

*Old Greenwich,  
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

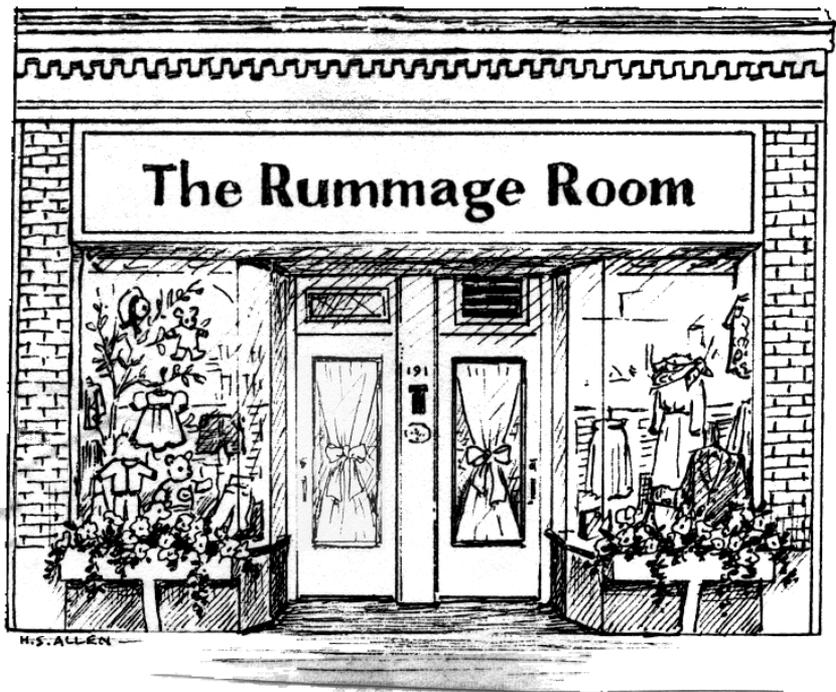
*United Church  
of Christ*

*Founded in 1665*

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday**

**5 October 2014**

10 o'clock in the morning



**Celebrating The Rummage Room's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*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 this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. May this hour revive your soul, refresh your spirit and compel you to embody the extravagant forgiveness and love of Christ.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand.

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

#### **THE RUMMAGE ROOM 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION**

*Marcia Livingston, Chair of The Rummage Room Committee  
Cynthia DeRiemer, Women's Fellowship*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.*

*People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.*

*Leader: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

*People: We feast on the abundance of your house;*

*Leader: You give us drink from your river of delights.*

*People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!*

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

#### **\*HYMN**

*Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts* New Century (black) Hymnal 329

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Rev. Mark D. Montgomery*

## 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.*

*Refrain:*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*The bible tells me so.*

*(As we all sing Jesus Loves Me, the 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

*Olivia Hartwell*

### Proverbs 31:10-25

*(selected verses)*

**A** capable woman who can find?  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

ANTHEM

*A Symphony of Praise*

*The Youth Choir*

Dana Mengel

*Carolyn Paulus, director*

*Vance Briceland, piano*

SECOND LESSON

*Olga Hartwell*

Acts 16:11-15

**W**e set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*From New Revised Standard Version*

\*HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table* New Century (black) Hymnal 332

SERMON

*WWJG?*

*Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### CALL TO OFFERING

*Rev. Avery C. Manchester*

### ANTHEM

*O Clap Your Hands*

*The Chancel Choir*  
John Rutter (b. 1943)

*O clap your hands together all ye people!  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the lord is high and to be feared;  
He is the great king upon all the earth*

*He shall subdue the people under us;  
And the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us,  
even the worship of Jacob whom he loved*

*God is gone up with a merry noise,  
and the lord with the sound of the trump.*

*Oh sing praises, sing praises unto our God.  
Oh sing praises, sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the king upon all the earth.  
Sing ye praises with understanding.*

*O clap your hands all ye people.*

### \*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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## INVITATION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(in unison)*

O Christ, Living Bread, from the world with its abundance, which does not satisfy our hunger, we turn to you. O Christ, Living Water, from the world with its floods, which do not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. Gather up the broken fragments of our lives and make us whole again. Bring us back into community with you and all of your children, that our spiritual hunger may be nourished with the Bread of Life. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *The Chancel Choir Section Leaders*  
*O Come, Everyone that Thirsteth*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

*We thank you, O God, for these moments of communion with you and each other. By these actions, we have renewed our commitment to bear your name and to follow you wherever you lead us. O Lord God, your great name be praised. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

### \*HYMN

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 13

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Memory Garden following the worship service (weather permitting) for a continuation of The Rummage Room 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.*

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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. On Church School Sundays, we also have a class for 3 and 4 year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### **Church School**

Today most classes are learning about Hannah. We encourage all our families to come to our child-friendly Coffee Hour. Every week we will be adding some new child feature. Check out what's there today. Also, join us for the CROP Walk today! Warm-up activities start at 1:30 pm today at Second Congregational Church and the walk begins at 2:00. Hope to see you there!

