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E-NEWS

April 18, 2025

We are the
Body of Christ
Together!
In Person & Online!

This Week in Worship - Holy Week Edition



"A Wide Embrace," by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Good Friday Procession (Today!) - 12 PM
Easter Morning Worship - April 20, 2025 at 10:30
AM

From Grave to Glory, Journey with Jesus this Holy Week.

We are in the middle of the most sacred time in our Christian year, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us as we walk with Jesus and remember His sacrifice for our salvation.

The same crowd that shouted "Hosanna!" in praise, turns on Jesus and calls for his death. He was a victim of empire, a scapegoat for the world's sins, and a savior for us all. Glory be to God. Amen.

Friday's service is in-person only. Easter morning worship will be streamed on Facebook Live. Join us on Sunday morning, starting at 10:30 AM.

We hope to see you all there!

Blessings, and Peace,

~The Worship Team

The Church At Prayer

We are keeping the following members, friends and their families in our prayers this week. If you have prayer concerns to share, please email Pastor Liza, pastor@cchartford.org, or the Care Team, careteam@cchartford.org.

Denise Wards & her family; Tina Bobbitt; Lita Rathnam; Frances Burton; Cyndi Taplin and family; the Macomber family, Dimekwan French and the French family; Diane Dwelley, Rev. Isaac Lawson, Anita Hawkins, Sara and Richard Markham,...

EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATIONS

In memory of Marion and Francis Hewey by Phil and Joanne Rich.

In loving memory of George and Audrey Lewis by Steven Lewis

In loving memory of my parents, the late Graydon and Grace Lockwood,
and my brother, the late Jim Lockwood, by Roberta Roy.

In loving memory of my husband, the late Bruce E. Bidwell, by Roberta Roy.

In loving memory of the late Long, Lockwood, and Bidwell families by Roberta Roy.

In memory of loved ones by Alvin and Lesley Morgan Thompson.

In memory of Barbara T. Sanders by Lauren Deich.

In memory of Lloyd Moyer by the Deb and Kurt Moyer family.

In memory of Terry Fetterman by the Deb and Kurt Moyer family.

To my parents, by Chris Graesser.

To my beloved grandmother, Mrs. Ava Foust Stewart, by Frances E. Burton.

In loving memory of the Signorelli family by Lenora Hacku.

In memory of my parents, Betty Maynard Miles &
Raymond Maynard by Shawn Maynard.

In memory of Thomas Platt and Alexander Platt by Shawn Maynard.

In memory of Elizabeth Millette by Shawn Maynard.

In memory of Valda and Hugh LeMasurier by Shawn Maynard.

In honor of Ken and Barbara Boucher by Shawn Maynard.

In honor of Marina Quarticelli by Shawn Maynard.

In honor of Thelma Gernandt by Shawn Maynard.

By Anita Hawkins and Craig Cowing

In Memory of Rev. Thomas Hooker and his wife Susanna Pym Hooker

In memory of loved ones who have passed and
those who are still with us by Don and Shirley Sanders.

In memory of our parents by Nancy and David Maclean.

In gratitude by Dectora Jeffers.

For my mother, Delphyna Lyons, by Erline Parkes.

For Juliette Spyke, by Erline Parkes.

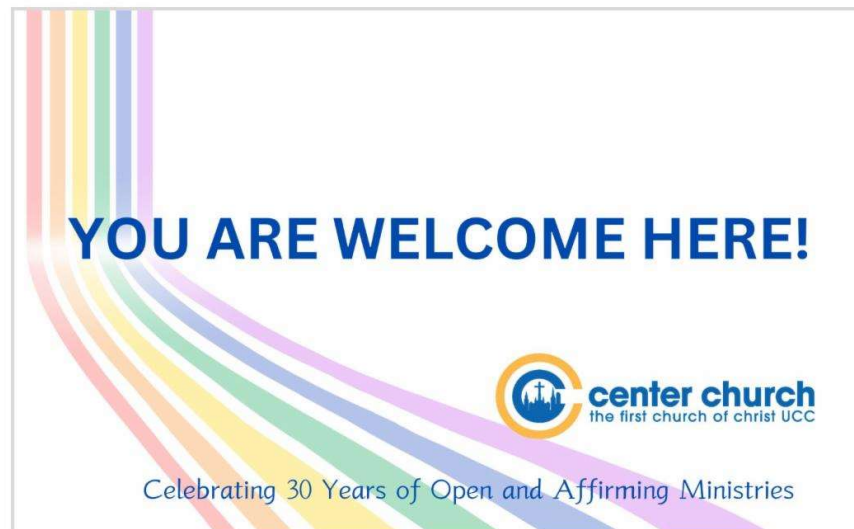
In honor of my mom, Martha K. Dubois, by Cynthia Taplin and family.

