

# FaithWorks

Volume 57 Issue 4

May 2017



Still basking in the glow of our glorious Easter celebrations, with daffodils fully in bloom and the rest of the flowers of spring ready to burst forth in color, my thoughts turn to the many things happening in our congregation between now and the more relaxed summer months. Before you know it, **Children's Day** will be here (May 21) and then we celebrate the Confirmation of our young disciples (June 4). With sadness and celebration, we will bid farewell to John Parsons on June 11. Our beloved "Mr. P." will retire after more than 37 years of leading our congregation through beautiful music. We have much to celebrate between now and the advent of summer.

For the summer months, the Board of Deacons and I have decided to try something new with our worship schedule. Beginning on July 2, we will hold two worship services on Sunday mornings, one at 8:00 a.m. and another at 10:00 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. service will continue as it always has, brief worship which includes a hymn, sermon and communion. The 10:00 a.m. service will vary from week to week. On the first Sunday of each month, (July 2, August 6, and September 3) there will be a traditional communion service with traditional hymns and organ. The worship services on July 16 and August 20 will also use traditional hymns and feature either the Gallery Singers (our traditional choir) or other special music. The remaining services (July 9, 23 and 30, and August 13 and 27) will be in our contemporary style with music leadership provided by our contemporary worship group, Branches. Except for the first Sundays of the month when we will have a traditional communion service, we will celebrate communion by intinction each week.

We will gather at Camp Sloper for our wonderful Rally Day celebration and picnic on September 10 at 11:00 a.m. and return to our normal worship schedule on September 17, as we celebrate the First Day of Church School.

The Board of Deacons and I hope that this more relaxed approach to services during the summer will allow more people to participate in worship each week. We look forward to all that God has in store for us.

Eastertide blessings,

*Pastor Ron*

## Inside this issue:

People & Passages	2, 3
Spiritual Formation/Worship	4
Bulletin Board	5
<b>Children's Day/Confirmation</b>	6
News	7
Save These Dates	8
Standing Up!	10
Missions	11
Church School News	12
Youth News	13
Pancake & Egg Breakfast	14

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
37 Main Street, Southington, CT 06489  
860-628-6958/ Fax 860-621-0402

[fccsouthington.org](http://fccsouthington.org)



E-mail: [office@fccsouthington.org](mailto:office@fccsouthington.org)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9am—1pm

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00AM Chapel Communion

9:30AM Traditional Worship

11:15AM T.G.I. Sunday Contemporary

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Call 860-628-6958 during office hours  
or our Pastoral Emergency line: 860-385-4884

Pastor Ron [rbrown@fccsouthington.org](mailto:rbrown@fccsouthington.org)

Pastor Rachel [rachel@fccsouthington.org](mailto:rachel@fccsouthington.org)

**Ministers to the World:**  
*The Whole Congregation*

STAFF

Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Ronald B. Brown
Associate Pastor	Rev. Rachel J. Bahr
Minister of Music	John R. Parsons
T.G.I. Sunday	Steve Nyren
Music Coordinators	Melissa Mirisola
Directors of Christian Education	Karlene Archambeault Carole Lantz
Tech/Communications	Dawn Gambacini
Office Coordinator	Mira Morel
Custodian	Lynn Bushnell
Collector	Ray Dischiono
Bookkeeper	Allison LeBarron



- Anne Sharnick and Bev Siegler and family grieving the death of their uncle and brother-in-law, Neil Siegler (4/11).
- Tammy Hill and family grieving the death of her aunt, Lou (4/18).
- Sandy DiStefano and family grieving the death of her mother.
- Andrea and Stephanie Kalat and family grieving the death of Ed Kalat (3/27)..

Continued prayers for Ruth Smith, Diane Cayer, Pat Germaine, Carolyn Mansolf, Barbara Hungerford, DJ Festa, Tracey Gabree, **Stephen Nichols' sister Jennifer**, Bryan, Callum Roberts, Peggy Thibodeau, Todd Lawson, Fran Sperry, Diana Putnam, Mary Bugbee, Carolyn Beadle, Betsy Roberts, our Stephen Ministers and care-receivers, and Caring Ministry team and friends.

