

YMCA Homeless Shelter - Christmas Wishes!

Children

Amani (boy) age 9

Shirt Size: 10-12 Pants : 10 slim Shoes: 5
Wish: Arts & craft stuff, Kids A.T.M. , socks and t-shirts

Makeda (girl) age 6

Shirt Size: 7-8 Pants : 7 Shoes: 3
Wish: tights, thermal underwear and Kids A.T.M.

Anaya (girl) age 3

Shirt Size: 4T Pants : 5T Shoes: toddler 9
Wish: Glow n dark pull ups size 5 , case of wipes and tights

Tyrin (boy) age 5

Shirt Size: 8 Pants : 8 Shoes: 1
Wish: Legos and Scooby Doo Movie on DVD

Sieanna (girl) age 3

Shirt Size: 4 Pants : 4 Shoes: 10 toddler
Wish: Nintendo ds psp games (not sure on this one doesn't seem correct that a 3 year old at a shelter would want this; I have a call in to Bruce there)

Eljah (boy) age 2

Shirt Size: 3T Pants : 3T Shoes: 10 toddler
Wish: cars and trucks, diapers

Joseph (boy) age 2

Shirt Size: 3T Pants : 3T Shoes: 8 toddler
Wish: kids computer, Happy Feet Movie, fire truck, construction truck, twin bed sheets (Disney), socks and comforter

Steven (boy) age 15

Shirt Size: men small Pants : 31W 32L Shoes: 9 ½
Wish: Old Spice, wallet with chain, slippers size 11, boxers (men small), ankle socks and iTunes card

Adults

Susan

Shirt Size: Men XL Pants : 36w 32l Shoes: 7 ½
Wish: bath stuff, waterproof watch (not digital), silver cross necklace, XXL bathrobe, crew socks, full size comforter

Gloria

Shirt Size: Woman Lg Pants : Shoes: 9 ½
Wish: roundtrip bus ticket to NYC for her and the 3 children to see family or Wal-Mart gift card

Christine

Shirt Size: Woman XL Pants : 13 Shoes: 9
Wish: Wal-Mart Gift Card

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Church News...

Scholarship Raffle



1st Prize ~ \$3,000
2nd Prize ~ \$1,500
3rd Prize ~ \$500

Limited to 200 Tickets
\$50 each

Drawing January 1st at 3 PM
First Church of Winsted

See Dan Jones for Tickets
860-379-6332

Benefit: Scholarship Funds

Christmas Offering

This year's offering will be split between: Neighbors In Need/American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing for Sandy Relief Fund, Soup Kitchen, and the Capital Fund.



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

Diaconate Board News...

James Relihan was baptized on November 25th during the worship service. Blessings to him and his family!

Start collecting milk jugs for the Christmas Eve Luminaries. Please drop off **well rinsed** milk jugs, which will be cut and placed along the walk ways on Christmas Eve. So pretty...welcome the light of the world!

Welcome to new choir members Debra Sharpner and her grand-daughter Danielle Negrón! Make a joyful noise!

Christian Education News...

The Christmas Pageant will take place on Dec 23rd during Worship Service. Heather Richardson is heading up the pageant this year with a theme of Christmas through the Centuries...!

- There was a good turnout for the Bells of Hope bell ringing for the statewide children's adoption project. 14 children and 10 adults shared pizza and rang the church bell at 6 p.m. on the Sunday. Would like to do again next year, and present a short program about the foster children's program.
- 2nd and 3rd Sundays in Dec. children will make advent chains
- Dec. 1- Youth table at the Christmas Fair – will sell lasagna and oatmeal chocolate chip cookie jars, 18 jars each, \$7, 3 for \$15.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 16 – Swim Party
Mar. 31 – Easter Egg Hunt
May 12 - Confirmation & Mother's Day

CDC Report:

- Karen has updated the first Aid Manual, which will be current for two years. The Center is current with the lead management plan, and the water is tested for lead every two years
- dishwasher repaired, playground equipment will need rehab next year
- Enrollment for next year has begun, and currently is 10 MWF, 10 TTH

Sunday School Report

Teachers:

7-12, Ashley, Dan Jones, Cindy Roys-sub
4-6, Kathy Riiska-Lovejoy
2-3 Tanya Mongitore
4yr olds, K, 1, Barbara Mazzei & Natalie Roys
Nursery Debby Kane, Emma Hennig,
Julie Davy, Kim Janak.
We still Need 2 teachers by January.
Heather Richardson and Tyra Maggi have volunteered to teach

A new idea will be to use youth peer to peer teaching, using older youth to pair with younger children. Starting February 10, K-1 will join the youth in their upstairs classroom. The next week grades 2-3, then 4-6.

Laurel Hill Service

A worship service will be held on December 16 at 2 PM at Laurel Hill Health Care facility. Communion will be served. Open to church family...time to visit with residents...share a smile during the Christmas Season!

