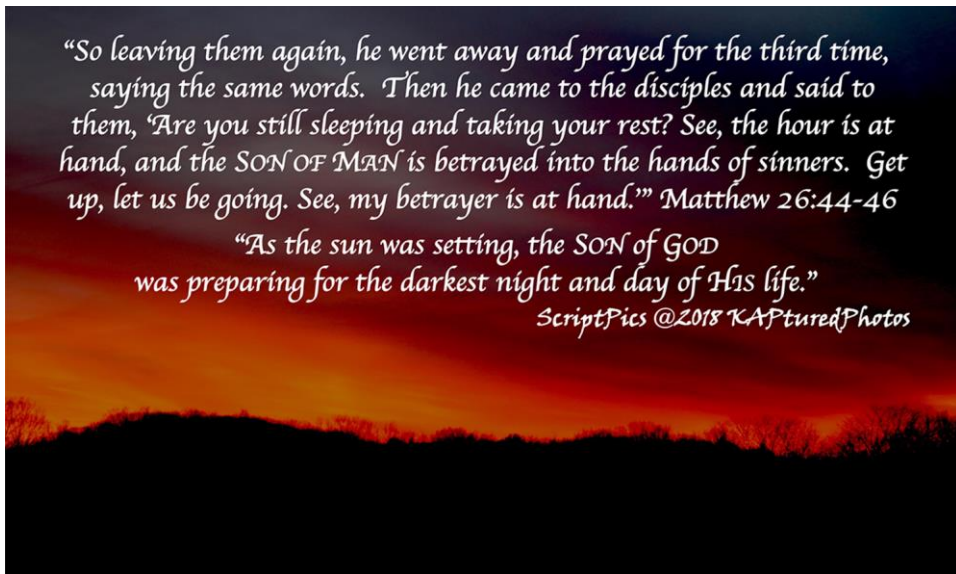


Word from the Pastor

"So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the SON OF MAN is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'" Matthew 26:44-46

*"As the sun was setting, the SON of GOD
was preparing for the darkest night and day of His life."
ScriptPics @2018 KAPturedPhotos*



Maundy Thursday, **April 18**, is fast approaching. On that night, we will hold our **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM**. I am thankful for the mutually reflexive spiritual, doctrinal, and cultural cross-pollination that we have been experiencing together since the beginning of my ministry with you. Consequently, in the same way that I had never anointed anyone with ashes, as we did on Ash Wednesday; likewise, in 51 years of Christian experience, and 31 years of pastoral ministry, I've never participated in a Tenebrae service. My pastoral tradition has only provided for a LORD'S Supper Service that included hymns, prayers, scripture, and the preaching of the gospel.

But, after looking at copies of bulletins from previous year's First Church for Maundy Thursday, and reading about Tenebrae Services online, I've come to appreciate the spiritual possibilities for Christians and non-believers alike. The time spent in quiet contemplation and listening to and meditating on biblical texts depicting the hours of pain, passionate suffering, and the anticipation of the Good Friday death of JESUS CHRIST during the Tenebrae service is a time to realize that all of JESUS' suffering and death was for us. In fact, his suffering and death is theologically described as substitutionary¹; JESUS died as a substitute, a stand-in for you and me.

The sixteenth century German Reformer, Martin Luther, wrote "*er ist für mich gestorben*¹," translated "**HE [CHRIST] died for me.**" The complete translation that Luther wrote was, "**HE [CHRIST] died for me. HE made His righteousness mine and made my sin HIS own; and if HE made my sin HIS own, then I do not have it, and I am free.**"¹ Such an outcome would be the ideal for every Tenebrae service, if even one worshipper came to the personal awareness that JESUS had also died for them, as HE has died for all other Christians.

But most intriguing for me is the meaning of the word **Tenebrae**, which is a medieval Latin word that means, "**darkness.**" Even as Christmas and Resurrection Sunday are celebrations of the full and glorious LIGHT of the LORD, breaking through



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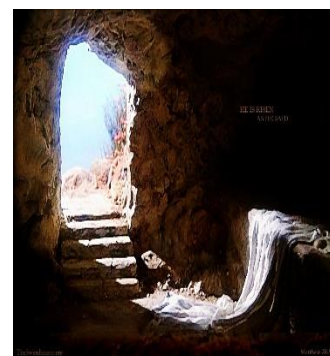
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Church News...

