

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Music & Friendship Sunday

11 May 2014

10 o'clock in the morning



*A Festival of Hymns
By Hal H. Hopson*

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 Music & Friendship Sunday at First Congregational Church of Greenwich. It has been said that “music is the universal language of love” and this love is exemplified in the words of the hymns we have learned throughout our lives. Many of these hymns remain near to our hearts and go beyond what we can verbalize about our relationship with God and one another. This service is participatory! We hope you will raise your voices in praise to the One who breathed us into life and carry these tunes for the rest of your week.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE

Serenade

Chimings of Great Joy

Franz Joseph Haydn; Arr. Michael Bedford

Dan Edwards

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. John W. Collins

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day That the Lord Has Made!

The Cherub Choir

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jackson Everett Toohey, son of Rebecca A. and Patrick D. Toohey

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 1)

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS: *The Writers Tell Their Stories*

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

(If you wish, you may keep the hymn insert. If not, please place it in one of the baskets at the back of the Meetinghouse)

PARTICIPANTS

The Cherub Choir: *Donald Haviland, director*
Debbie Berner, piano

The Children's Choir: *Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director*
Vance Briceland, accompanist

The Youth Choir: *Carolyn Paulus, director*
Vance Briceland, accompanist

The Chancel Choir: *Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director/accompanist*

The Palmer Handbells: *Dr. Craig Scott Symons, director*

Organist: *Jonathan Ryan, Assistant Director of Music*
Christ Church, Greenwich

Trumpets: *Joe Sabia and Anthony Sabia*

Handbells: *Katherine Trumble and Vance Briceland*

Soloists:

Shall We Gather at the River *Olivia Hartwell, soprano*

Blessed Assurance *Lynette Pfund, soprano*

Christopher Pfund, tenor

Guide My Feet *Thomas Woodman, bass*

Lord of the Dance *Alex Mair, bass*

Shaw Speer, tenor

Writers:

Traveling Pilgrim: Daniel Lepoutre

Bishop Ambrose: Thomas Woodman

Martin Luther: Stuart McCalley

John Calvin: *Alex Mair*
Isaac Watts: *John Collins*
Charles Wesley: *Avery Manchester*
Catherine Winkworth: *Pat Geismar*
Robert Lowry: *Dick Peebles*
Fanny Crosby: *Barbara Norrgard*
John Wesley Work: *Barry Wentworth*
Robert Escamilla: *Juan Leon*
Sidney Carter: *Joe McBride*

*Following worship, please join us in the Memory Garden
for Strawberries, Croissants, and Whipped Cream,
served to you by the Music Committee.*

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of Catherine G. Weigner, by her husband, Arthur, and sons, Ronald and Stephen, and in loving memory of Dorothy and Frank Crabill by their daughter, Linda Dowling.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in our Preschool classrooms. 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.

New Members Who Joined in April and May

Elizabeth and Ford Barker, 292 Sound Beach Avenue, #3, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 203-858-2171.

The Barkers come to First Congregational by Reaffirmation of Faith. Elizabeth is a teacher at Brunswick School and Ford is a Tanker Broker with MJLF & Associates. They enjoy boating, skiing and other outdoor activities, including walking their Jack Russell Terrier, Fiona. Elizabeth and Ford are happily awaiting the arrival of their first child in September.



Elizabeth (Liz) Fox, 23 Connecticut Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830, 203-536-2915. Liz comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway, and, in her spare time, enjoys gardening, reading, painting and going to the beach. Liz is Elizabeth Barker's mother (see above).



Shauna Dellascenza, 25 Valley Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807, 203-354-2739. Shauna comes to First Congregational by Reaffirmation of Faith. Shauna is a Retail Manager with Restoration Hardware and enjoys traveling, fashion, music and fitness. Family and friends are her passion and she loves spending time with her husband and their two daughters, Lola (8) and Amelie (6).



Lina Gao, 1465 East Putnam Avenue, #124, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 203-979-8608. Lina comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in Tianjin, China and studied Mechanical Engineering in China before coming to the United States to get her MBA in Finance.



Lina has been a Greenwich resident since 2003. She loves sailing, swimming, tennis, horseracing and playing poker.

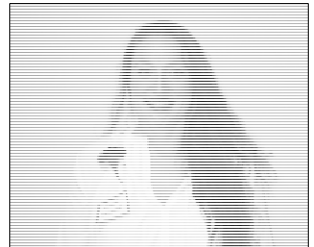
Sarah and Torsten Sippel, 32 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870, 203-344-1275. The Sippels come to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. Torsten works for UBS in Stamford and Sarah is a stay-at-home mom to their daughters, Shay (5 years) and Ella (3 months), and son, Campbell (3 years). The family enjoys biking, swimming and other outdoor activities.



Rebecca Toohey, 11 Cary Road, Riverside, CT 06878, 908-930-5302. Rebecca comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a Merchandise Manager with Hanes Brands, Inc. in New York. Rebecca and her husband, Patrick, enjoy sports, spending time outdoors and being active. They also have a love of art, which they have happily passed onto their son, Jackson (turning 2 in June).



