



Tidings

JUNE 2011

First Church of Christ Congregational UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the heart of West Hartford
we are called by God to grow together,
inspiring and engaging one another
through worship, learning, fellowship and outreach.

We faithfully serve our diverse community and world,
welcoming and nurturing all people
in the living Spirit of Jesus.

PREACHING & WORSHIP PLANS JUNE '11

10:00 a.m. - Meeting House
10:15 a.m. - Church School

June 5:

Confirmation Sunday
"Embracing Our
Doubts and
Questions"
Barbara Frey preach-
ing

June 12:

"This is the Day!"
Geordie Campbell
preaching

Summer Soul-stice

June 19:

Summer
SOUL-stice
"A Wise Creation"
Proverbs 8:22-31
Susan Izard
preaching

June 26:

"Why We Go To
Church"
Barbara Frey
preaching

Embrace God's Presence and Mystery

My Dear Friends,

I attended the Spring Annual Meeting of our Connecticut Conference in Naugatuck and returned to West Hartford filled with energy and new thoughts! This is not always so for me - honestly, sometimes such events fill me with fatigue! But not this time! The reason? The focus was on worship, effective meaningful worship that nourishes the soul and strengthens us for life.

Worship is the very center, the "heart-beat" if you will, of the life of a congregation. It's the Sabbath rhythm wherein each week we come together as the people of God to get our spiritual compasses realigned again, to find a step of challenge, to open our hearts to deeper faithfulness, and to refocus our lives around the Living Spirit of Jesus. Truly, all else that we do - programs, mission, classes, book groups, meetings, dinners, projects, plant sales, fellowship, conversation - all else grows out of this deeper and more essential time in which we pause each Sunday as human-merely-beings in the presence of God to affirm life's center again.

Another event that I attended this past week, in fact, one that First Church hosted for the Connecticut Conference, was a workshop on the importance of humor and laughter in the life of a congregation. We are, after all, a people of joy and good news! The keynote speaker was Susan Sparks, a motor-cycle-riding-former-trial-lawyer-turned-Baptist-pastor-who-moonlights-as-a-comedian! (Imagine the back-round check for that search committee!) She challenged us to find new ways to laugh together and to recognize the spiritual power that is unleashed when we celebrate and enjoy the endless and amazing good news of God.

In each of these events I found myself immersed in creative wonder about First Church. That first took me to authentic gratitude for the joy and nourishment, the justice and gladness that we share together. But then far deeper, took me to the desire that we would relax with one another more genuinely . . . that we would trust one another in new ways . . . that such surrender would extend from our relationships with one another to our embrace of God's presence and mystery. And deeper yet, to the yearning that our time together would always be of rejoicing and delight that would open us to service and compassion in the name of Christ.

May we laugh together in the Spirit's holding, and cry as tears come at times too. May our joy be full, as Jesus surely promised. May we grow and discover new and life-giving ways of faithfulness. May we sing and pray and ponder and grow. And may we do all of this in the sacred family that we call First Church!

In the Living Spirit of Jesus,

Geordie Campbell, Senior Pastor



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CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD AND FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMS



● On May 8 **Abigail Grace Purviance** was baptized. Her parents are **Katie** and **Kevin**, with older brother **Andrew**.

● On May 15 **Nathaniel James McCarthy** was baptized. His parents are **Katie (Worth)** and **Jimmy**. Grandparents are **Brenda** and **Ralph Worth**.

● On May 29 **Collin Joseph Ivens** was baptized. His parents are **Danielle** and **Scott**.

DEATHS



● **Tom Dunham**, longtime member and husband of Connie, passed away on May 7. A service to celebrate his life was held on May 28 in the Meeting House.

● **Melvin Evarts**, a member since 1920(!), passed away on May 19. A service to celebrate his life was held on May 24.

If you have an announcement to share with your church family, please call the church office: 860-233-9605.

JULY/AUG TIDINGS & WEBSITE DEADLINE:

Submissions are due on JUNE 14th to

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CHURCH VAN

On Sunday mornings the van is available to bring you back and forth from your home and church. Mary Miller is the driver. Reservations for van rides can be made by calling the church office by Friday at noon. 860-233-9605



Monster Cookie Event!

