



A Note From Our Associate Pastor

The warm breezes of May are a fantastic time to step outside, take a few deep breaths and realize that we are now on the other side of winter.

Life gives us a little ease just in time to reinvigorate us as summer projects stare at us from a not too distant future. This is a time that we open the windows in our homes, and let in the fresh air, the sounds of life in full swing, and the smells of life coming to full blossom.

I say all of this both physically and in metaphor. As we come out of the Lenten season, we see these same parallels in the formation of the early church. With the resurrection of our Lord, and his ascension to the right hand of God in power, the apostles were allowed to breathe. Fear and hardship were just around the corner, but God's provision meant they could tackle these problems in faith and joy that their future was sealed in grace and blessings.

These same concepts apply to us as well. What was built as the foundation of Christ's Church was the assurance for all time that we are co-inheritors of the same. I hope you will take time this month as you open your windows and your homes to God's provisions of warmth and life that you take time to breathe in the grace we have been given, and maybe say a little prayer of thanks as the coats go in the closet and the short sleeves come out that He has provided what we need again.

See you on Sunday!
Blessings to you all.
Pastor Jay

Scholarship Sunday News!



On Sunday, **June 14, 2026** - following the 10 am Worship Service, the Scholarship Committee will be hosting a reception for Scholarship Recipients, their families, and members of the church. It would be greatly appreciated if members could help the committee by bringing cookies or finger sandwiches. You may drop them off in the kitchen before the service.

Thanking you in Advance!
Scholarship Committee



**Happy Birthday to the
following Church Members:**



Marilyn Dabbo 5/1
Jacob Polaski 5/2
Amanda Kane 5/3
Melissa Lundeen 5/7
Jennifer St. George 5/11
Kadriya Bikbova 5/14
Garret Post 5/17

Benjamin St. George 5/21
Mabel Fitzgerald 5/17
Joseph Hughes 5/21
Lexie Sharma 5/23
Jaclyn Sharma 5/23
Stewart Crouse 5/23
Cooper Sweeney 5/31

LOOKING AHEAD!!

TERRIFIC TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE FOR 2026

July 7th 6pm

July 21st 6pm

July 14th 6pm

July 28th 6pm

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Patrons' Page in the Terrific Tuesday Program booklet!

A DONATION FROM OUR MEMBERS AND WATERBURY BAPTIST MINISTRIES MEMBERS. A PATRON DONATION WILL BE \$25.00.

IF ANYONE IS ABLE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IN THE MEMO PLEASE PUT TERRIFIC TUESDAYS. WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS WILL ALL COME TOGETHER AGAIN AS IT DID IN THE PAST! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 30TH WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU CAN DO!!



A Request from Outreach

Our committee would like to continue with our hygiene kit Ministry, therefore we are asking the Congregation to help with donations of the following items:

Toothpaste/toothbrushes - Deodorant - Washcloths

Hand towels - Razors for (men & women)

Pocket combs - Hairbrushes (women)

VO5 shampoo- fits nicely in freezer bags gal size

Sanitary napkins - Socks

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your continued support.



From the Director of Music/Youth

As we step into a new month, we will not only be visiting some of our current programs but we will also be stepping into some new programs. **Part of TLC** at First Church is to cultivate an educational program for not only church members but people from outside First Church. With that, I am happy to announce I will be offering a basic music foundations program on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. We will be exploring basic note reading and rhythmic structures and their application to the piano keyboard and other instruments. The program is free and open to everyone of all ages.

Christian Cinema will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, we will gather for food at 6:00pm and begin viewing at 6:30pm. Currently on our watch list; The House of David & Season 2 of The Chosen. Please bring an entree or dessert to share.

Building Maintenance, as we begin to step into what we hope will be a warmer month we will begin our annual spring/summer maintenance schedule. While we don't foresee any interruption of our program schedule we ask that keep an eye on our Facebook page, newsletter in the event there is a change in our program schedule or meeting location in the building.

Upcoming Dates for TLC Music & Christian Cinema
Christian Cinema- May 6 & May 20 gather for a meal at 6pm & begin viewing at 6:30pm.

During one of our pre holy week rehearsals in the sanctuary, I kept catching a glimpse of someone in the back of the sanctuary on the center aisle. While it was pretty dark I really couldn't tell who it was, while this was taking place while we practiced the Hallelujah Chorus and I could hear a faint hallelujah from the back of the room. Realizing everyone who was supposed there was standing in front of me I asked Joe if he could go and see who it was. A few minutes later Joe comes back and informs me that it's a homeless man and he found a windbreaker and blanket by the front doors and wanted to know if it was okay to take them and of course I said yes that is why they are there. Once I finished the rehearsal I got off the organ bench and walked towards the back of the sanctuary and came upon the man kneeling in the middle of the great red carpet covered with a blanket, as I approached I noticed he was writing feverishly on one of the envelopes. As Joe and I stood there talking to him, he handed me the envelope which was noticeably filled with change and probably the only money he had. I explained that this wasn't necessary but it was appreciated. The gentleman maintained that "this my tithe" is for God, please pray for the people I have listed. After that he stood and we shook hands and as quickly as he showed up on our doorstep he left, Once in a while someone comes into our lives and leaves a profound mark, I encourage you to read Mark 12:41-44 as it closely relates to this story.

Blessings,
Stewart Crouse





**Attention Members:
Reminder to all members
Please use our new emails below:**

**First Church – fcchurchwtby@gmail.com
Pastor Jay – pastorjay@protonmail.com
Roxanne – roxfcchurch@gmail.com
Kristen - K10perham@gmail.com
Stewart – willtwo@hotmail.com**

Please do not use the comcast emails as of May 2026.

**If you need me to put something in the newsletter or
bulletin please do the following:**

**For the bulletin please get it to me by Wednesday
each week.**

**For the newsletter please get it to me by the 15th of
every month.**

Thank you so much, Roxanne

Word Scramble answers: green, light, lilac, grass, butterfly, bloom,
seeds, maypole, picnic, rose, birds, sunshine, taurus, flowers, blossom,
ladybug, plant, bumblebee, garden, spring, mother, warmth, tulip,
baseball

SPRING TEA



Spring Tea

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Clinton Hall

2:00 pm

Sponsored by the Fellowship, Lunch & Laughs Group.

Reservations required by May 2nd, please note dietary needs at time of reservation.

All proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the kitchen - Cost per person \$15.00

Any questions call:

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