We will discuss one of those topics on April 7. Tillich wrote the following about grace striking human beings:

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted. *You are accepted*, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know.

Please join us as we discuss some of the challenges and the implications of simply accepting the fact that you are accepted.

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## ***"The Lost Gospel Q: The Original Sayings of Jesus"*** **New Series Beginning on April 14, 2013**

In the introduction to the book we will be using, Thomas Moore writes:

The Lost Gospel Q, the scholars' best attempt to render the pure voice of the Gospel Jesus, offers us an extraordinary opportunity to approach with an open mind, fresh ears and new understanding the good news of the mysterious kingdom that Jesus announced. Reading these simple but puzzling words is like sitting in the presence of a teacher. Here we have the opportunity to listen actively and individually to a real voice, to catch the nuances and perceive the personality.

*If you have any questions about these offerings, please see Alvin Thompson or Joe Bradley.*

### ***Friday Night Fun at the Church House!***

**March 22 & April 26, 6:30pm-9:00pm**  
**in the Church House Parlor**

**March 22 ~ Open Mic Night.** Your chance to stand before a crowd and entertain! Bring your comedy, poetry, monologues, and impressions for an evening of fun!

**April 26 ~ Poetry & Storytelling.** Invited poets and storytellers will entertain you with their recitations.

*Wine, appetizers, and musical interludes will be provided at both events!*

*Sponsored by the Growth & Vitality Committee,  
with assistance from the Board of Outreach.*

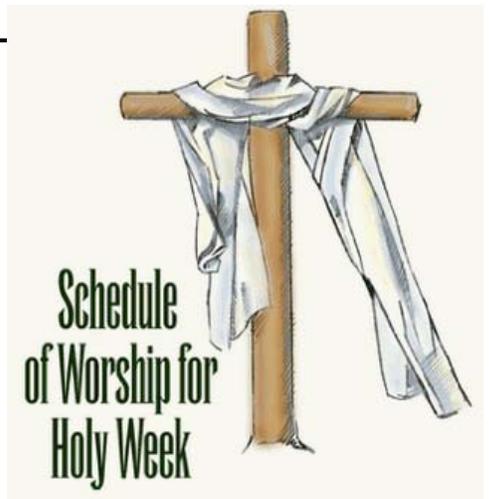


## **PALM SUNDAY, March 24**

10:00am *Palm Sunday Procession with Jesus and donkey* begins at the Church House.

Those who wish to meet the procession at the Meeting House may do so – come, experience this joyous event!

10:30am Worship in the Meeting House, Followed by *Palm Sunday Festival and Potluck* at the Church House



## **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

7:30pm Service in the Meeting House

## **Good Friday, March 29**

12:10pm Service in the Meeting House

## **EASTER SUNDAY, March 31**

*Resurrection Breakfast*, 9:00am at the Church House;  
10:30am Service in the Meeting House



## Ministry of Easter Flowers

Easter will soon be here! If you would like to contribute to the "*Ministry of Easter Flowers*" in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a cherished friend or family member, please complete this form (below) and send it with a check. \$12 per plant, payable to *The First Church of Christ in Hartford*, 60 Gold Street, Hartford, 06103, **by Wednesday, March 27**. Please note "Easter Flower" on the memo of the check. After the Easter service, plants will be distributed to the homebound.

*Thank you from The Flower Committee!*

Easter Flower in memory or honor of (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **INTERGENERATIONAL POTLUCK & PALM SUNDAY FESTIVAL!**

If you enjoyed the Advent Festival, come to the

### **Palm Sunday Festival**

Church House, Sunday, March 24,  
immediately following the Worship Service.

Bring a dish to share, and join the church family for fun activities, such as:

- Egg Dying
- Ukrainian Egg Dying
- Easter tree Ornaments

Please consider baking a dessert for the youth to sell for a bake sale. Questions? Please contact Janice Lombardi at (860) 523-4570, Jennifer Ververis at [jenniferververis@att.net](mailto:jenniferververis@att.net), or Marie in the Church Office at (860) 249-5631.

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**"CHRIST HAS RISEN!"  
"HE HAS RISEN INDEED!"**



## **RESURRECTION BREAKFAST**

**EASTER MORNING, MARCH 31, 9:00 A.M.**

*IN THE CHURCH HOUSE DINING ROOM, 60 GOLD STREET*

**RSVP TO JANICE LOMBARDI AT (860) 523-4570,  
JENNIFER VERVERIS AT [JENNIFERVERVERIS@ATT.NET](mailto:jenniferververis@att.net) ,  
OR MARIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, (860) 249-5631 (EXT. 11.)**

Music and the Arts at Center Church  
presents

# CANTUS

the "...premier men's vocal ensemble  
in the United States." -- *Fanfare*



**4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2013**

**Tickets:**  
**\$40 premium,**  
**\$25 general\*,**  
**\$15 students/seniors**

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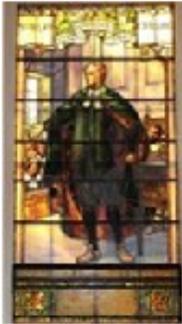
*Free parking will be available in the Travelers Tower Garage  
(accessible via Atheneum Square North).*

\* = \$20 general seating for Greater Hartford Arts Council "Let's Go Arts" card holders.

# A Pilgrimage through Connecticut's Spiritual History

**Connecticut's History is a Religious History.**

*The colony was conceived from a spiritual idea.  
The lives of its inhabitants and immigrants were, for three centuries,  
centered on their relationship with God.*



**The Life and Times of Thomas Hooker (1586-1647)**

**Saturday, March 9, 10:30-12**

Little is known or appreciated of this good man's works that influenced the American experiment. He is aptly called "the father of American democracy". He risked all to adventure into the Connecticut wilderness and met the challenge with pure unselfishness.

Hosted by First Church of Christ in Hartford, 60 Gold Street, Hartford  
(Follow us to the State Library after to view Fundamental Orders)

*ENJOY SURPRISING INSIGHTS AS WE VISIT THE DISAPPEARING TRACES OF GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH IN CONNECTICUT. JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR SERIES INTO CONNECTICUT'S MOST PRECIOUS LEGACY WITH THE FOLLOWING:*

- ❖ **Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) and The First Great Awakening**  
Saturday April 18 11-1pm Hosted by First Congregational Church, 992 Main Street, South Windsor
- ❖ **Samson Occom (1723-1792) Connecticut's Native American Preacher**  
Saturday May 4 11-1pm at the Noah Webster House, 227 South Main Street, West Hartford
- ❖ **Connecticut's Preachers of Revolution - 1765-1783**  
Saturday May 18 11-1pm at the Noah Webster House, 227 South Main Street, West Hartford
- ❖ **Revival in Connecticut: The Second Great Awakening - 1800-1830**  
Saturday June 1, 11-1pm at the Noah Webster House, 227 South Main Street, West Hartford
- ❖ **Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) Greatest Hymn Writer in History**  
Saturday, June 15, 11-1pm at the Noah Webster House, 227 South Main St, West Hartford

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*Price per Lecture: \$7 per person; \$6 for members; (under 10 free)*

*Save! All six Lectures: \$30 per person; \$25 pp for members*

*Save on a tour of the Noah Webster House after the Lecture!*