

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*  
*Founded in 1665*

**Heritage Sunday**

**12 June 2016**

10 o'clock in the morning



“Friend” ~ American Sign Language

*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.*



Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich! We are a joyful community, diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. Please join us, directly following the Annual Meeting, for our Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting).

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in E minor*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

#### **CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING**

*Car Westbrook*

#### **HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION**

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Meghan D. Young*

*Leader: People of God, look about creation and see the faces of those we know and love - relatives and neighbors, old friends and new friends - a communion of kindred hearts.*

*People: **Look about and see the faces of those we hardly know - strangers, sojourners, all here to give thanks and praise to God.***

*Leader: People of God look about and see the images of God assembled here today.*

*People: **In me, in you, in each of us everywhere. God's Spirit shines for all to see!***

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \* HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 66

### UNISON PRAYER

You have blessed us, O God, with the gift of friendship,  
the bonding of persons in a circle of love.

We thank you for such a blessing: for friends who love us,  
who share our sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration,  
who bear our pain, who need us as we need them,  
who weep as we weep, who hold us when words fail,  
and who give us the freedom to be ourselves.

Bless our friends with health, wholeness, life, and love.

We ask this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray:

### 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.

*Following the Lord's Prayer, children will leave with Rosemary for  
Church School – Summer Faith.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Barbara Norrgard*

### Job 2: 11 - 13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had  
come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the  
Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met  
together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him  
from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their  
voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air  
upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and

seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

*From New Revised Standard Edition*

**SOLO**

*O rest in the Lord from Elijah*

*Linnea Conley, mezzo soprano  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,  
And He shall give thee thy hearts desires.  
Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him,  
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.  
O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**Luke 5: 17-26**

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the one who was paralyzed—"I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

*From New Revised Standard Edition*

**SERMON**  
*Good Friends*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

**\*HYMN**  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 335

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*Wendy Reynolds*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
*A Jubilant Song*

*The Summer Choir*  
Allen Pote (b. 1945)

*Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,  
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.*

*Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia; Tell of His salvation from day to day.  
Shout His marvelous works among the people, for great is the Lord,  
great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*

*Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,  
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.  
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

**\*HYMN**  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 272

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*We all believe in one true God*

J. S. Bach

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*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.*

*Please join us for Community Hour in the Memory Garden (weather permitting) following the Annual Meeting.*

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Today's flowers are given in loving memory of her mother and father, Dorothy and Frank Crabill, by Linda Dowling.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed. We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable *and* still be part of worship. Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations.

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](http://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.

# Heritage Sunday

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich  
is proud to honor its members of fifty years or more*

## 1936

Carolyn Wright Ashwell

## 1937

Betty Sleath

## 1942

Barbara Firth Kneen

## 1943

Joyce Grossberndt Ferris

## 1944

Jane Curtis Stratton Watts

## 1948

Nancy R. Hoffman

## 1949

Donald Freeman

Ruth Gisborne Reed

## 1950

Erling Andersen

Helen B. (Tinkie) Daniels

Dorothy Dalenz Perna Robertson

## 1951

Phyllis Carlson Freeman

Gifford Reed

## 1952

Dorothy Pidgursky

Barbara Van Buren

William C. Henry

E. William Fossum

## 1953

John Denne

Claire Gisborne Henry

Diane Magness Andersen

Benito Menegon

## 1954

Caralliene Westbrook

## 1955

Helen Hagner

Larry Haviland

## 1956

Lawrence Dickie

Virginia Liddel

Betsy Pearson

## 1957

Tina Birkic

Emily Jostrand

Donna Magness Gargagliano

Marcia Livingston

**1958**

Barbara Hopkins  
Jane Ann Henry Ives  
Stanley Rand III  
Barbara Van Buren Richmond

**1959**

Carol Dinmore  
Pat Geismar  
Henry Hull III  
Janet Klingner  
Roland Klingner  
Carol Mawhinney  
Darleyne Sandreuter  
James Starkweather  
Mary Starkweather

**1960**

Marian Cordner  
Dorothy Fisk  
Ronald Weigner

**1961**

Patricia Schmitt  
Martha (Marti) Stisser  
C. Webb Williams

**1962**

H. Kent Atkins  
Bernice Whittemore

**1963**

Lynn O’Gorman

**1964**

Inge Thalheim

**1965**

Robyn Helmer  
Jonathan Henry  
Richard Lewis  
Richard Mawhinney  
John Norrgard  
Barbara Norrgard  
William Savage  
Irene Savage  
Peter Schieferdecker  
Nettie Schieferdecker  
Mary Ann Chidsey