---

## Are You Blessed with Mobility?

We strive to keep our small parking lot open for those who may have mobility challenges. Please consider parking in the large lot to our north or in the municipal lot across the green. Thank you for your consideration!

---



## Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14

And thank you to all the women who have guided, inspired, taught and loved us!

## Thank You to...

- Everyone who donated to our Easter collection for Southington Community Services. They were very appreciative of all of the items and the generous cash donations from our church family.
- Sam and Irene Hendrickson who coordinate all of the Stephen Ministers and the training sessions (and have for many years!)
- Our Lenten Noonday Service musician, Connie Scavone.
- All Board and Committee members who hosted or donated food for our Lenten Luncheons.
- All of our youth group volunteers and confirmation mentors. You have a profound effect on the youth you are leading!



## Men: Mark Your Calendars!

**Annual Men's Retreat**—last weekend of January 2018

**Says one of this year's retreatants:** "The men's retreat was a great opportunity to share, grow and build fellowship with a diverse set of men interested in learning, listening and reflecting together. It was a real treat to take time out of the daily/weekly grind to think, focus and ponder priorities, faith, family and what is important. Pastor Ron did an excellent job of connecting scripture, individual and group activities, current events and our faith journeys in a meaningful way. It was awesome to explore our unique gifts, prayer, our responses to life's events (small and big). Not to mention... the setting is a beautiful place, the food is great and we all had a lot of just plain fun."

Thursday, May 25  
1:00-6:00 p.m.  
Memorial Hall



To schedule an appointment, please call  
**1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## Cub Scout Recognition

Three Cub Scouts from FCC recently earned their **"God and Me"** award: Douglas Dischino, Calvin Vance and J.D. Vance. We celebrated their achievement and presented them with their awards at the 11:15 service on April 23.



## Family Promise

Our first host week has come and gone. We'd like to thank all of our volunteers and coordinators. Without your help this would not be a success. It takes a village! We'd also like to thank everyone for your donations of items and funds to get us ready to open our doors as a Family Promise Host Church. We hope that everyone involved had a wonderful experience and will start spreading the good news. Our next host week will be July 16—23.

*Lisa and Becca Hasko*

Host Coordinators

## FAITH FORMATION

### Bagels and Bible Study for Men

All men are invited to join Pastor Ron before work for tasty bagels, brief Bible study and stimulating conversation. In May, we will continue watching and discussing the PBS documentary series, [Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine](#). This series explores the beautiful and important historical places where Christianity was born and grew from a small movement called “The Way” to its place as the official religion of the Roman Empire. The schedule is a bit different this month. Join us on Thursdays, May 4 and 11 and June 1 from 7:00-7:45 a.m. in Memorial Hall. **We can’t promise any answers, but we have a great time and learn a lot from exploring the questions.** No previous Bible study experience is necessary and new folks are always welcome. Each session stands alone, so come when you can.

---

### Between Us—Women’s Online Faith Community

All ages of women are invited to join us for an hour of provocative conversations of faith that intersect our daily lives. Find the group link on the [FCC Southington Facebook page](#).

---

### Shopping at Patrick Baker & Sons?

Mention our church’s name at the register (or if you are buying on the web, enter **22610** in the Church Code box on the checkout page) and they will credit our church account with 10% of the purchase amount. Thank you for remembering FCC in your purchases!

## May Worship at FCC

Worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

---

May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: A Brief Sermon Series on Characteristics of the Church

Part 1-Koinonia: The Church as Community

The Rev. Dr. Ronald B. Brown, preaching

May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10 & John 14:1-14

Sermon: A Brief Sermon Series on Characteristics of the Church

Part 2--Didache: The Church as a Place to Learn

The Rev. Dr. Ronald B. Brown, preaching

### **May 21: Children’s Sunday**

8:00am Chapel Communion

10:00am Combined Worship

Our church school youth in preschool through 8th grade will be leading worship today.

