

The First Church of Christ
in New Haven
Center Church on-the-Green
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THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

IN NEW HAVEN

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Greetings all,

In Psalms 133:1 King David submits, *"How good and pleasant it is, when the community lives together in unity!"*

David is speaking to the beauty and power of God's people working together. Haven't you experienced it in your life? You're working in a group on a project or for some cause and your team seems to click. The work is easier and more relevant. In fact, it often doesn't seem like work at all! That's how I believe church is supposed to be. Getting up Sunday morning and going into downtown New Haven and sitting for an hour or so with my friends, my family, my fellow fighters in the struggle against injustice should be a joy. It's supposed to be good AND pleasant. And not just on Sunday mornings but the meetings, the special events, the Christian education workshops, everything we do as a community... as a church should make us happy. Why? Because we're helping people, we're doing it to the glory of our God but mostly because we're doing it together.

On the other hand, I'm sure most of us have also been part of teams that didn't work. It's hard for people to come together. Even us good Christian folks often have a hard time working together. I often wonder if when Jesus says in Matthew 18:20 *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them"* what he's really saying is that if you get more than one person in the room you're likely going to need Jesus in the middle... to mediate. Working together can be difficult. We're all different. We all have distinct personalities. And we often get in the way of the community accomplishing the things it was formed to do.

But there is a tool to help. In my other work as a Community Organizer and trainer of Neighborhood Leaders we call it "Building a Relational Culture." A community where the culture is relational is a place where people know each other's names, faces and a bit about their story. The proven concepts behind this process is that when we know each other we begin to understand each other's actions and reactions. In a community that is relational people tend to be more likely to help or at the very least less likely to cause harm. In a relational culture people work together on issues... even when it's not being done the way you want it done. Your interest is seeing the work completed. But to get there and stay in that type of community it requires getting to know each other. It requires hearing each other's stories. And we do that by sitting down and sharing - one person to one person.

Over the next few weeks I want to have a one on one with each of you. I want to know who you are. I want to know where you've been. I want to hear your stories. So I will be reaching out to each of you on our membership roles to schedule an hour or so to sit with you. No agenda. I'm not trying to recruit you to a committee. I'm not even trying to get you to start coming back to church, if you're not a regular attendee anymore. (At least not on the first meeting.) I'm interested in learning about you and sharing about me. I want to see First Church of Christ and the city of New Haven through your eyes for a few minutes. I want to hear your stories.

So expect a call from me to set up a time. Or don't wait. Call me at the office (203) 787-0121 or email me at kewingct@gmail.com and give me a few days/times you're available and we'll make it happen.

I look forward to getting to know you all better and becoming more a part of this community. Hear from you soon.

Kevin (RevKev) Ewing

Pursuant to amended Article II Sections 6 and 7 of the Bylaws, a Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, immediately following services to approve the budget for

July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017

A quorum of 25 is required.

WE RECEIVED WORD too late for last month's Chronicle that Rose Malek, a long-time member of Center Church, passed away. Rose had lived in New York with a daughter, Nora. The service was held Wednesday, May 4th at 11:00 at the Beecher & Bennett Funeral Home on Whitney. Afterwards a commitment was held at Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven.

AT OUR DEACONS' MEETING, it was voted to alternate the way we serve communion. This month we will receive the sacrament by intinction.

BOARD MEETINGS

Listed below is the schedule of upcoming meetings

Board of Deacons – Sunday, June 26th - 11:30 a.m. after worship – Meeting House

Crypt Committee – Wednesday, June 29th - 4:00 p.m. –Parish House

Church Council - TBD

Board of Stewards – TBD

Investment Committee – Friday, July 15th – 10:00 a.m. – Parish House Library

**BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE LISTED BELOW
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE**

5 Priscilla Marks

23 Harold Peck

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – John Blassingame, Harriet Fulton, Cheryl, Alan Kendrix, Loren Le Blanc, Grace Lee, Jean Lind, Dan Nugent, A.J. Olsen, Elizabeth Ramirez, and Cindy Schroeder. **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Eleanor Fulton and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret Fulton, who passed away on May 6, 2016.

HAPPY



FATHER'S
DAY

To all who are Fathers,
Grandfathers,
or who have done
the work of Fathering.



JUNE



Scripture
Readings

6/5– I Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) • Ps. 146 or I Kings 17:17-24
• Ps. 30 • Gal. 1:11-24 • Luke 7:11-17

6/12–1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a • Ps. 5:1-8 or 2 Sam. 11:26-12:10,
13-15 • Ps 32 • Gal. 2:15-21 • Luke 7:36-8:3

6/26 – 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a • Ps 42 and 43 or
Isa. 65:1-9 • Ps. 22:19-28 • Gal. 3:23-29 • Luke 8:26 -39

6/30 – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 • Ps 77:1-2, 11-20 or
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 • Ps. 16
• Gal. 5:1, 13-25 • Luke 9:51-62

VISIT THE CRYPT



Tours

11 AM – 1 PM

June 14th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th

NEW HAVEN CRYPT

International Festival of Arts & Ideas

Center Church on the Green, 250 Temple Street, New Haven, CT, 06511

Step back into the past; hear about 300 years
of history unrivaled in all of New England.