Pastor's Word continued:

the darkness of the world ***"...in HIM was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it"*** (John 1:4-5).

Likewise, as each candle is extinguished after each passage of scripture is read, it should remind us that without JESUS the LIGHT of the world, we are entering into darkness which HE had come to remove. During the service, the darkness represents the inimitable and intentional death of JESUS CHRIST. In essence, before JESUS became flesh, the world was in darkness. And now, with Good Friday, from the hour of His crucifixion on Good Friday, 12 to 3 PM, the skies darkened reminding the world of the promised judgment that GOD would foist upon humanity for their evil act.

Consequently, as the service comes to an end, we will leave in diminished light, with the hope and assurance that the promises of Resurrection Sunday will again prove that our faith is real, purposeful, victorious, and the blessed assurance of all of the promises of GOD.

Finally, as the accompanying *ScriptPic* suggests, Maundy Thursday, was the darkest night of JESUS' life and ministry. ***I look forward to it, because I know how the tragic story ends...***

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/substitutionary-atonement.html>

¹ <https://utopiosmessage.com/2015/07/19/der-froehliche-tausch-nach-martin-luther/>

¹ <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/476137-he-christ-died-for-me-he-made-his-righteousness-mine>



Caring for Folks...

Bob Miles prayers for healing and comfort!

Cinde Soldan prayers of thanksgiving for foot surgery success; no more boot!

Frank Artruc prayers for comfort for the loss of his mom.

Tino Gaspar prayers for healing & comfort his cousin's child with brain cancer.

Ryan Geddes prayers for comfort for the loss of his grandmother.

Who's Who...

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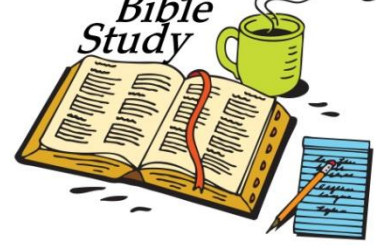
Ashley Fontanez (Chairperson)
Denise Jones, Suzi McAllister,
Frank Artruc, Lisa Nanni,
Sean Storrs & Rhett Geddes



New Diaconate Board Co-Chairs:

Kim Janak & Cheryl Jones

Sunday Morning Bible Study



The Adult Bible Study meets in the parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. **Note: We will not meet on Easter Sunday morning**



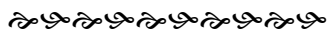
Choir Notes

Worship Choir rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
Sunday Services: April 7 and 21.

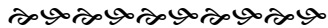
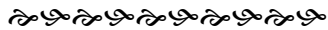
Muddy Boots Praise choir will be rehearsing at 9:30 AM on April 14 and singing as well.



Puddle Jumpers rehearse after services at 11:15 AM and sing on April 21(Introit) and April 28 (Anthem) with warmup at 9:30 AM both days.



**Maundy Thursday
Service
April 18 at 7:00 PM**



**Easter Sunrise
Service**

**Sunday, April 21st
6:00 AM**

Forest View Cemetery

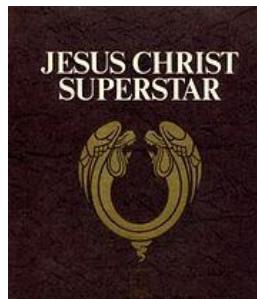


Saturday, April 6th at 5:30 PM

Bring a comfort food to share!

***Bingo Cards
\$0.50/sheet or \$5 a pack***

For more information see
Lisa Nanni or Kim Janak



Jesus Christ Superstar is a 1970 rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. The musical started as a rock opera concept album before its Broadway debut in 1971. The musical is mostly sung-through, with little spoken dialogue. The story is loosely based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of Jesus's life, beginning with the preparation for the arrival of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem and ending with the crucifixion. It depicts political and interpersonal struggles between Judas Iscariot and Jesus that are not present in the Bible.