May 28: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 17:1-11

**Sermon: “United \_\_\_\_\_”**

The Rev. Rachel J. Bahr, preaching

June 4: Confirmation Sunday

8:00am Chapel Communion

10:00am Combined Worship

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Catching Fire

The Rev. Rachel J. Bahr, preaching

Visit [FCCSouthington.org/worship-this-week](https://www.fccsouthington.org/worship-this-week) for the most up-to-date info about worship services.

# Bulletin Board

## Card and Game Night for Adults

Friday, May 19  
at 7:00 p.m.



A great night out with the adults of your church family! Bring a friend and a favorite game, or play something new. Beverages will be provided; please bring a small snack to share.



As we pause to remember those **who served...** our church office will be closed on

Monday, May 29, 2017.

## Progressive Dinner

It is a fun and exciting way to meet new friends and mingle with old ones. A progressive dinner **takes you on a delectable journey...traveling to a different home for each of three courses.** Each host will entertain a party of 6 to 10 guests, then all will travel to the next home on their itinerary **for the next course. \*\*You don't have to host to participate, just sign up to bring your favorite dish to share!**

Saturday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

**Sign up outside Pastor Ron's office by Sunday, May 14.** There is an information sheet on the table below the sign-up sheet with answers to any questions you may have.

## Morning Women's Group

We will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall at FCC. All women are invited! Please call Bev Ryan at 860-666-8874 with questions.

## Church Council Meeting

All are invited to our next meeting Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in room 201/202. There may also be a Monday, May 22 meeting, depending on our budget progress.

## Chair Yoga!

Mondays at 10am in our Choir Room



This is a gentle yoga class.

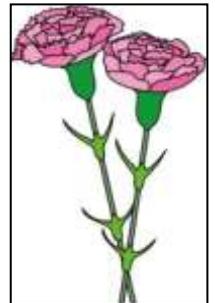
All donations (\$5 suggested) to benefit the girls of Fundación Sor Dominga Bocca in Ecuador.

## Attention Young Adults

20- and 30-somethings are invited to join us at Noodles & Company in Southington every Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. for friends, fun, and faith.

## Mother's Day Carnations

Help beautify the front of our Meetinghouse on **Mother's Day by purchasing long-stemmed carnations:** red carnations in honor of; white carnations in memory of. They are \$4.00 each, or three for \$10.00. Order forms are outside the church office. Sponsored by BoMA (Board of Music and Arts) proceeds will benefit the Music Ministries of our church. Please place your order by May 7th.





On April 9, we welcomed 15 new members: Claire Bamberg, Karen Barna, Erin Byrne, Sara Ebaugh, Michael Ericsson, Linda Ericsson, David Freer, Rosemary Garnett, Robert Kern, Jason (Jay) Montana, Meghan Montana, Joshua Stedman, Shannon Stedman, Carla Teixeira, and Amy Webb. Stop by at the bulletin

board in Memorial Hall to learn more about our new members, and be sure to introduce yourself!

Sunday, May 21  
10:00 a.m.



Infant Care Nursery available.  
After the service come to Memorial Hall for an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Sunday, June 4  
10:00 a.m.



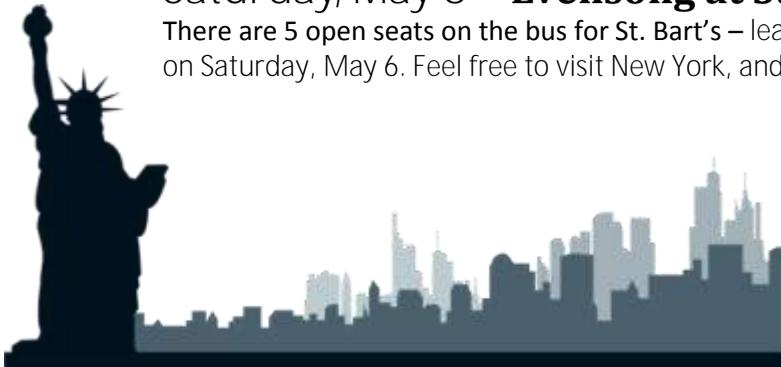
After a nine-month spiritual journey, our young people will receive the Rite of Confirmation.