The Crypt is a rich source of information on the early days of New Haven and a resource for understanding what makes this city unique today.

**DEADLINE FOR JULY-AUGUST 2016 CHRONICLE IS JUNE 15th. PLEASE
SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES BEFORE THAT TIME TO ASSURE YOUR
ARTICLE WILL BE INCLUDED. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS.
SEND A CARD; GIVE THEM A CALL, OR VISIT.**

Benchmark Apartments, 35 Hamden Hills Drive, Hamden, 06518

Evelyn Riordan, Apt. 452

Shut-ins at home

Barbara Pitcher, 200 Leeder Hill Dr., Apt. 113 Hamden, 06517

203-407-1204

Bob Keabian, 1887 Chapel Street, New Haven, 06515-2209

203-387-3263

WE WERE ADVISED THAT LOIS SIMEONE, long-time member of Center Church, is in Grimes Rehab Center, 1354 Chapel Street, New Haven. If you wish to send her a card, she is in Room 406.



**COFFEE HOUR DUTIES – JUNE
LADIES HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

5th – Teasie Blassingame

12th – Nancy Mellone

19th – Donna Williams

26th – Nancy Mellone

ACTIVITIES LIST FOR THE UCC CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN

June 12, 2016	Multi-Church Picnic	College Woods Park
June 26, 2016	Combined Worship	Church of the Redeemer

Answer to Bible Quiz: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9.)

Ushers & Greeters



June 5

Greeters: Linda Consiglio and Harold Peck

Reader: Gordon Hall

Communion Assistant: Linda Consiglio

June 12

Greeters: Kevan Chase and Demeka Anderson

Reader: Demeka Anderson

June 19

Greeters: Donna Williams and John Ranciato

Reader: Donna Williams

June 26

Greeters: Dan and Carol Wade

Reader: Dan Wade



Special dates in June

- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 19
- First day of summer, June 20



CRYPT GUIDES SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

11:00 am– 1:00 pm

June 4 – Saturday – Harold Peck, Lura Ellsworth

June 11 – Saturday – Nancy Ahern, Kevan Chase, Valerie Bruneau, Harold Peck

* June 14 – Tuesday – Carol Robinson, TBA

* June 16 – Thursday – Nancy Ahern, Harold Peck

* June 17 – Friday – Carol Robinson, Kevan Chase

June 18 – Saturday – Harold Peck, Kevan Chase

* June 21 – Tuesday – Valerie Bruneau, Nancy Ahern

* June 22 – Wednesday – Michelle Georgevich, Kevan Chase

* June 23 – Thursday – Nancy Ahern, Carol Robinson

* June 24 – Friday – Michelle Georgevich, Valerie Bruneau

June 25, Saturday – Carol Robinson, Michelle Georgevich

* This year we will try to do tours during the Arts Festival only while there are venues on the Green. If the weather is poor or there are few people, feel free to cancel the tours. If there is a problem with your schedule, please call 203-874-0861. Thank you for your help - Harold.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE SCHEDULING
PLEASE CALL HAROLD PECK AT
(203) 874-0861.

BIBLE QUIZ



Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels

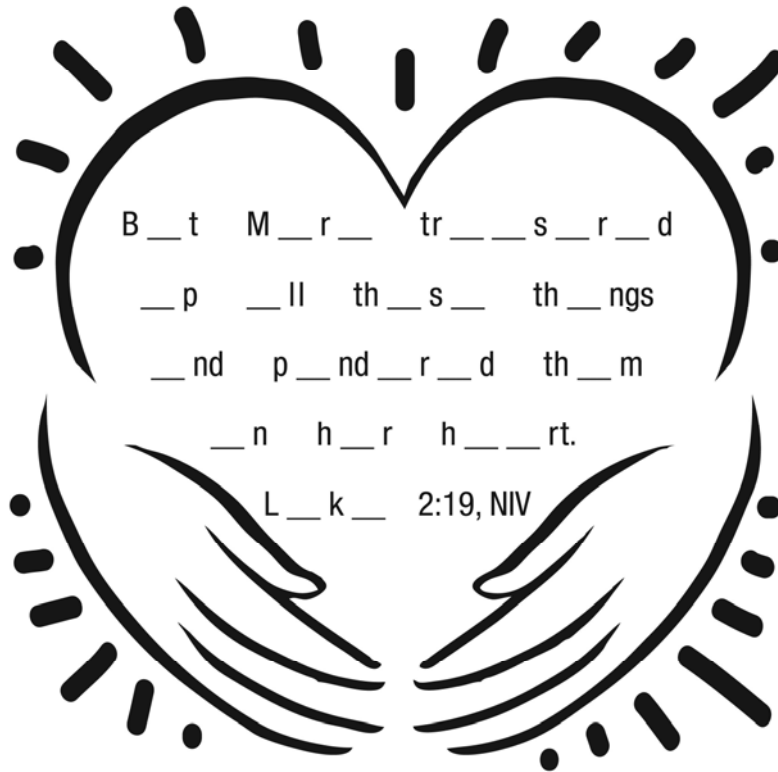


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

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L__k__ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

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CENTER CHURCH CALENDAR

June 2016

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