**1966**

Judy Coleman  
Stephen Weigner

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### **Call to Special Meeting**

*June 12, 2016*

A Special Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT is hereby called for **TODAY**, Sunday, June 12, 2016 in the Meetinghouse immediately following the 10 am worship service for the following purposes:

- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers and Committee members and to fill certain other positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016;
- To adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016;
- To hear certain reports of the pastors, officers and committees;
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

#### **Church School – Summer Faith**

Today we begin our summer church school routine. At the time indicated in your bulletin, children ages 5 – 10 who want to join in our one room program called “Summer Faith” can leave the sanctuary with Rosemary and helpers for a new adventure every week. Children 3 and 4 years old are welcome in child care or in Summer Faith depending on the number and ages of children. For safety considerations, we need to be mindful of the age range of children together. We also need to have two adults with each group at all times.

On June 26 we begin “Bible Stories at the Beach” at the 8 am service. We look forward to seeing our children anytime during the summer that they can be here!

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### NEWS AND NOTICES

#### **Beach Services Return Sunday, June 19 - Youth Sunday**

Join us for Youth Sunday, as our Youth Choir sings and our Youth lead us in worship at *both* the Beach and Sanctuary services. Beach Services are at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday. We’re trying some new and

creative things this summer, so come and join us for this casual service. If the Beach Service is canceled due to inclement weather, a notice in red will be posted on our website by 7:30 am and a white piece of paper will be taped to the sermon sign on the church lawn. The 10:00 am service in the Meetinghouse will continue every Sunday throughout the summer.

### **Summer Choir – All Welcome!**

Please join us on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, starting at **9:00 am in the Meetinghouse** for a warm-up and rehearsal of the music being sung that morning. Come any Sunday that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship, and it's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).

\*Note: June 19 is Youth Sunday. They will be leading the entire service, so there will be NO Summer Choir that morning.

### **Nights Off Meeting**

Nights off will meet at the Beach at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 20th. Please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you want to drink. Go around the point and use the first parking lot. Walk down a little and we will be at one of the picnic tables.

We will NOT meet if there is bad weather. Any questions email Shirley Flierl at [fbtworld@aol](mailto:fbtworld@aol). If you have an issue getting in due to the lack of a beach pass please let us know and we will try to work something out so you can get in.

### **VAL TUTSON, Storyteller, Wednesday, June 22, 6-8PM**

Bring your own picnic dinner and listen to the mesmerizing storytelling of a nationally-acclaimed storyteller. We will provide beverages and the fixins' for make-your-own sundaes. This is our gift to the community, so bring your friends and enjoy!

### **Caregiver Support Group**

This group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend. The group offers a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group meets on the first Sunday of the month from 11:15 am–12:00 pm in the Binney Conference Room.

Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister and group facilitator can be reached at 203-588-9896 or email dorothymueller1@gmail.com with any questions.

### **Refugee Task Force**

As we prepare an application to sponsor a refugee family, the Refugee Task force is making a list of affordable 2 or 3 bedroom rental houses and apartments that would be convenient for public transportation, schools and shopping. If you are aware of any such property in Greenwich or Stamford, please contact Jean Bruder at 203-661-1685 or gfbruder1@verizon.net.

### **News from The Rummage Room**

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

#### **Monday, June 13:**

Go to [www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage room](http://www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room) for items 50% off for the week.

**Gifts from the Rummage Room for Father's Day:** Business shirts, ties, suits, and sport coats. Golf shirts; slacks; belts; tee shirts and more.

**Manager Leanne's Wish List:** Framed Art Work; CD's; DVD's; Handbags and Jewelry.

#### **Shop Hours:**

10:00 - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday

10:00 - 1:00 pm Saturday

#### **Donations:**

9:30 - 4:30 pm Monday-Thursday

9:30 - 12:30 pm Saturday.

**NOTICE: JULY 16 IS LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 - THE DAY AFTER REOPENING, MONDAY, AUGUST 29.**

*"You can't take money to your grave. Not your wife, not your children, not your wealth. All you can take to your grave are your deeds."*

Muhammad Ali (1942-2016)



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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

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