We hope you will attend and help us welcome our confirmands into the membership of our church family.

## Saturday, May 6—Evensong at St. Bart's Church, NYC

There are 5 open seats on the bus for St. Bart's — leave at 7:30am and return at 7:30pm on Saturday, May 6. Feel free to visit New York, and then join us as we sing with several other choirs at 4:00 p.m. in St.

**Bart's for a beautiful choral service of Evensong. Located at W 50th and Park Avenue, it's in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Cost is \$50.00 per seat — let John Parsons know of your interest.**



### Director of Music Search Update

A search committee appointed by the Church Council has been hard at work developing a job description, preparing to review resumes, and to conduct interviews and auditions as we seek a new director for our music ministries. The [job posting and job description are available on the church website \(FCCSouthington.org/jobs\)](https://www.fccsouthington.org/jobs) and the position has been listed on several music job sites. It is the hope of the committee to conduct interviews and auditions during June and have a new Director of Music ready to begin on September 1.

Members of the committee include, Andy Lees (chair), Patty Nichols (secretary), Merrily Lacombe, Tim Johnson, Jeannie Norton, Jennifer Stroop, Sharon Vocke, and Pastor Ron Brown. The committee welcomes your questions.

### Celebration for John Parsons

As we learned in a letter to the congregation in January, John Parsons will complete his more than 37 years of music ministry at First Congregational Church in June. **John's final worship service as our Minister of Music will be the 9:30 a.m. service on June 11. The worship service will honor John's faithful ministry by being just that, a faith-filled worship service with beautiful hymns, anthems and organ music.**

Then, at 4:00 p.m. on June 11, we will gather again **in the meetinghouse for a celebration of John's ministry.** The details are still being worked out, but it will be a time of music, celebration, and perhaps a few surprises. **The celebration will be followed by a dinner in John's honor in Memorial Hall sponsored by the Board of Deacons.** Everyone is invited to attend the worship service, the afternoon celebration and the dinner.



### Hospitality at Music on the Green

First Congregational Church will once again be offering extravagant hospitality, in the form of free lemonade, to people attending Music on the Green. These free concerts are held every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 pm from May 31 to September 6 with a rain date of Thursday. Two to three volunteers are needed each night to set up around 6:15 and then serve the lemonade while enjoying the show. This is a great family activity. Look for a sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or [email Joanne Kelleher](mailto:joanne.kelleher@fccsouthington.org).



## What is a Member-at-Large?

Your representative on the Church Council. Do you have praise, concerns, or ideas about the way First Congregational Church is run? Ideas can be confidentially brought to the council. Please email [mal@FCCSouthington.org](mailto:mal@FCCSouthington.org) or speak with one of the members-at-large:

8:00 am Danielle and Bill Adams

9:30 am Meredith Mann

11:15 am Lynn Grenier

## Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Leadership Development Board is currently recruiting for our boards and committees for next year and would value your input. Are you interested in Music, Drama, Christian Education, the building or financial issues, hospitality, missions, representing our church at the UCC, library, history? If you have an interest, let us know – **we'd love to contact you to discuss including your gifts and talents to the glory of God!** Email [Karlene@fccsouthington.org](mailto:Karlene@fccsouthington.org)