First Church will have a booth at Celebrate! West Hartford on **June 11 and 12**. We want to tell people what a great church we have, invite them to use our Library, and we want to encourage people to visit our booth by selling wonderful homemade cookies. Please plan now to bake several dozen of your favorite cookies - bars are particularly good because you get a lot on one cookie pan- you can freeze them to save for the big weekend, and there is plenty of space in the church freezer in the kitchen if you don't have enough at home. Just label the package for "Celebrate - June 11 & 12 with your name so we can thank you properly

Let us know you are baking so we can count on lots of goodies - call or tell Betty Leete -- ElizabethLeete@aol.com. 860 233-4908.

Stewardship Updates...

Pledge Performance through April, 2011

For 2011, 207 people and families have pledged their financial support to assure that the missions and ministries of your church can continue through 2011. In his ministry, Jesus only talked about the kingdom of heaven more than he did about money, and its central importance in our ordering of our lives around our relationship with God.

So far, 28 of those people and families have already completed their entire pledges for the year, and we want to express a huge 'Thank You' you for that.

I must also report that 27 of the 207 pledges of financial support for 2011 had not paid anything as of April 30th. This equals 13% of the 207 pledges.

Of the 27 pledges with no contributions as of April 30th, 10 are for \$ 1,000 or more; the largest two being \$ 2,500 and \$ 3,000. So we are dealing with substantial amounts of support for the programs of our church. Two other pledgers have given only \$ 10 so far in 2011.

Returning a portion of your money to God, along with regular worship and participation in the life of the church are key practices leading to growth on your spiritual journey. If you are behind in financial support, please begin your regular giving now. There is still time to catch up for the year.

- Reported by George Stone, May 15, 2011, for your Stewardship Ministry

PLANT SALE WAS A SUCCESS!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED!! EVEN MOTHER NATURE COOPERATED! HAPPY GARDENING!

Prayer of Gratitude

O Holy One, our hearts are full of gratitude to you for bringing us to this blessed day. For all that you have been to us here in this place, we thank you. For all that you have promised to be in our lives, we thank you. You have called us to this day. Guide us now into the future with the Wisdom and Truth of your Holy Spirit. Bless us with the gift of faith, that we might be a light of love for those seeking you. We pray this and all our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

(End of the Litany of Thanksgiving used at the Dedication of the refurbished Chapel space. See page 7)



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Chamber Music + Talented Youth = Support A Cause



Selah and Nathan Kwak, members of FCCC and students at Hall H.S., are passionate about their music. Both Selah and Nathan have other interests too. However, another passion that they share is helping others. The staggering toll of deaths and devastation during the earthquake in Japan impacted their lives and they looked for a way to help and make a difference.

An idea was born and has now become a reality. Selah as a member of a Brahms sextet and Nathan, a member of the quartet "String Theory", have enlisted their musical peers to present a special benefit concert. The donations will be given to the Wider Church Ministries of the UCC for relief organizations working directly with Japan.

June 12, 2011

5 P.M. in the Meetinghouse

Refreshments will be served 6- 6:30 P.M. on the church lawn after the concert

Geordie's Study and Planning Time

Thank you in advance for your gift of time! I will be taking my "study and planning weeks" (as I call them) from June 13-27. These will be days in which I will read through the lectionary for the coming year (the assigned biblical readings for each Sunday), choose scriptural texts and themes for each Sunday, and begin the process of mapping out sermons. I will also take into account special themes that we need to address (such as Stewardship and Music Sundays), as well as topics that I feel called to speak on as your pastor. At the end of my two weeks I will be able to hand off a "worship blueprint" to Jim with texts for each week so that he will be able to plan music for the year ahead, too. This is what enables us to maintain a meaningful sense of theme and focus each Sunday as we gather for worship.

"But wait, do you mean everything is planned that tightly?" you may wonder. "No, nothing to do with life and the Spirit can be so tightly planned!" BUT . . . by being well planned we are then free to choose other directions as life and circumstances warrant. Thus we are able to have a general direction in the works, with appropriate adjustments along the way. So . . . both Jim and I are "flexible planners" and "plan to be flexible" but with a plan!

- Geordie

THANKS FOR THIS MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

Puerto Rico, April 16-23, 2011

THANK YOU, MEMBERS of FCCC, FOR SUPPORTING US!!!

