

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10 February 2013

10 o'clock in the morning



Stormy Sea by Ivan Constantinovich Aivazovsky, 19th century

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The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

It is not by chance you are here today. Some conspiracy of providence, will and need have led your feet through these doors and we are glad you are here. We hope that the music, the scriptures, preaching and the praying will form their own plot for good while you're here and that you will feel genuinely and warmly welcomed to this church and this congregation. If you are visiting with us, please make yourself known to one of the pastors and do join us for a time of coffee and conversation after the service in the auditorium (out the back, left and up the stairs). God bless you.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

‡Seating of latecomers.

PRELUDE

Alleluia Fanfare

The Palmer Handbell Choir

Fred Gramann (b. 1950)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Daniel B. England

MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY – “Keep the Faith”

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

***‡HYMN**

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 322

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Lord, we have come here seeking many intangibles that make life worth living. Some have come here looking for comfort, others for challenge. All of us have come for support, friendship and love. Grant your presence with us this morning that our needs may be met, even the need to do good towards others.

Strengthen, we pray, our commitment to Christ and to each other, to this faith community wherein safety and peace prevail that we might truly find our best selves, our highest calling and the beginning of a life everlasting. We pray all these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*GLORIA

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH DELEGATES AND ADVISORS TO NICARAGUA

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. John W. Collins

(After the Children's Message, the Church School children and teachers will leave for their classrooms. Children in second grade and older will leave independently. Children in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers at the back of the Meetinghouse (narthex) and will go to their classrooms as a group.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Rick Woodman

Job 1:13-17

One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside

them, and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was still speaking, another came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was still speaking, another came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.”

SCRIPTURE ANTHEM

Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord

The Chancel Choir

Undine Moore (1904-1989)

Christopher Pfund, tenor

Vasil Golodinskii, bass

SECOND LESSON

Olivia Hartwell

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*‡HYMN

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

New Century (black) Hymnal 441

SERMON

Calm Down

Rev. Daniel B. England

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Avery C. Manchester

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus

Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano

Arr. Hall Johnson (1880-1970)

*DOXOLOGY

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN

When Peace, Like a River

New Century (black) Hymnal 438

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on St. Denio

Jayson Engquist, organ

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

** Please join us for Coffee Hour following the worship service.*



Music Notes:

Two of the great arrangers of spirituals are featured this morning. Undine Moore was the first scholarship recipient from the Juilliard

Graduate School to study music at Fisk University, where she received her undergraduate degree. Moore taught at the Virginia State College from 1927 until she retired in 1970. Her choral works have been performed all over the world.

Hall Johnson was one of the giants in the spiritual composer/arranger world. Johnson's early musical influence is credited to his grandmother, a former slave who exposed him to spirituals. He attended Atlanta University and graduated from Allen University, then he continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the Juilliard School and the University of Southern California. In 1925, Johnson formed the *Hall Johnson Negro Choir* where he wanted "to show how the American Negro slaves--in 250 years of constant practice, self-developed under pressure but equipped with their inborn sense of rhythm and drama (plus their new religion)--created, propagated and illuminated an art-form which was, and still is, unique in the world of music."

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Peter McLennan by Kathy and daughters.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday. Your children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website: www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today our children will learn about 10 men who Jesus healed and the only one who said "Thank You." The story reminds us that saying thank you to God - or anyone else who helps us - is the best way to show love and appreciation. The 3rd Graders will join the 2nd

Graders in Room 203. Next Sunday is a Big Event in Room 104 where we will explore ways the Church School can participate in the Outreach Lenten Offering. Regular classes resume on Sunday, February 24. We hope if you are on vacation this week that it is relaxing and fun.

Bible Study

Bible study will resume this morning at 11:20 am in the Lounge. We will be finishing up the book of James, ethically enlightening but in some places troubling. Dan England will present a theory that might help mitigate the harshness. Next week we will pick up Timothy Keller's book, *Generous Justice*, Chapter 6. Come see what all the fuss is about.



Choir Rehearsals

There is no Cherub Choir rehearsal today, however, Youth Choir will rehearse from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm in the Choir Room and Children's Choir will rehearse from 11:15 am to 12 Noon in Room 303 (Craig's office).

Sunday Afternoons Live: *February 10, 4:00 pm*

The focus of our *Sunday Afternoons Live* series this year is *The Greenwich Connection*. All the performers have a connection to our church, either current or past. Our *February 10* concert entitled "*We Are Family!*" features our very own amazingly talented singers and accompanists who have been a part of the fabric of our church, making this special afternoon of vocal music an event of the century! Performers include Linnea Conley, Hanna Golodinskii, Donald Haviland, Jon Hunt, Mark Montgomery, Carolyn Paulus, Lynette and Christopher Pfund, Craig Symons, and Carol and Tom Woodman. The afternoon will be narrated by Greenwich "Town Ambassador," Bea Crumbine. Held in the acoustical splendor of the First Congregational Auditorium, admission to this program is \$20 per person (\$5 for students; children are free) and coffee, tea, and sweet treats will be served.