## Save These Dates:

Sunday, Apr 30	BOMA Bake Sale
Wednesday, May 3	Parents & Tots Gathering
Thursday, May 4	<b>Mother's Day Carnation Orders Due</b>
Saturday, May 6	<b>Roots and Gallery Singers at St. Bart's in NYC</b>
Saturday, May 6	EFF Pancake and Egg Breakfast
Monday, May 8	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, May 13	GLSEN CT Safe Schools Summit
May 15-19	Bread for Life Volunteer Week
Friday, May 19	Card and Game Night for Adults
Saturday, May 20	Progressive Dinner
Sunday, May 21	<b>Children's Day Worship (10:00 a.m. combined service)</b>
Sunday, May 21	Parents & Tots—May Flowers BBQ
Thursday, May 25	American Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm)
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day (office closed)
Sunday, Jun 4	Hot Potato Fundraiser (after 8am and 10am worship services)
Sunday, Jun 4	Confirmation Sunday (10:00 a.m. combined service)

Check our online calendar any time at [fccsouthington.org/events](http://fccsouthington.org/events).

# Confidence, Independence, Great Friends and God, Too!

These are just some of the benefits your child may receive by attending camp at Silver Lake. For 60 years, Silver Lake has been transforming kids' lives, opening their hearts to God and to great friendships that last a lifetime. Visit their website at [SilverLakeCT.org](http://SilverLakeCT.org) for the summer conference schedule. Does your kid like: Making art? Bicycling? Boating? Harry Potter? STEAM? The *Divergent* Series? Making music? Sports? There's a Silver Lake Conference for that!



Register now! Even though summer seems a long way off, t's time to think about registering for Silver Lake, the UCC summer camp in Sharon, CT. Camp is for children entering 4th grade in the fall and older. This year there are 7 sessions to choose from – starting the week of June 25 through the week of August 6. For more information and to register, go to [silverlakect.org/summercamp](http://silverlakect.org/summercamp) Scholarships are available. (Please contact Pastor Ron.)

**Come and Check It Out!** There will be an Open House for new campers on Sunday, May 21 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Is Your Child Going to Silver Lake This Year?** Please email us at [happenings@fccsouthington.org](mailto:happenings@fccsouthington.org) and let us know which week they will be attending.

## Young Family Gatherings

FCC is scheduling weekly gatherings for young families featuring activities such as music, art, active, and story-time geared toward children under 5. Join us May 3, 10, 17, and 31 in the church nursery.

Parents & Tots Group

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am

And don't miss our May Flowers BBQ Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Panthorn Park (following the 10:00 a.m. Children's Day worship service). Please bring a protein for your family and a side-dish to share. [RSVP to Patty Nichols](#) at or sign up outside Pastor Ron's office by May 14.

Save the date:

**Friday, June 9 Parents' Movie Night**

## Annual Meeting and Reports

This year our annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. With the date being earlier than in previous years, we will need board and committee annual reports to be turned in by Wednesday, May 17 to give us time to assemble, print and distribute the reports. Please format your **report with 1" margins all around using a font of Calibri 11.** Thank you for your cooperation!



Questions regarding reports can be directed to Mira in the church office at 860-628-6958 or [office@fccsouthington.org](mailto:office@fccsouthington.org).

# Standing Up!

## A Safe Place for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Thank you to all who donated or participated in our first Family Promise host week! Our next host week will be July 16-23.

Please consider **participating**. It's a great feeling! Sign-ups will be coming out in late June. Stay tuned for more info!



Our next Bread for Life volunteer week is May 15—19. Please sign up outside Pastor Ron's office. **Reminder: Bread for Life** is now in its new location, 31 Vermont Ave.

## GLSEN CT Safe Schools Summit

**GLSEN Connecticut's** third-ever statewide Safe Schools Summit is a student-led and chapter-coordinated effort to empower youth, educators, and other community allies with the knowledge, resources, and skills to make their schools safer for all students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. At this conference, middle and high school students, teachers, and other professionals from across the state of Connecticut will learn about LGBTQ+ issues, such as resisting homophobia and transphobia; how bias-based behavior and discriminatory practices in schools negatively impact LGBTQ+ students and their allies; and how to become the best ally possible. This youth-led and -focused conference will feature speakers, workshops, and even an after-party!

Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
(after-party/social from 4:00—6:00 p.m.)  
at First Congregational Church of Southington

During the Safe Schools Summit, GLSEN Connecticut is determined to:

- Offer participants a safe and supportive environment to explore and utilize tools and resources for improving their school climates.
- Provide participants with networking opportunities and strategies for promoting more inclusive and equitable environments for students in their school and community.
- Empower participants to change the climate of bullying and harassment in their schools.

Everyone who wants to make schools safer and more affirming and inclusive for ALL students, especially LGBTQ+ youth, is invited to participate. This includes grades K-12 students/youth, parents and families, educators, school administrators and staff, social workers, counselors, community leaders, and concerned citizens. Visit <https://www.glsen.org/connecticut-chapter/glsen-connecticut-safe-schools-summit-2017> for details and to register.

# Missions



We meet every other Wednesday from 10:00 – noon in room 201/202 to quilt and enjoy fellowship. Not a quilter? Join us and

**we'll give you an easy job to do or come for the fellowship.** Questions? Contact Carole Lantz  
Meeting dates: May 10 and 24

---

## Racial Justice Ministry

Join us Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck supper (please bring a dish to share) followed by continuing discussion about White Privilege. Visit our webpage [FCCSouthington.org/share](http://FCCSouthington.org/share) for the next reading, or contact the church office if you would like a printed copy. All are welcome, regardless of whether you have attended before. Stay tuned for news about our upcoming movie nights.

---

## Annual Pancake and Egg Breakfast

Join us Saturday, May 6 from 8:00—10:30 a.m. for our annual Pancake and Egg Breakfast to benefit the girls of Fundacion Sor Dominga Bocca. Tickets cost \$7 (children 5 and under are free) and are available in the church office and after all worship services.

---



## Prayer Circle

Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor. All are invited to join us as we lift our joys and concerns to the Lord. Put your prayer request in the collection basket or the folder outside the church office.

## Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry at Southington Community Services is always in need of donations: Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned goods (vegetables, fruit, tuna, soup, pasta), Instant potatoes/rice, Pasta/egg noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Boxed macaroni and cheese, Baked beans, Cold cereal boxes, hot oatmeal, Coffee/tea, Individually packaged snacks, and juice pouches or juice boxes. Please leave non-perishable items in the Hope chest located in the Narthex at the front of the church. In March, we delivered over \$60 worth of food to SCS. Thank you for helping those in need!

---

## Tab Tops

**We're still collecting aluminum can tab tops** for the Shiners' Hospitals for Children. Please bring your tabs to the jar outside the Christian Education office or the basket in Memorial Hall.

---

## Caring Ministry

Our next Caring Ministry meeting will be Monday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. Anyone interested in **bringing a little of our church to folks who can't** come to us is welcome to attend! Please call Carolyn Mansolf with questions, **860-621-5082**.

Meal Ministry for you or a church member who is going through a difficult time, surgery, etc. Please call Polly Sauer, 860-628-0607.

Transportation Ministry If you are in need of **a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, or if**



you are able to provide rides occasionally to **church and/or doctor's appointments.** Please call Diana Sheard, 860-793-2765.

## Church School News

### Bible Stories with a Child's Slant!

While preparing for our Living Bible Museum, we wanted to acquaint the children with the various Bible scenes that were being presented since their classes were only focusing on their stories. It was quite an eye-opener when one boy told me that Moses was a Mexican restaurant on Queen Street (Moe's)! I also learned that David was a tiny shepherd boy who killed a big guy with an Angry Bird thingy (slingshot)! And didn't I think that it was not a great idea to kill someone who was a bully?! You might be interested to know that one girl didn't know who Naomi was, but Ruth definitely works in our nursery (Ruth Coleman) and Daniel teaches 6th grade (Dan Green). Actually, the kids who read their storybook Bibles each night and the middle school classes knew most of the stories and were excited to tell us, so we weren't too worried!