A few high points from this memorable experience:

Anna Lumbruno and FuRen Bemis: Working with the kids was the best. It was really nice knowing that we had impacted their lives. I hope that we can find a way to stay in touch and perhaps see them again.

Molly Bugos: Most rewarding for me was cleaning the elderly couple's (both in wheelchairs) home. They seemed so grateful. Not only was this an important work experience, but it was a significant cultural experience. Because they only spoke Spanish, I had to practice speaking Spanish. They appreciated my efforts, and smiled and laughed with me when I said a word or phrase incorrectly. This experience in this warm couple's home and sharing lunch with them in their garden

brought our whole group together.

Monique Asselin: This house cleaning was my high point too. In spite of the language barrier, we managed to communicate. The man shared his almonds with me as a thank you. I never imagined that washing floors and windows would be so fulfilling.

Olivia Mitchell and Molly Bohman: The Good Friday procession in Caguas and the enactment of the Easter Story was a unique experience. It was inspiring to see a community come together. Although we stood out, everyone was very welcoming.

Hannah Gluck: Knowing that we were the start of an outdoor chapel was

really cool to me. I knew that in years to come people would love going to the chapel and feeling close to God. Perhaps that outdoor chapel might touch or affect someone more than a church building or indoor chapel, and make a difference in their life.

Grace Bugos: Working to clear the land was hard work but a really good experience. It was fun working with everyone and using power tools. The thought that we started something that many others would continue working on felt good. I am excited to see the finished chapel when our host, Laura Ayala sends pictures to us.

Conference on Environmental Stewardship held at Silver Lake May 6/7, 2011

On May 6 and 7 the CT Conference Environmental Ministry Team hosted "Partnering with a Green God: Calling People of Faith to Environmental Ministries".

Friday evening worship was led by Rev. Bob Coleman from the Riverside Church. Saturday worship services included a communion service led by Rev. Chuck Wildman, Interim Conference Minister for CT, and Rev. Denise Clapsaddle.

Bill McKibben, the founder of Step It Up and 350.org, was the keynote speaker, urging people of faith to become involved in Care for Creation, much as they did for civil rights and anti-slavery moral issues in past years.

Over 20 workshops explored a wide variety of subjects, from worship resources, a vacation bible school curriculum -"Fly with Eagles"- (first presented here), biblical foundations, green church action steps, the impact of mountain top removal on Appalachian communities, sustainable church landscaping, the Transition Towns process, and others.

Local workshop leaders were Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Keiner and Rev. Tom Carr from West Hartford. Other religious leaders included Rev. Jim Deming from the UCC National office, Rev. Jim Antal, Mass. Conference Minister, Rev. Pat Watkins from the VA Methodist Conference, Rev. Bob Burns, Buddhist Teacher, Rev. Steve Hastings (ME Conference, UCC) and Rev. Lois Happe (CT Conference UCC). Many lay leaders also participated.

Dottie and George Stone attended from First Church; you can get additional details from them.



Enjoy your Summer!
Remember, the church is
always a click away - view
Tidings (in color), and
complete schedule of events at
www.WHFirstChurch.org

John P. Webster Library

Patricia Malahan, Director

(860) 232-3893 • Look for regular updates online: www.jpwlibrary.org.

HOURS:

Sunday, 9 – noon

Monday 9 – 5 • Tuesday 9 – 7 • Wed. & Thurs. 9–5

Closed Friday and Saturday

Christian Classics Book Group

Our weekly group will be on hiatus until we resume on September 12.

Soup and Scripture

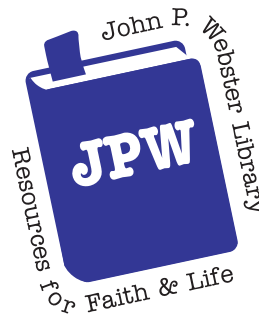
On each Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., our group meets in the library. A basic meal of soup and bread is served, we then take turns reading scripture and have a brief informal discussion of the readings. We are reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Food for Thought Book Group

This popular book group discussion is held on the first Thursday of each month, from October through May, from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their own “brown bag” supper and the library will provide beverages and dessert. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 2 when we will have a final book discussion before our summer break on “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Copies of the books are available in the library.