**Special Viewing – Friday April 19 at 7 PM
Join us for Popcorn and Reflection**



March 29th at 5:30 PM

For more information see
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APRIL 20th**
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***Volunteer Needed to be a Sunday
School Classroom Aide...***
Someone to float between classrooms!
See Barb Mazzei

*"I sit beside the fire and think of all that I have seen
Of meadow flowers and butterflies in summers that have been
Of yellow leaves and gossamer in autumns that there were
With morning mist and silver sun and wind upon my hair
I sit beside the fire and think of how the world will be
When winter comes without a spring that I shall ever see
For still there are so many things that I have never seen
In every wood in every spring there is a different green
I sit beside the fire and think of people long ago
And people that will see a world that I shall never know
But all the while I sit and think of times there were before
I listen for returning feet and voices at the door"*

— J.R.R. Tolkien



Can You Hear...Puddle Jumpers, Ukappers, Muddy Booters, Worship Choir and Families...all Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon!

Photos: Cindy Roys



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STEAM VENT

Coffee House



April 13, 2019

Featured Performers

6:00 - 7:00 Open Mic

7:00 - Adelaide Punkin

7:30 - Jim Palermo & Tom Hanford

8:00 - Eric Paradine

8:30 - Silk-n-Steel (Con & Patti)

9:00 - Tom & Gordie Cooke

9:30 - Joel Blumert

*Free Will Offering
to support
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Chinese Night!

In the Café from 6-8 PM

Veggie or Pork Dumplings ~ Roast Pork lo Mein ~ Chicken & Broccoli
Gold Fingers, Boneless Ribs ~ Vegetarian Delight (tofu & veggie stir fry)

White Rice ~ Yang Chow Fried Rice

Salad Option plus deserts and beverage

Steam Vent Coffee House giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talent with friends and neighbors. Our extended mission is to promote and encourage local musicians and provide entertainment to the Northwest Corner while raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.

Open Mic performers (2 song limit) may sign up in advance: svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org

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**Proceeds Benefit
Scholarship Funds**



	Quantity	In Honor/Memory of:
Lily	_____	_____
Tulip	_____	_____
Daffodil	_____	_____
Hyacinth	_____	_____
Given by:	_____	_____

**All Plants
\$8.00**



**May 19th
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food items will
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Sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of Winsted Music Committee

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	March 29	Family Faith & Fun Night
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	April 06	Comfort Food & Bingo
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	April 13	Steam Vent Coffee House
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	April 18	Maundy Thursday
		April 19	Good Fri/Jesus Christ Superstar
		April 20	Spring Clean-up Day
		April 21 6:00 am & 10:00 am	EASTER
		May 18	Tag Sale
		May 19	Benefit Concert 2 nd Church 7PM
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		March 31	Pastoral Search Committee
		April 01	PM Board
		April 07	Pastoral Relations Committee
		April 10	Board of Christian Ed.
		April 14	Deacons
		April 23	Cabinet Meeting
			

★HAPPY BIRTHDAY!★

April Birthdays

01 - Wyatt Pfeffer
 02 - Andrew Hurlbut
 03 - Rob Rein
 04 - Robert Adkins
 05 - Robyn NeJaime
 08 - Joseph Marsh
 08 - Susan B. McAllister
 10 - Mike Cyr
 11 - Ava Whipple
 14 - Mary McAllister
 14 - Erik Gilbert-Corey
 15 - Ruth Rebillard
 16 - Liam Cyr
 17 - Robert Jones
 17 - Annalee Marvin
 17 - Tony Mongitore
 17 - Joann Gray
 18 - Carly Roberts
 19 - Nina Tripodina
 21 - Tricia Wu
 23 - Ted Sherman
 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:
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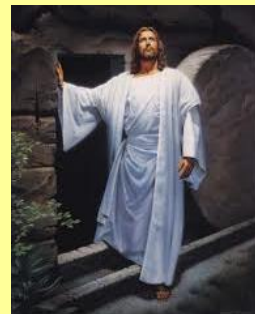


EASTER Services April 21st

Easter Sunrise Service

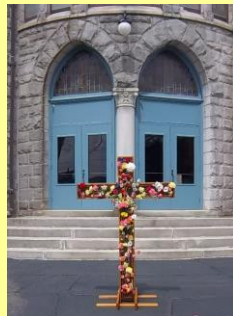
6:00 AM at Forest View Cemetery

Meet us at the top of the hill to greet the sun and celebrate the renewal of life! Bring some white carnations...as a sign of hope...to put on graves of loved ones.



