

First Church of Winsted

Come as you are...  
Leave transformed!

# BELLRINGER

Come...be uplifted by the  
Spirit and strive to follow  
God's path for you!

## Word from the Pastor

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
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I lost count on Easter morning of the number of times we shouted it! JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

And shout it we did. As we met on the top of the hill in Forest View Cemetery in the very early morning hours....as we gathered for worship in the sanctuary of First Church....as the ALLELUIA ball was dropped down and kicked to the front....as we called on God to join us....as we greeted one another....as the Worship Choir and Muddy Boots Praise Choir sang....as we prepared to leave our worship and go out into the world. Yup. We shouted it out: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA.

Easter day is a day of shouting out the GOOD NEWS! It is a day of praising God and sharing a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

So....NOW WHAT? What are you doing now that Easter day and its festivities is past? Have the Alleluias left your lips? Have you returned to life as usual? Back to the way it was before we gathered together and shouted?

I hope not. Because what happened on Easter Sunday made us different! We are Easter People! Filled with hope and joy! Mary came to the empty tomb on that first Easter day and found it empty. She met the Risen Christ!

We are the witnesses to God's love and holy mystery of RESURRECTION!  
We are a part of the new thing that GOD is doing in the world around us!

**So get out there and proclaim the GOOD NEWS!**

**Christ is risen! ALLELUIA!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!! ALLELUIA!!**



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# Church News...



Proud Grandma Debbie Storrs would like to announce that her granddaughter Riley Storrs (age 10), was the winner of the Kid Rock Vocal Competition held on March 12th. The competition is sponsored by the Torrington Park and Recreation Department. She was one of 10 finalists in the competition that had begun the week before. Riley impressed judges Jay Roberts (founder of The Performance HUB in Torrington) and Lynn Whittaker (a Hartt School graduate), with her vocal abilities and comfort on stage. When asked to tell a little bit about herself, she explained that she was in the fifth grade chorus at the Tarringford School, and that her Grandma ran the Steam Vent Coffee House in Winsted. (Yes...a 10 year old plugged us!) She added that she had been singing there since the age of 3. She won a \$50 gift card for Walmart, a lovely trophy and a certificate, not to mention bragging rights!



Meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month from 10 AM until Noon. Call Barb Mazzei for info: 860-379-2900

## **Choir Notes**

Worship Choir rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Sunday Services: April 3 and April 17



## CDC Announcement

On February 3, 1976 twelve preschool children arrived at First Church for their first day of school. It was the start of the Children's Discovery Center. To quote the parent's handbook, for forty years this school has provided a "caring atmosphere for the nurture of young children of our community." It has been an amazing forty years. Hundreds of children have passed through its doors and experienced a hands-on, positive preschool experience. They left the school ready to learn and continue growing.

It is with mixed emotion that we announce that the Children's Discovery Center will close its doors at the end of this current school year. It has been a very difficult decision to make. Looking ahead at finances and enrollment has brought us to this point. Low birth rates in the past 5 years have shrunk the pool of possible students. In addition to these concerns, we know that preschool in the public schools is

coming. Providing programs and transportation at no cost to families will decrease the numbers further.

When it was proposed that the church extend its ministry to young children, the Rev. Richard Michaelsen along with Edna Lewis knew there was a pressing need in the community for a dynamic, nurturing preschool program. Today there are a number of preschools and day cares that provide care and education for our young children. Though we know that children benefit greatly from the program at CDC, we can no longer sustain the program financially without increasing the enrollment.

The Graduation celebration for the 2015-16 school year will be held on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

We are also planning a celebration of CDC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Educating Young Children on June 12th. We hope that the community will join us for this time of Thanksgiving and Blessing of this wonderful school. Details to follow!

What is next for that wonderful little school building? That is yet to be determined. We have already begun to brainstorm and look at the community's needs. Young Children, youth, older persons.....the need is great. Without a doubt, a ministry to the community will continue at First Church from this place.

## **Confirmation Classes forming for September!**

Anyone interested is encouraged to give their intent to Barbara Mazzei or any member of BOCE.



## 50's Themed Dinner Sock Hop! April 30 at 6:00 PM

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs  
Fountain Drinks  
50's Attire Encouraged

**Tickets:**  
**\$10 Adults**  
**\$5 Child 12 and under**  
**\$25 Family of 4**  
**\$30 Max for larger families**



## ABCCONN NEWS... 2016 WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

JULY 4-9, 2016

Green Lake Conference Center  
"ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN"  
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
UNTIL APRIL 15

Go to:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/world-mission-conference/event-summary/a135b767fe544214b89babfa5e9dcb25.aspx>

## Rhythms of the Spirit

Conference at Green Lake: July 9-13. For more info go to:  
<http://www.rhythmsofthespirit.com/>

**ABCCONN Annual Gathering**  
is April 30<sup>th</sup>! See website for  
more information:  
[www.abcconn.org](http://www.abcconn.org)

## UCC NEWS...

**The CT Conference of UCC**  
will hold their annual meeting  
June 10-11 at the University of  
Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave  
West Hartford.