First Church Archives

You are invited to view the display on Charles Boswell and his contributions to First Church during the late 19th century. Mr. Boswell was a prominent businessman in insurance and banking was also the owner of a farm located near what is now the Rockledge Golf Course. He was “eagerly interested” in the construction of the fourth meeting house, known as the Grey Stone Church, that was built in the early 1880's in the Gothic Revival style noted for large stained glass windows and ornate fretwork. In addition to donating generously to the building fund of the Grey Stone Church, Mr. Boswell also purchased and donated a marble communion table that had been used by Rev. Horace



Bushnell at the North Congregational Church in Hartford and was responsible for the restoration and reinstallation of the organ. While the Grey Stone Church was destroyed by fire in 1942, two stained glass panels survive in the archives that are memorials to Charles Boswell and his wife Flora McIntyre Stearns Boswell. Photos and a biography of Mr. Boswell are on display across the hall from the John P. Webster Library.

John P. Webster Gallery

The Gallery is very pleased to continue the annual tradition of an art exhibit by the creative and gifted artists at the Children's Home of Cromwell. The show, “The Art of Healing, the Healing of Art”, will be on display until mid-June. The Gallery is located on the second level, down the stairs from the Meeting House. The JPW Library would like to thank **Joanne T. White, Sue Boisoeneau, Cindy Sarnowski and Nancy Duchardt, Colleen Cyr** and the artists of the Children's Home for all their support in bringing this wonderful exhibit to the community. Don't miss out on this very moving and thought-provoking display! In July- mid August, we will feature portraits by local photographer, **Heather Golde**.

New Resources

ADULT FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Alla: a Christian response by Miroslav Volf
Beginning ministry together by Roy M. Oswald
A change of pastors by Loren B. Mead
The dirty life: on farming, food, and love by Kristin Kimball
The domestication of transcendence: how modern thinking about God went wrong by William C. Placher
Fall of Giants (audio) by Ken Follett
Far from heaven (DVD)
The honeymoon is over: Jonah's argument with God by T. Anthony Perry
Hungers of the heart: spirituality and religion for the 21st century by Richard G. Watts
Job & Jonah: questioning the hidden God by Bruce Vawter
The King's Speech (DVD)
Left neglected by Lisa Genova
Lucky girl by Mei-Ling Hopgood
The magician's assistant by Ann Patchett
Making haste from Babylon: the Mayflower Pilgrims and their world by Nick Bunker
Moral Ground by Kathleen Moore
On Gold Mountain: the one-hundred-year odyssey of my Chinese-American family by Lisa See
On Job: God-talk and the suffering of the innocent by Gustavo Gutiérrez
The peopling of New Connecticut: from the land of steady habits to the Western Reserve
Poetry as prayer, Denise Levertov by Murray Bodo
Sing you home by Jodi Picoult
The stream & the sapphire: selected poems on religious themes by Denise Levertov
Thinking biblically: exegetical and hermeneutical studies by André Lacocque
The unbroken circle: a toolkit for congregations around illness, end of life and grief by James L. Brooks
Voices of Alzheimer's: courage, humor, hope, and love in the face of dementia by Betsy Peterson
Voices of Alzheimer's: the healing companion
Was America founded as a Christian nation? By John Fea

CHILDREN

Cars (DVD)
Chronicles of Narnia, voyage of the dawn treader (DVD)
Dancing, music & books (DVD)
The Declaration by Gemma Malley
Harry Potter and the deathly hallows (DVD)
One duck stuck by Phyllis Root, Phyllis
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Tangled [DVD]
The three little gators by Helen Ketteman
The three little tamales by Eric A. Kimmel
Three names of me by Mary Cummings



Reach Out

(A column from Service & Outreach)

Fourth Sunday Special Offering – Freshplace

This month the Fourth Sunday Special Offering will benefit will benefit Freshplace, an innovative food pantry that aims to tackle the issues of chronic hunger in Hartford. Freshplace operates a 2,000 square foot facility in Hartford's Upper Albany neighborhood to provide:

- Fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products in addition to pantry staples
- Client-choice based selections to accommodate the health, cultural, religious and familial needs of those that are hungry.

- Comprehensive intake and referral services, increasing access to food stamps, health and crisis intervention programs, public assistance, and educational services.

- A community hub and resource, assisting in the revitalization of Upper Albany, supporting the network of existing area food pantries, and creating a center for community involvement.