But, we decided that maybe we'd better hit on some of the old stories more often! So, we are working on a new program that incorporates the Scripture Memory program with Bible stories and the teachers will work on one part of Scripture in conjunction with a Bible story that reinforces the basic Bible point. It's exciting and challenging to put this program together, while making it user-friendly for the teachers, and hopefully it will benefit the children and build a firm faith foundation for them. If anyone is interested in helping us, let us know – working with children is a lot of fun!

~ Karlene

### Church School Calendar

May 7—Chapel Sunday: children in 2nd – 8th grades start in the chapel for a brief Communion service

May 21: 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship

Children's Day for all students preschool – 8th grade

Join the church school children as they demonstrate how we all go together on our Faith Journey.

After the service come to Memorial Hall for an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

May 21: Silver Lake Open House for new campers from 2:00 – 4:00

May 28: church school as usual



### Summer Church School

This year starting in July we're having summer church school at the 10:00 service for children in 3rd – 8th grades. We'll cover the stories of Isaac, Rebekah and many others while also concentrating on learning responsible social media behavior. The first Sundays in July, August, and September the children will stay in church to participate in communion, the rest of the Sundays they'll meet in room 201/202.

# Youth News

## Confirmation

Sunday, May 7: 4—5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: 4—5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3: 12—1:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 4: 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Day

## Graduation/Honor Roll News

If you or your child have made honor roll/**dean's list in school/college this year, or if your student is graduating this year, please forward the details to [happenings@fccsouthington.org](mailto:happenings@fccsouthington.org).** by May 22. **Be sure to include the student's name, grade, school and honor achieved.** We would love to recognize them in our June newsletter.



## Attention High School Seniors:

### FRANK ROSWELL FULLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

If you are a high school senior in Hartford County who will be going to a 4-year college, you may be eligible to apply. Please visit our website for more info: [fccsouthington.org/forms](http://fccsouthington.org/forms) or call the church office at 860-628-6958. Deadline is May 15.

## Chicken Pie Supper Scholarship

Applications were mailed out to all our high school seniors. Please remember to return your completed scholarship applications to the church office by Thursday, May 4.

## Middle School Youth Group

Friday, May 19: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

End of Year Mess-Fest

Join us as we eat hot dogs at a local park, and play lots of messy games! Prepare to get dirty, so wear clothes you can get messy in, and bring trash bags to line your cars!



## High School Youth Group

Sunday, May 7: 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Youth Group is going hiking! More details to come!

Sunday, May 21: 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Mission Trip Skills-Building/Training & BBQ **We're going to work on tool safety for our upcoming mission trip, as well as eat good food! We'll end the night with a fun bash!**

Sunday, June 4: after worship

Hot Potato Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

Come on out and support our young people and our mission trip to Maine! Buy a Baked Potato and yummy toppings of your choosing for \$6 each! After the 8 and 10 am services!



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**37 Main Street**  
**Southington, CT 06489**

## Ecuador Foundation Fund Pancake/Egg Breakfast



Saturday, May 6, 2017  
8 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

PANCAKES EGGS SAUSAGE  
COFFEE, TEA, OJ

Tickets are \$7 per person (children 5 and under are free) and can be purchased in the church office (Monday—Friday, 9am—1pm). Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit Fundación Sor Dominga Bocca, a home for abused and neglected girls in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The Committee of the Ecuador Foundation Fund will be providing food support to the foundation, and have pledged \$1500 per month of nutritional support to Sor Dominga Bocca. This averages out to \$50 a month per girl for three meals a day. Would you consider being a monthly donor to The Ecuador Foundation Fund? No amount is too large or too small! You can set up monthly automatic payments using your online banking website. Envelopes are also available in the church pews and checks can be mailed to the church (write "Ecuador Foundation Fund" in the memo), or call the church office for other ways to donate.