For more info go to:  
[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) or [ctuucc.org](http://ctuucc.org)



## MEET KRISTY ENGEL

Global Consultant for Health  
International Ministries, ABC-  
USA.

On Sunday, May 1st, we will be  
having a visitor!

Kristy Engel will be with us.

Kristy is a pediatric nurse  
practitioner with a special  
interest in nutrition issues facing  
children. After 12 years of  
working in La Romano,  
Dominican Republic with  
medical mission teams, she is  
currently the Global Consultant

for Health. Her role is to help  
bring medical relief to resource  
poor areas throughout the  
world by building relationships  
and providing care in clinics,  
during natural disasters and  
with program development.  
Kristy will be sharing with us  
two times during the morning:

9:00 a.m. in the Adult Bible  
Study (note earlier time)

10:00 a.m. in Morning  
Worship

You don't want to miss this  
opportunity to hear what Kristy  
is doing!

Pastor Lisa will be away  
Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, leading a  
Women's retreat at Camp  
Wightman.

## Inspiring Quotes:

*"The secret of concentration is the  
secret of self-discovery. You reach  
inside yourself to discover your  
personal resources, and what it takes  
to match them to the challenge."*

— **Arnold Palmer**

*"The more often we see the things  
around us - even the beautiful and  
wonderful things - the more they  
become invisible to us. That is why  
we often take for granted the beauty  
of this world: the flowers, the trees,  
the birds, the clouds - even those we  
love. Because we see things so often,  
we see them less and less."*

— **Joseph B. Wirthlin**



# *The First Church of Winsted*

*is pleased to invite you to the  
Installation as Pastor  
of*

*Pastor Lisabeth Gustafson*

*Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 3:30 pm  
at*

*First Church of Winsted  
95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT*

*Clergy are welcome to robe and process  
Red Stoles*

*Reception to follow  
R.S.V.P. (860) 379-1778*



## *A Note Of Thanks!*

*Dear Lisa and members of First Church,*

*On behalf of First Baptist West Hartford, I thank you for your generous gift to our refugee resettlement ministry from your Boar's Head Festival Fund. We are moved and inspired by your generosity and support! It was a joy to be with you in February as we discussed Stewardship and Generosity and all that is happening in Winsted. You are a gifted and blessed congregation and our prayers remain with you and Rev. Gustafson as you minister together in Christ's name.*

*Again, thanks you for your generosity!*

*Peace to you all,  
Stacy Emerson*



**PUDDLE JUMPERS** in training with the Muddy Boots Praise Choir. Here they are singing their hearts out for Jesus under the direction of Muddy Boots himself, Dan Jones, aided by Youth Choir director, Kat Timmeney. In the immortal words of Martha Stewart...It's a good thing! Dan started calling them Puddle Jumpers, because we couldn't keep calling them "the kids" forever!

**April 23, 2016  
7:00 pm**

**For tickets, call  
860-379-4766**

## HARMONY FOR HUNGER

Second Congregational  
Church of Winsted  
800 Main St.  
Winsted

**Featuring a  
wide variety  
of music  
performed  
by your  
friends &  
neighbors**

*Refreshments  
following concert*

Sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of Winsted Music Committee

All proceeds to  
be donated to  
the Open Door  
Soup Kitchen &  
Salvation Army  
Food Bank

**Adults: \$10  
Children &  
Seniors: \$5  
Family: \$20**

*Non-perishable  
food items will  
also be collected*

## STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted



### STEAM VENT CAFE

Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts  
and Beverages from 6-8 PM

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Theme to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Fooled You...Foods that look like something else!  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mexican Night – Cinco de Mayo Celebration!  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Picnic Season Starter – Picnic favorites menu  
(Menu Themes are subject to change)

Sign up for Open Mic night of Event!



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DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

### SPRING SEASON PERFORMERS

#### MARCH 12

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Eric Jacklin  
7:00 ~ Michael Lovallo  
7:30 ~ Cody Bondra  
8:00 ~ Eric Paradine  
8:30 ~ Blue Yonder  
9:00 ~ Melanie Michaud  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### APRIL 9

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Howie B. Baldwin  
7:00 ~ Bill Morrell  
7:30 ~ Silk-n-Steel  
8:00 ~ Jim Palermo  
8:30 ~ Muddy Boots  
9:00 ~ CRB  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### MAY 14

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ MRX  
7:00 ~ Martha Rochelle  
7:30 ~ Robert Alan Scalla  
8:00 ~ Carl D & Co.  
8:30 ~ Breathless Charm  
9:00 ~ Jeanne Stokes Recchia  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### JUN 11

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Andy Robin  
7:00 ~ Blue Byrd  
7:30 ~ Salmon Eye  
8:00 ~ Abby Lappen  
8:30 ~ Joel Blumert  
9:00 ~ Darlene Fullerton  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

## STEAM VENT Menu for April 9th

### International April Fool's Day Meal...

Sausage, Onion and Peppers on Grinder Rolls  
(Vegetarian Sausage for our vegetarian friends)  
served with Salad

April Fooled You Desserts

Non-Alcoholic Wine or Sparkling Grape juice will  
also be available with our beverages!