For Franklin and Maurine DuBois, by the Taplin family.

For the Kierstead family, by the Taplin family.

In memory of E. Mae Wards and Marie Smith, by Denise Wards-Baker.

Are You Feeling the New Nametag FOMO?



*Well, that's because
you haven't filled out
the form yet for your
new nametag!*

*So, don't delay, do it
today!*

Fill out THIS FORM
for your new nametag
& look for it on Sunday in worship!

Do it for (Social) Science!



Center Church members and attendees have been asked to participate in a research project for a Trinity College Senior. The student has already interviewed Pastor Liza and hopes to obtain a robust population of congregational participants. Thank you for your participation!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

*Starting at 12 pm
at Christ Church Cathedral
Corner of Church & Main Streets
Downtown Hartford*

**Walk with us down Main Street and Capital Avenue;
the Journey to the Cross will conclude at
First Presbyterian Church, Hartford.**

Parking can be found at both ends of the route.



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First Presbyterian
Church of Hartford



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*Don't Forget to
SAVE THE DATE!*

Join Us for Center Church's Spring Retreat!

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025



When: Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford

Parking: Small parking lot on site and free on-street parking

We will have time for fellowship and continued discernment of our vision and priorities as a congregation. Most of all, we will have FUN together! We look forward to seeing you there! - The Visionary Team

Look for the big sign-up poster in worship on Sunday! It's got glitter!

Center Church Teams:

Help Wanted Community Board

The Outreach Team is looking for Volunteers to help with our Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry. For more information, contact Anita Hawkins or Cynthia Taplin.

The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help with liturgy, ushering, and greeting. [Email Steven](#) or [Pastor Liza](#) to find out how you can help.

The Faith Formation Team is looking for help planning future events for our kiddos and church community. [Email Brother Eric](#) to find out more!

If your team needs help or volunteers for upcoming events, email the office to advertise [here!](#)



THE CENTER ANGEL @ LEWIS & GOLD Spring Hours

Tuesdays

5PM-9PM

*Outreach Services
Resume Assistance
Light Refreshments*

Friday

10 AM - 2PM

*Outreach Services
Computer Lab
Light Refreshments*

SUNDAY COMMUNITY MEALS: 3PM - 5PM
Every Sunday Except the 1st Sunday of Each Month

Come Visit us for:

**Help with photo ID, birth certificates & other documents.
Assistance with paperwork or applications for services.
Document storage during transition. *A place to belong.***

**To learn more about The Center Angel at Center Church, please email Outreach Director
Carrie Howe: chowe@cchartford.org**

 **860.249.5631**

 **centerchurchhartford.org**

*The Center Angel @ Lewis & Gold is a mission initiative of
The First Church of Christ in Hartford, "Center Church," a 501 c3 non-profit organization.*

Updates From The Church Office:

Greetings, Center Church!

The Office is closed on Fridays. It is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

These hours are subject to change, and we will do our best to inform you of any departures.

Pastor Liza is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Brother

Eric's sabbath days are Friday and Saturday. Carrie has drop-in hours Wednesday and Fridays from 10 to 2.

Outside of these hours, you can leave a call and leave a voicemail for our office staff.