Fiona Venema, 60 Orchard Street, Cos Cob, CT 06807, 347-549-0920. Fiona comes to First Congregational Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a stay-at-home mom who loves cooking, gardening and hanging out with her family, husband, Willem, and daughter, Lynna-Marie (3). The family is looking forward to spending time at the beach and sailing this summer.



Calendar

TODAY

Church School

There are no Church School classes today, but child care is still available.

Bible Study

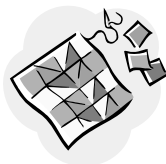
Bible Study will be meeting today at 11:20 am in the Lounge. We will be continuing our study of the Psalms. All are welcome even if you haven't been before. Led by Rev. Dan England.

Choir Rehearsals

There are no choir rehearsals today.

Last Chance to Buy Annual Quilt Raffle Tickets!

Tickets for the 44th Annual Quilt Raffle are available for purchase during Coffee Hour today for **\$5 each**. The raffle will take place *this Wednesday, May 14* at the *Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon*. The drawing for the quilt will take place at Noon. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are also available in the Church Office and an order form is included in the May Meetinghouse Monthly. The Kettle Quilters have created a beautiful quilt this year in a version of the classic *Log Cabin* pattern and all proceeds of the raffle are donated to support charitable organizations that benefit women, children and families.



THIS WEEK

Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting/Luncheon is being held this *Wednesday, May 14*, at 11:30 am in the Auditorium. The



annual Quilt Raffle will take place at Noon followed by lunch. Our program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of The Rummage Room and will feature Stefanie Kies, musical entertainer (pictured here). Wear your favorite Rummage Room outfit or accessory!

Reservations by check for **\$10.00/person** are a **MUST** and must be left in the Church Office by **TODAY**. Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship, Att: Annual Meeting. We regret that we cannot accommodate reservations by phone, walk-ins, or reservations without payment.

Hats Off Book Group

Our *Hats Off* book study group has chosen its last selection before our summer break - *The Imperfectionists* by Mark Rachman. This novel features highly original and authentic characters, and a very timely theme: the demise of the printed newspaper. The setting is in Rome. A *New York Times* book reviewer writes, "the novel is alternately hilarious and heart-wrenching and it's assembled like a Rubik's cube." Come and join us on **Thursday** mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Lounge. Books are available in the Church Office. We've enjoyed a splendid assortment of 9 books read from September-June. Any questions please call Debbie Berner at 203-629-1110.



For Moms of Very Young Children

Join our Moms' Group in May. If you have a baby, toddler and/or 2 year old, join us for an opportunity to meet and relax with other moms and their young children. The group meets the second and fourth Friday of every month (next meeting is *Friday, May 23*) from 9:30-10:30 am in Room 104. For more information, contact Kristen Jacks at kunj33z@yahoo.com or 203-344-1961.



NEWS AND NOTICES

Nights Off Women's Group

The gathering of the *Nights Off* women's group has been **cancelled for May**. Instead, please plan to attend the *Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting and Luncheon* on **May 14**. In June, weather permitting, *Nights Off* will meet down at the beach (Tod's Point) on **June 16**. More info will be announced in the Sunday bulletins two weeks before and the Friday email blast just before the date. Any questions or to be added to the *Nights Off* email list, contact Shirley Flierl at FBTworld@aol.com or 203-629-4939.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, 203-637-1875
Sunday, May 11: Have a Happy, Happy Mother's Day!

Monday, May 12 through May 31: Manager Maria invites you to come in and shop for the many different categories of clothing and accessories you may need in this lovely month of May. *It is the month of PROMS, GRADUATIONS, and COMMENCEMENTS, and/or just for celebrating Spring!* There are tuxedos, tuxedo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, suits and ties for men and boys. And long dresses, short dresses, shoes, hats, handbags and jewelry for ladies and girls.

Wednesday May 14: The Women's Fellowship Annual Spring Luncheon will be held in the church Auditorium at 11:30 am. The program will honor The Rummage Room's 50 years of service to the community and many parts of the world. See the Women's Fellowship announcement in this bulletin for further details.

Manager's Wish List: Dresses for proms, graduations and commencements. Tuxedos, shirts, suits, ties, shoes for above events and Father's Day coming in June. Also, adult bikes.

Shopping Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 1:00 pm.

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

The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority. ~Ralph W. Sockman, American Clergyman.

Tai Chi Has Returned!

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class, \$8 for seniors. Join us! You'll love it! **All are welcome.**



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

May 18, 2014

Confirmation Sunday

Music by:

The Youth Choir

Many Gifts, One Spirit by Allen Pote

The Chancel Choir

True Light by Keith Hampton

Lynette Pfund, soprano

Ich folge dir gleichfalls (I Follow You with Joyful Steps)

from *St. John Passion* by J. S. Bach

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