Our 5 pm *linc* service will be **suspended for the month of February**

so that all may attend our very special *Sunday Afternoons Live* series each Sunday throughout the month. *Linc* will return on March 3.

THIS WEEK

Wonderful "Ash" Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is this week on *February 13*, and, like last year, we are having another Wonderful Wednesday on this day, concluding with a brief worship. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and we will break into groups led by Rev. Collins, Rev. Manchester, Rosemary Lamie and Craig Symons. (Please see the [February Meetinghouse Monthly](#) for descriptions of these groups.) The evening will conclude by 8:00 pm. You'll want to attend this special evening to begin the Lenten season with your church family. **RSVP to Barbara Wilkov at barbaraw@fccog.org or call 203-637-1791 ext. 24.** This is important so we can plan dinner. See you on Wednesday!

Hats Off Book Discussion Group

Hats Off continues "traveling" from the tale of David McCullough's *The Greater Journey - Americans in Paris* to our new selection beginning February 14 - *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain. Here is a review - "*The Innocents Abroad*" is a travel book by American author Mark Twain published in 1869 which humorously chronicles what Twain called his "Great Pleasure Excursion" on board the chartered vessel "Quaker City" through Europe and the Holy Land. It was the best selling of Twain's works during his lifetime and one of the best selling travel books of all time." Join our book study group on Thursday mornings in the Lounge from 10:00 -11:30 am. Any questions please call Debbie Berner at 203-629-1110.

NEXT WEEK

Nights Off

The *Nights Off* women's group will be meeting for a Valentine's celebration and get-together on *Monday, February 18* at the home of Kathy Riley. Dessert will be provided. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Also, please bring along a sweet item of food to be donated to the food pantry. It can be cake or brownie mix, chocolate



chips, packages of Jello or cookies. What-ever is given is appreciated. All women of the church are invited to join in this celebration. Call a friend and invite them to come along. All some people need is that invite. Any questions please call Shirley Flierl at (203)629-4939 or email FBTWorld@aol.com.

Parenting 411 Workshop:

Co-Sponsored by First Church Preschool and Church School

Join us for a special parenting workshop entitled, "*Support and Strategies for Coping with Your Child's Challenging Behavior*," on *Thursday, February 21*, 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Daniels Center. The workshop will bring together a panel of experts, each of whom offers a unique approach to helping parents become more effective in relating with and parenting their children. Come at 6:30 pm and have dinner first; the panel discussion will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be child care available. RSVP to Darla Kohler, First Church Preschool Director at darlak@fccog.org or 203-637-5430. We need to know the number of people attending, including the number of children, by **Tuesday, February 19**.



NEWS AND NOTICES

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

February Events Calendar:

Monday, February 11: 50% off all Valentine's clothing and items, including the color red, through Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14.

Thursday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day.

Monday, February 18: President's Day sale with 50% off EVERYTHING in the shop.

Monday, February 25: Three day store-wide 50% off clearance sale through Wednesday, February 27.

Thursday, February 28: First day of bag sale. Each filled bag will sell at \$12 per bag.

Friday, March 1: Second day of bag sale; \$8 per filled bag.

Saturday, March 2: Third day of bag sale and the price drops to \$1 per bag. Everything MUST go.

Monday, March 4: THE RUMMAGE ROOM REOPENS AT 1:00 pm with all "new" Spring clothing and accessories. Everything in the shop will be "new."

Wish list for February: Spring clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, good bric-a-brac, bikes, strollers and small furniture.

Shopping hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and on Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Donation hours: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Tai Chi Fitness with Luis Duarte



Improve your balance, health and well being. Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00

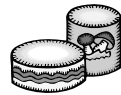
am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$7 per class if paid by the month, and \$8 per class for "drop ins." Join us! You'll love it! **All are welcome. Good for all levels.** **NOTE:** The

Wednesday morning class needs more attendees or it will no longer be available. Please pass this information along to anyone you think might be interested. Here is a quote from a very happy participant:

Luis is an outstanding instructor. I always leave feeling refreshed, invigorated in a gentle way, and my body is grateful. Every joint is gently moved and soothed. It is so wonderful. Come to Tai Chi and see the benefits for yourself!

Food Collection

There continues to be great need for food at Neighbor to Neighbor, between the hurricane and the holiday season. Please remember to contribute food each week. The Food Collection Barrel remains in the back of the



Meetinghouse. Adding a few items to your weekly grocery store visit will continue to make a significant difference at Neighbor to

Neighbor. Items in need include: Cereal, pasta sauce, dried beans, canned tomatoes, smaller size peanut butter, jelly and 100% juice.

If you've forgotten your food items this morning, feel free to email fccoghungermission@gmail.com with your contact information and someone will pick up the food from your home.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by The Chancel Choir:

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace,

Arr. Moses Hogan

Give Me Jesus, Arr. Mark Hayes

Solo by Hanna Golodinskii

Rev. Avery Manchester preaching



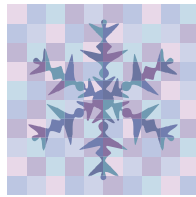
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