Service and Outreach sponsors a Special Offering every fourth Sunday of the month to benefit a service organization that helps those in greater need than ourselves. Through your generous contributions, last month's Special Offering raised \$ 2,138 for the benefit of the UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. In this time of economic uncertainty, we hope you will be able to contribute to those who most need our help. Also, if you support organizations that need the Church's wider support, please let us know. Thank you for your support.

28th Foodshare Walk Against Hunger Results:

The Walk Against Hunger was held on May 1st and First Church Striders and our "spiritual" walkers raised \$1775 for our designated charity Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you all for your support in the fight against hunger. -Service & Outreach



Troop 12 News: June 2011

To celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd a group of Troop 12 Boy Scouts, led by Scout Jake Yearsley, spent 3

hours cleaning up the south side of the Trout Brook Trail in Elmwood. Armed with plastic garbage bags and lots of enthusiasm, the boys, accompanied by Jake's sister, her friend and Troop 12 Scout Leaders, began filling the bags with paper, plastic, bottles, and cans—the usual trash found along such trails. The boys were soon surprised to find three water heater tanks, numerous rubber tires, aluminum and galvanized gutters and downspouts, heavy wire fencing and the remains of an old rusty wheel barrow among many other interesting items. It appeared that local residents might have used this area as a private dump in the past.

In addition to the work, everyone was treated to a number of floral specimens



Troop 12 Boy Scouts with helpers displaying some of the garbage they collected on an Earth Day cleanup along Trout Brook Trail in Elmwood.

such as trout lilies and skunk cabbage and the sounds of redwing black birds, blue jays, and a white-throated sparrow.

Rick DiBella, Grounds Maintenance Manager with the West Hartford Public Works Department and his crew assisted the Scouts by picking up all of the collected garbage. The metal is recycled with the money returned to West Hartford town coffers.

In a ceremony at Smith School on Wednesday evening, May 11th, five Pack 292 Cub Scouts "crossed over" into Troop 12. All five boys also received Arrow of Light distinction.

Troop 12 meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at First Church's Youth Room and welcomes all boys 11 to 18.

Exercise!

Summer is here and it is time to get outside. On a nice day, you can pull out the bicycle or put on your running shoes. Did you know that if the average person walked half an hour a day instead of driving the same distance, national carbon dioxide emissions would be reduced by 64 million tons, the annual carbon dioxide output of New Mexico. 6.5 billion gallons of gasoline would be saved. Plus, Americans would lose in the aggregate over 3 billion pounds. So, leave the car in the driveway and walk or bike. It's great both for you personally and the planet that we all share.

If you have ideas to help us all become more green, please contact Bob IZARD, izard@izardnobel.com.



Knit, Knit, Knit

The knitting ministry meets on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 20, 2011. The group will not meet in July and August and will resume meeting in September.

Christian Meditative YOGA

Sponsored by the C.E. Ministry of First Church

Classes now in session. Please call Nancy Murray 860-521-8186 for more information.

Update: Faith Journeys Program

Thank you to all of the volunteer teachers who made our workshop rotation program run so smoothly this year. Their willingness to share their faith with our children made all the difference!

FuRen Bemis	Kimberly Gimilaro	Laury Currier
Marcy Clewes	Carolyn Joy	Pam Hewitt
Donna Dobbins	Ray Epps	Chuck Calvert
Alan Dobbins	Laura Punt	Carol Lorenzo
Kim Holden	Sadie Southgate	Jimmy Quinn
Margaret Sitkowski	Grace Bugos	Anna Lumbruno
Wendy Wigglesworth	Molly Bugos	
Denise Cosentino		

Together we completed 9 learning rotations:

Covenant and Stewardship • Jonah • The Prophet Isaiah • Christmas Carols
Jesus' Encounters with Others • The Good Samaritan • Easter: Go and Tell
The Great Commission • We are all Fools for Christ

I look forward to next fall when we kick off our new program year with Homecoming Sunday, September 11th. There will be no Church School program on the 4th floor this summer. Childcare will be available each Sunday for infants through Kindergarten on the 2nd floor. Summer Sunday activity bags will again be available for older children remaining in the service. I encourage all families to join us for our Vacation Bible School program July 18th-22nd. Info can be found on our church website whfirstchurch.org.