**THIS LENT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
TOOK ON A PROJECT TO HELP THE FIGHT  
AGAINST HUNGER IN OUR WORLD.**

**FILL THE ARK PROJECT PROVIDED EACH  
PARTICIPANT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
THINK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
HEIFER PROJECT.**

Many children and adults took part in this project  
by collecting coins in boxes. It's time for the  
boxes to be returned to church.



So, bring your offering box on Sunday morning.  
The children will be asked to bring their box  
forward when we come to the time with children.

Adults are asked to either send your box front with  
a child sitting near you or leave it in the back of the  
Church with a deacon.

**We will celebrate the project  
on April 24th!**



## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	April 1	April Fool's Day
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal ~ Worship Choir	April 1-2	Leaders' Retreat
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	April 09	Steam Vent Coffee House
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal ~ Laurel City Singers	April 22	Earth Day
		April 23	Benefit Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> Church 7PM
		April 24 at 3:30 pm	Pastor Lisa's Installation
		April 27	Admin. Professionals Day
		April 30	50's Themed Dinner/Sock Hop
	<i>Board Meetings...</i>		
	April 3 April 12 April 17 April 26	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons Cabinet Meeting	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### April Birthdays

02 - Andrew Hurlbut  
 03 - Rob Rein  
 04 - Robert Adkins  
 05 - Robyn NeJaime  
 08 - Susan B. McAllister  
 10 - Mike Cyr  
 11 - Ava Whipple  
 14 - Mary McAllister  
 14 - Erik Gilbert-Corey  
 15 - Ruth Rebillard  
 17 - Robert Jones  
 17 - Annalee Marvin  
 17 - Tony Mongitore  
 18 - Carly Roberts  
 19 - Nina Tripodina  
 21 - Tricia Wu  
 25 - Cinde Soldan  
 27 - Pearl Dondero  
 28 - Edward Weaving  
 30 - Jack Valickis

### April Anniversaries

♥02 - Lisa & Jeff Whipple

If you would have your birthday or anniversary added to our list, please email Deb Storrs: [dstorrs@snet.net](mailto:dstorrs@snet.net)

## Laurel City Singers Do



## May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM

Tickets:

\$10 Adult/\$8 Senior/\$20 Family

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# April 2016

## International Guitar Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Artist: Karen Delton</p>		<p><b>April Birthstone:</b> <i>Diamond</i></p> 	<p><b>April Flower:</b> <i>Sweet Pea or Daisy</i></p> 	<p><b>Astrological Signs</b></p> <p><i>Aries:</i> Mar 21 - Apr 19 <i>Taurus:</i> April 20 - May 20</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>Leaders Retreat</i></p> <p><b>April Fools Day</b></p> <p><i>National Humor Month!</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Leaders Retreat</i></p> <p>Andrew Hurlbut ♥ Jeff &amp; Lisa Whipple</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am</p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 9:30 am</p> <p><i>PM Board</i></p> <p>Rob Rein</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Robert Adkins</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 5:30 pm</p> <p>Robyn NeJaime</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>LCS</i> 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Joseph Marsh Susan B. McAllister</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>STEAM VENT</b> Coffee House <b>6-10 pm</b> <i>National Cherish an antique day!</i> Mike Cyr</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am</p> <p><i>Muddy Boots Praise Choir</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Ava Whipple</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 5:30 pm</p> <p><i>Christian Ed</i> 6:45 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>LCS</i> 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mary McAllister Erik Gilbert-Corey</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Ruth Rebillard</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Liam Cyr</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am</p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 9:30 am</p> <p><i>Diaconate Board After Service</i> Joann Gray Robert Jones Annalee Marvin Tony Mongitore</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Carly Roberts</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 5:30 pm</p> <p>Nina Tripodina</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>LCS</i> 7:00 PM</p> <p>Tricia Wu</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Earth Day</b></p> <p><i>Passover begins at sunset</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Harmony for Hunger Benefit Concert</i> 2<sup>nd</sup> Church 7 pm</p> <p>Ted Sherman</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am</p> <p><i>Open Mic</i></p> <p><b>Pastor Lisa's Installation</b> 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Cinde Soldan</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Worship Choir</i> 5:30 pm</p> <p><i>Cabinet</i> 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>CDC Meeting</i> 6:00 pm <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Administrative Professionals Day</b></p> <p>Pearl Dondero</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>LCS</i> 7:00 PM</p> <p>Edward Weaving</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Jack Valickis</p>



Artist: Karen Delton

**Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM**

Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month  
 Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship  
 Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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