#### **Parish Nurse**

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

#### **Children and Youth Choir Rehearsals**

**Cherub Choir (grades K-2):** Room 104 (basement near the Daniels Center), 11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Donald Haviland, director.

**Children's Choir (grades 3-6):** Room 303 (Craig's office, 3rd floor)  
11:15 am - 12:00 pm - Craig Symons, director.

**Youth Choir (grades 7-12):** Choir Room (3rd floor), 11:15 am -  
12:15 pm - Carolyn Paulus, director.

### **Bible Study is Back!!**

Join us *TODAY* at 11:30 am in the Lounge when Rev. Avery Manchester will lead an informational meeting to discuss a plan for moving forward with a new study discussion of the Bible. Come and give your input. The NEW Bible Study will then begin on *Sunday, November 2* and continue through *December 7*.

### **CROP Hunger Walk is TODAY!**

The Greenwich/Port Chester/Rye CROP Hunger Walk is TODAY at 2 pm beginning at Second Congregational Church in Greenwich. After an easy walk through downtown Greenwich, the walk ends at Christ Church two miles away. We have a FCCOG Youth team and everyone is welcome to join them. Even if you can't join the walk today, please donate to the FCCOG Youth Team! You can access information and make a donation online at [crophungerwalk.org/greenwichct](http://crophungerwalk.org/greenwichct) or just show up this afternoon!



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## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Celebrating World Food Day**

First Church supports the work of Greenwich World Hunger Association and invites you to join in on *Thursday, October 16* as we celebrate World Food Day and draw attention to the Greenwich



World Hunger Association projects currently underway in developing countries. *The Harvest Party* will be held at the Tomes-Higgins House, 216 East Putnam Ave., just east of Christ Church on the same campus, from 6:00 -8:00 pm. Come to hear representatives from the field describe their life-altering projects in developing

countries and enjoy some wine and cheese and some inspiring conversation. RSVP to Sally Kao Jackson at 203-918-5282 or [sallykao.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:sallykao.jackson@gmail.com). For more information, visit: [www.GreenwichWorldHunger.org](http://www.GreenwichWorldHunger.org).

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

**News from The Rummage Room**  
*191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich*  
*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!*

**October 1, 1964 to October 5, 2014:** The Rummage Room is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as part of today's Worship Service. "*The Best Little Halloween Shop in Old Greenwich*" is now open for your shopping pleasure. Come in soon for the best selections of costumes and decorations.

**Maria's Wish List:** Halloween costumes and decorations; jewelry, handbags, fall and winter clothing.

**Shop Hours:** Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm & on Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Donation Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday and Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

**The Women's Fellowship Mission Statement for The Rummage Room has always been:** All proceeds go to women and children's organizations in support of their many needs. The Rummage Room Committee, currently chaired by Marcia Livingston, thanks you for your continued support. And hats off to Nancy McConnell, The Rummage Room Committee, the Women's Fellowship of First Church and Barbara



Wilkov for the many hours they have invested in bringing us this weekend's 50th Anniversary Celebration. And a special thank you to Stephanie Keyes and her band who entertained at The Rummage Room for the festivities on Saturday!

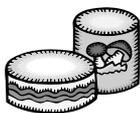
**Thought for THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS:** *Whatever your talent, use it in every way possible. Spend it lavishly like a millionaire intent on going broke.* ~Brendon Francis

### **Tai Chi Classes**

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. Join us! You can even just drop in. **All are welcome.**

## Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

Please remember those in need and donate food items to Neighbor to Neighbor. Items especially needed at this time include: Canned fruit, canned meat (i.e. Spam, ravioli, chili), dry beans (black, kidney) and soup. Please remember that a Food Collection barrel/bin remains in the back of the Meetinghouse all year long.



***Come One, Come Y'all  
to First Church's  
Barn Dance!***

***Saturday, November 1  
5:00-8:00 pm  
Riverside Elementary School***

*Supper, live music, dancing,  
games and fun!  
RSVP by October 24*

Visit [fccog.org](http://fccog.org) (under News You Can Use)  
for more details.

### ***Next Week at First Congregational Church***

**10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

**Music by:**

**The Chancel Choir:**

*Alleluia Psallat* by William Mathias

**Hanna Golodinskii, soprano:**

*My Shield and My Defense* by Benedetto Marcello

**Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr. preaching**

Where to find us:

[www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org), Facebook, Twitter,  
YouTube, Instagram



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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

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