10:00 AM Worship Service

As is our tradition, the Alleluia Ball will come back into the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning! All of our choirs will take part in the service, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Come celebrate the good news...Christ is Risen!



Flower Cross

Add your flowers to our Flower Cross...bring your own or use ours. Bud Roberts built this beautiful wooden cross, which we fill with flowers, which has been our tradition for several years. The empty cross filled with flowers is such a powerful image. Come be part of the resurrection celebration...death has lost its sting!

HAPPY EASTER

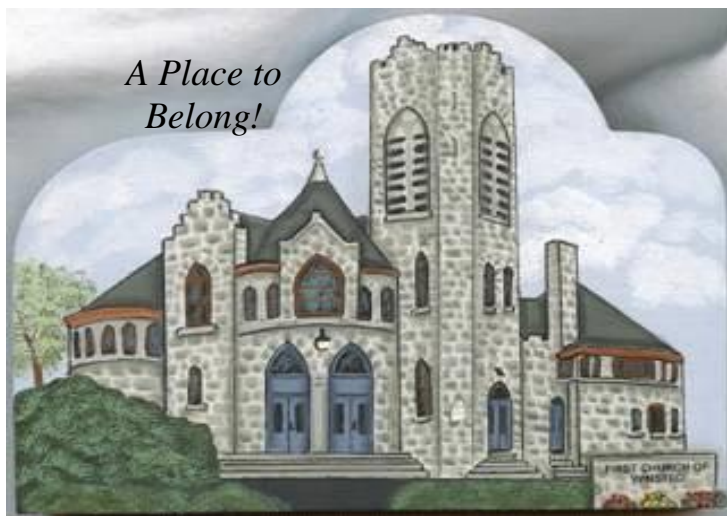


April 2019

International Guitar Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Artist: Karen Delton</p>	1 <i>Wyatt Pfeffer</i>	2 Worship Choir 5:30 pm <i>Andrew Hurlbut</i> ♥ Jeff & Lisa Whipple	3 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm <i>Rob Rein</i>	4 LCS 6:00 pm <i>Robert Adkins</i>	5 <i>Robyn NeJaime</i>	6 Comfort Food & Bingo 5:30
7 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers After Service	8 <i>Joseph Marsh</i> <i>Susan B. McAllister</i>	9 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm Mike Cyr	10 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Mike Cyr	11 LCS 6:00 pm Holocaust Remembrance Day Ava Whipple	12 	13  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 pm Chinese Night!
14 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Palm Sunday Muddy Boots 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Diaconate 11:30 Mary McAllister Erik Gilbert-Corey	15 <i>Ruth Rebillard</i>	16 Worship Choir 5:30 pm <i>Liam Cyr</i>	17 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Joann Gray Robert Jones Annalee Marvin Tony Mongitore	18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Carly Roberts	19 Good Friday  7:00 PM Nina Tripodina	20 Spring Clean-UP Day  8 AM until Noon
21 EASTER Worship Service 10:00 am  6:00 am Tricia Wu	22 Earth Day	23 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm Ted Sherman	24 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Administrative Professionals Day	25 LCS 7:00 pm Cinde Soldan	26 Bellringer Deadline	27 Pearl Dondero
28 Bible Study 9:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Edward Weaving	29 	30 Jack Valickis		April Birthstone: Diamond 	April Flower: Sweet Pea or Daisy 	Astrological Signs Aries: Mar 21 – Apr 19 Taurus: April 19 - May 20



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