Church Administrator Steven Lewis x 200
Pastor Liza Arulampalam x 202
Brother Eric Hearst x 209
Outreach Director Carrie Howe x 205
Music Director Bob Gilbert x 204
Bookkeeper Brenda Russell x 201

Warmest Blessings,
Your Church Office Team

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Announcing A New Thing:

Spiritual Support Group for Parents

**Please Join us for our Next
Session: April 13th!**

Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control

SPIRITUAL NURTURE FOR PARENTS A Time for Sharing, Learning & Support

A Love Based
Approach
Facilitated by
the Rev. Deb Moyer

Children With Severe Behaviors
Childcare will be available
for those who require it.

WHAT IS IT?

A time of discussion, learning and prayer; This is not a therapeutic group, but rather a time for parents to receive spiritual nurture and support. We will also be discussing some of the concepts found in the book "Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children With Severe Behaviors," by Heather T. Forbes, LCSW & B. Bryan Post.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Parents who are coping with children who have difficult behaviors. These behaviors can be the result of abuse, medical issues, neglect, foster care, adoption, special needs, neuro-diversity etc.

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

Time: 11:45AM -12:45 PM
Sessions: Jan. 26 (Orientation)
Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 4
Center Church UCC parlor,
at 60 Gold Street, Downtown Hartford

HOW DO I ATTEND?

For more information,
contact Rev. Deb Moyer
email: dmoyer239@gmail.com
phone: 860-808-7871.

ABOUT REV. DEB

Rev. Deb Moyer is a parent of two boys, ages 16 and 20, who have experienced trauma. She is an ordained United Church of Christ pastor and has also been trained in Gestalt Pastoral Care and spiritual direction. She works part-time as an artist and piano teacher where she works with children and adults of various ages and abilities.

Hey, Families and Campers!

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Camp Asto Wamah

Registration is now Open!

Remember the
Other Fellow



Celebrating Our 116th Season!

Center Church Camp Asto Wamah

Columbia, Connecticut
www.campastowamah.org

Founded in 1910

Camp ASTO WAMAH is a non-sectarian residential camp open to children ages 8 through 14. Camp ASTO WAMAH does not discriminate for reasons of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

Chris Maclean will continue to serve as the camp director. He is employed as a school counselor in Connecticut public schools and has been the camp director for many years.

Remember the
Other Fellow



There will be 3 two-week sessions.
The coed session is the only one-week session.

June 22 to June 28	coed, ages 8 to 12
June 29 to July 12	all boys, ages 8 to 14
July 13 to July 26	all girls, ages 8 to 14
July 27 to August 9	all girls, ages 8 to 14

The 2025 registration fee of \$50 is due at the time of registration and is not refundable or deductible from the camp fee of \$725 per week.



Online registration opens on Saturday, February 1st, 2025 at 8:00 am!



For further information:
Call (203) 631-0167 or
email campastowamahct@gmail.com



Center Church Camp Asto Wamah is licensed by the State of Connecticut and accredited by the American Camp Association.



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This Week's Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

April 23 ~ Jade Peroza

April 25 ~ MaShawn Jones

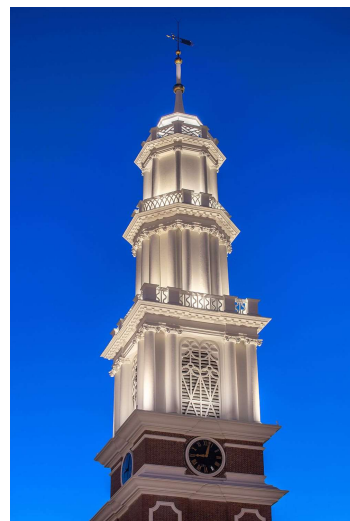
April 26 ~ Efrain Agosto

*Please remember to wish members
of your church family a happy celebration!*

"Let There Be Light" Memorials

*The Meeting House steeple
will be lighted this week as
follows:*

*April 18 ~ In loving memory of
my dearest Christian friend
since 1950,
Ruth H. Gauch who died on this
date in 1987, by her friend, the
late Janet Chen*



**If you would like to light the
steeple in memory or honor**

of a loved one, [please e-mail the Church Office](#) to make arrangements.

