

Pastor Jay's Message for June



June in the church feels much like school did when I was a boy. Graduations lead up to Scholarship Sunday, concluding with the pleasures of summer life. We all can't wait to fire up the grills on Father's Day, maybe play a few games outside and end the night with a bonfire as we welcome the longest day of the year (The summer solstice is on Father's Day this year). I know there will be a few extra games of Bocce in my yard that night. Just like when we were young, minds have a hard time comprehending being inside when life is so abundant outside. It feels like the end of the school year.

This year however, instead of giving way to the lackadaisical nature of summer completely, we here have decided to try something new. We are keeping Worship in our beloved Sanctuary, but shifting the time. Worship beginning in July (July 5) will move to 9 AM to take advantage of the morning cool, and then we will retire to Clinton Hall for refreshment just as the heat of the day begins to creep in. We encourage you all to join us in worship at this new time, and enjoy the morning as the Lord intended it: in the summer morning cool. I would be remiss to say keeping routines with anything is important for regularity, but more important with matters of the spirit, where faith can wane without attention. Join us and with windows open and fresh summer air coming in we will praise the Lord for His provision and enjoy an extra hour to our Sabbath afternoons as well.

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Things are moving and growing here at the church, and we want you all to come be a part of your church family. Our sermons lately have touched on God's intended need for community both as a means of fellowship and teaching. Each of us has words from the Lord we are meant to bless each other with. It is together that we are able to stand and grow and not fall prey to this world. If you are interested but unable for one reason or another, please call us, or reach out to me at my email address in this Newsletter. Let's get you back into the flock and your family, options are always available! I pray that this finds you all full of the Lord's blessings, and busy with labors of love. Peace to you all from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Jay



Summer Worship Time change: Beginning July 5, 2026 Sunday Worship Services will begin at 9 am this year and remain in the Sanctuary until September.



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 anymore.

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



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 26th Church Office will be closing at noon on Fridays.



Deacon Committee Update:

The newsletter calendar was already printed before finding about the change of meeting dates, so the Deacons Meeting will be the last Tuesday (6/30) of the month of June instead of the second Tuesday (6/8).

Scholarship Sunday News!



On Sunday, **June 14, 2026** following the 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!



JUNE "BIRTHDAY" WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members

Mike Sugrue 6/1

Preston Larrabee 6/3

Liliya Bikbova 6/7

Sarah Hughes 6/10

Jill Rodriguez 6/12

Alan Walker 6/15

Andrew Kazimer 6/16

Melanie Gagnon 6/15

Bonnie Gagnon 6/17

Richard Casey 6/19

Sandra Post 6/24

Cindy Merrick 6/24

Christine Phelan 6/26

Phillip Read Mason, Jr. 6/26

Leanne Elwell 6/26

Joseph Trenske 6/28



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.



ATTENTION MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!

Patrons' Page in the Terrific Tuesday Program booklet!

Once again, we are looking for a patron donation of \$25.00 from our members and Waterbury Baptist ministries members for Terrific

Tuesdays in July. If anyone is able and wants to make a donation please send in your check in the amount of \$25.00 - and put Terrific Tuesdays in the memo section. We are hoping that this will all come together as it did in the past!

***PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 30TH
WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU CAN DO!!***

From the Director of Music/Youth/ Building Superintendent



I think it's safe to say we can finally shut the heat off! As we welcome in June, we will continue our seasonal activities whether they be the new or those that have carried over from last year!

On Sunday, June 21, not only is it Fathers' Day but it is also the Sunday we celebrate Music Sunday and the many wonderful and talented musicians we have here at First Church! We have decided we want to keep the continuity going with our programs which include Christian Cinema & TLC Music, we have had two wonderful sessions with music classes and encourage more to attend. While this has been established as an entry level program it is also a great brush up opportunity for others. There is no cost involved and most materials are provided for you! Don't forget Terrific Tuesday's are coming sooner than later and all four weeks are to be held indoors as the weather isn't always predictable.

Building- stay tuned for upcoming summer building work as it may change a specific program location. More to come!

Important Dates:

Christian Cinema- Meets in Hearth Room, gather at 6:00pm & begin viewing at 6:30pm. - June 3, June 17.

TLC Music - Meets at 6:30 in the 2nd floor classroom, location is subject to change! - June 10, June 24

Stewart W Crouse



**First Congregational Church & Waterbury Baptist Ministries present:
Terrific Tuesdays in July 2026**

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First Church Outreach & Waterbury Baptist*

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| July 7 th | ROCKIN HEARTBEATS |
| July 14 th | Waiting for confirmation |
| July 21 st | Valley Chordsmen |
| July 28 th | The Kerry Boys |

Volunteers needed for: Set-up, serving and clean-up from 5 pm to 7 pm Serving hot dogs, chips & beverage. Come, bring a friend, a lawn chair enjoy the evenings! We know that these are popular concerts and hope that you will use the opportunity for introducing your friends and neighbors to our lively and spirited church.

Waterbury Baptist Ministries will be in charge the first two weeks and First church will be in charge the last two.

We need beef hotdog donations!!