If your children are in Kindergarten through 7th grade, please have them join us on the 4th floor for our Faith Journeys church school program. We'd love to have them!

*Please contact Dawne Quinn about Kindergarten - 7th Grade Programs:
dawne.quinn@whfirstchurch.org or 860-233-9605 x206*

Summer Vacation Bible School!

First Church will host a super fun Vacation Bible School Program this summer called PandaMania. At PandaMania VBS, kids will explore a bamboo forest full of fun-loving pandas! And Psalm 139 comes to life as kids learn that they are God's most precious creation. We will have crafts, games, music and more. Don't miss this opportunity - register now to be a part of this PandaMania VBS!

When: July 18th-July 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Where: First Church of Christ Congregational

Who: Children entering K through 5th grade in the 2011-2012 school year

Children in 6th-8th grade are invited to register and experience the week as helpers!

How: Register online by clicking the PandaManiaVBS link on our website:

www.whfirstchurch.org

Cost: \$45 for the first child, \$35 each additional child, \$20 for 6-8th grade.

Volunteers are also needed for that week or any portion of the week. There are many ways to help: decorating/set-up, leading a station, creating a prop. Visit the website to find out more.

Questions: Contact Dawne Quinn, VBS Director @ 860-233-9605 ext. 206



Chapel Dedication

The newly renovated Chapel was dedicated on May 1, 2011. We gathered in the Chapel at the end of our 10 a.m. worship service. We prayed a Litany of Thanksgiving during the service. Many thanks to all the Habitat Volunteers who helped to paint the Chapel and all the individuals and families who donated a chair for the Chapel. The renovation could not have taken place without you!

MORE Teacher Thank you's... 3's and 4's Teachers

Kirsti O'Keefe
Brittany Dworman
Alli Ferraro
Michelle Killion
Margaret Coles
Pattie Purcell
Amanda Golas
Laura Punt
Zach Punt
Katie Braiewa

Infant and Toddler Room Caregivers

Jim Mieczkowski
Ric Barry
Rachel Tenney
Michelle Killion
Alli Ferraro
Margaret Coles



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A CLASSIFIED AD Help Wanted

First Church of Christ Congregational Church, UCC, West Hartford seeks a Youth Coordinator for the senior youth (grades 8-12) ministry program. This person will also be the support staff person for the junior youth (grades 5-7) ministry program to provide safe church compliance. 10 hours per week. Coordinator will provide a creative, interactive youth ministry with a balance of fun, fellowship, service, and discussions that support the faith journey of our youth. A supportive and active church environment encourages creativity and flexibility and is open to new models of youth ministry.

The candidate(s) should have experience with youth, enthusiasm, willingness to work in collaboration with others, and love for Christ. Contact: For job descriptions and further information, please call Rev. Barbara Frey at 860-233-9605 x102 or e-mail rev.barbara.frey@whfirstchurch.org. Resumes may be sent to the church: 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107; attn. Youth Coordinator Search.

The Children's Home of Cromwell

The Board of Service & Outreach will be continuing to collect items for the Children's Home of Cromwell (CHoC) during the summer. There is a complete list available in the auditorium hallway, as well as on the church's website. Some items are: pool and beach toys, goggles, fishing equipment, bathing suits and tickets to Lake Compounce. Items may be brought to the aud. hallway on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, or left in the church office. Joanne T. White is the Director of Human Resources at The Children's Home. She will continue to collect things to deliver to the kids there. Thank you for your support!



Items may be brought to auditorium hallway on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month or to the church office.

CHoC Summer Wish List

- Sunscreen
- Goggles
- Pool Toys (diving rings, sticks, noodles, splash toys, water volleyball, blow up rafts, etc.)
- Bathing Suits
- Flip/Flops
- Sleeping Bags
- Fishing Equipment
- Insect Repellents (non aerosol)
- Flashlights
- Pillows
- Fitted Sheets
- Notebooks
- Pens
- Gift cards to restaurants
- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Tickets to summer activities (Rock Cats, Six Flags, Lake Compounce, Baseball games, etc.)
- Arts and Crafts materials
- Sneakers
- Beach towels
- Sunglasses
- Coolers
- Beach balls
- Beach toys (for older children such as beach volleyball, paddleball, floating items, wakeboards.)
- Softball gloves