April 20 ~ A tribute to John and Mary Ford on their wedding anniversary by a friend

April 20 ~ In memory of her parents, William E. and Jessie N. Hawkes, and her sister, Catherine H. Snesrud, by Mary N. Hawkes

April 21 ~ In memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hendrick Mix by the late Emelia M. Kilby and Marion M. Webster, Honolulu

April 22 ~ In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Knapp by their daughter the late Miss Mary Clissold Knapp

April 22 ~ To commemorate the 50th wedding anniversary of Margaret and Sanford Macomber, April 22, 1989, by several friends

April 22 ~ In loving memory of Peggy and Sandy Macomber by their sons James, John and David

April 24 ~ In memory of the two million Armenian martyrs who were the victims of the planned Turkish atrocities of 1915 by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Boyajian

April 24 ~ In loving memory of Margaret (Sweeney) Grenier Taylor by her daughter, Margaret M. Grenier



Who do I talk to about...?

With so many folks engaged in the many ministries at Center Church, it's sometimes hard to know where to direct our questions.

Fortunately, the CET and the Care Team have put together a helpful sheet which answers some of those questions.

Follow the link below to download the chart:

Care Team Contact Chart

Looking to be More Involved? Connect with a Center Church Team!

Let us know if you're interested in being a part of our teams! [Fill out this form to show your interest!](#)

The Worship Team:

Contact *Steven Lewis*,
slewis@cchartford.org

The Care Team:

Contact *Larry Roeming*,
LDRinCT@gmail.com

The Faith Formation Team:

Contact *Rev. Dr. Eric Hearst*,
ehearst@cchartford.org

The Outreach Team:

Contact *Anita Hawkins*,
anitasfarm1010@gmail.com

The History Team:

Contact *Andre Keitt*,
corykit1@yahoo.com

The Resource Team:

Contact *David Maclean*,
macleand596@gmail.com

The Community Relations Team:

Contact *Church Office*,
cctech@cchartford.org

The Visionary Team:

Contact: *Lesley Morgan-Thompson*
l.morganthompson@gmail.com

The Music the Arts Committee:

Contact: *Kate Robinson*,
kate@gallorobinson.com



The Outreach Corner at Lewis and Gold

Carrie's office hours are Wednesdays (10 AM - 2 PM) & Fridays (10AM - 3 PM); on the ground floor of the Church House building, at 60 Gold Street.

We are always taking donations for:

- Milk or coffee cream
- Bottled Water
- Hot chocolate
- Large Aluminum Food Trays
- Aluminum Foil
- Hygiene Items
- Gift Cards

Carrie Howe is available to receive donations anytime!

If you have a question regarding the meal program or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Carrie!

Cell - 860-778-1210
chowe@cchartford.org

You can also call Steven at the Church Office (ext. 200) to arrange your drop off. Your generosity helps our Outreach Team continue to care for our Hartford neighbors! Thank you so much!



Center Church BED FUNDS at Hartford Hospital

Need help paying for medical or dental bills at Hartford Hospital?
Have a friend or family member in need?
Center Church BED FUNDS
may be available!

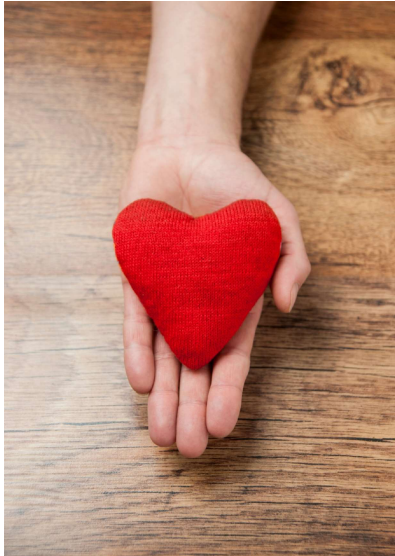
Click [HERE](#) to download information,
or send your inquiries to info@CCHartford.org,
or call Steven at the Church House,
860-249-5631 ext 200



Offerings

We truly appreciate those who continue to offer financial support! Remember, you can do so in three ways:

1. **Send a check** payable to "First Church of Christ in Hartford" to 60 Gold Street, Hartford, CT 06103;
2. **Set up EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)** by **contacting Brenda** at the Church Office: (860) 249-5631; or
3. [Click the donate link](#) on our website to use your credit card.



Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
(Closed Fridays)

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