This will be the last service, as Laurel Hill will be closing its doors on January 11th.

This service will be sorely missed by our community!

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1st

9 am - 3 pm

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 North Main Street

Discounted One Day Only!
Boar's Head Festival Tickets

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Bake Sale
Luncheon
Wreathes
Poinsettias
Rada Knives
Christmas Trees
Themed Basket Raffle
Scholarship Raffle Tickets



"Frost grows on the window glass, forming whorl patterns of lovely translucent geometry. Breathe on the glass, and you give frost more ammunition. Now it can build castles and cities and whole ice continents with your breath's vapor. In a few blinks you can almost see the winter fairies moving in... But first, you hear the crackle of their wings."

— Vera Nazarian,
The Perpetual Calendar
of Inspiration



*A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away;
While quite unselfish, it grows small. -
Eva K. Logue*

Let the
Whole
World
Sing

A Christmas Musical
by Joel Raney

Join us for an
**Ecumenical
Christmas
Cantata**
presented by area choirs

**Sun., Dec. 16th
4:00 pm**

First Congregational
Church of Torrington
835 Riverside Ave.
860.482.4705

A freewill offering will be taken.
Refreshments will be served.
Snowdate: Sat., Dec. 22, 4pm

Thank you God.
My muscles are sore,
but they work.
I did not sleep well last night,
but I did wake up.
My wallet is not full,
but my belly is.
I may not have all I want,
but I have all I need.
My life is not perfect,
but it is good.

Mountain Wisdom@facebook.com



Music and Dance for Thanksgiving
Celebration at First Church Children's
Discovery Center
with Joseph FireCrow.

Winsted resident, Joseph FireCrow, presented a smorgasbord of Native American richness at Children's Discovery Center on Monday. Grammy nominated FireCrow, a Cheyenne flutist, offers authentic Native American programs, throughout the United States.

Children's Discovery Center director, Karen Sovak, decided to engage FireCrow, after presenting a Native American approach to giving thanks. The class discussed giving thanks for clean waters, fresh air, whole food from the earth, forests kept clean by animals, the night sky filled with stars and respect for all living things.

The children participated in flute and drum playing keeping the heart beat with FireCrow with his hand crafted instruments. The children also learned a Native American circle dance. It was truly an educational and cultural event!



Handel's MESSIAH
Community Sing-a-long
December 8th at 2:00 PM
Second Congregational
Church of Winsted
Free Admission!

Willard Minton, Director
Christopher King, Accompanist

Presented by the Music Committee of the Second
Congregational Church of Winsted
Call 860-379-4766 for more information

**Non-perishable food items will be accepted for the local
Salvation Army Food Bank and
Open Door Soup Kitchen**

**YMCA Shelter - Christmas Wish List Continued
Mark**

Shirt Size: Men Lg Pants : 32W 31L

Shoes: 12

Wish: Wal-Mart or Salvation Army Gift Card

Gary

Shirt Size: 15 1/2 Pants : 32W 32L

Shoes: 11

Wish: warm socks and thermal tops size large

Jeffrey

Shirt Size: Men Lg Pants : 38W 29L

Shoes: 9 1/2W

Wish: Warm pair of boots and find a job



Nancy

Shirt Size: Woman Lg Pants : elastic waist Lg

Shoes: 7

Wish: Microwave cookbook, ear muffs, cardigan and
crossword book

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	December 1	Christmas Fair
Sunday - 9:15 am	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	December 8	Messiah Sing-a-long
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	December 23	Christmas Pageant
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	December 24	Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	December 25	Christmas Day
		December 30	Boar's Head Fest Rehearsal 1:30
		January 1	Scholarship Raffle Drawing 3:00
		January 5	Boar's Head Fest 4 & 7 PM
		January 6	Boar's Head Fest 4 PM
		February 16	Swim Party
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		December 4	7:00 pm
		December 11	7:00 pm
		December 18	7:00 pm
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		PM Board	
		Board of Christian Ed.	
		Deacons	
		Cabinet Meeting	
			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December BIRTHDAYS

02 – Amanda Storrs
 04 – George Sherman
 16 – Natalie Majewski
 18 – David Ryu
 19 – Thomas Mazzei
 19 – Becky Smyth
 19 – Riley Storrs
 24 – Sean Storrs
 25 – Jesus
 26 – Courtney Toomey
 31 – Noreen Marchand
 31 – Bob Steele

December Anniversaries

♥ 13 - Jamie & Sabrina McAllister
If you know of someone missing from this list, please let Debbie Storrs know, so you can be added!!

The Boar's Head Festival

Sign-up for the Boar's Head Festival!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room, or you can email Debbie Storrs at dstorrs@snet.net

Please volunteer in whatever way you are able...so we can once again tell the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Costume Fittings: Sundays After Service



TOUCH HANDS

As years go on and heads get gray
 How fast the guests do go
 Touch hands...
 touch hands with those that stay
 Strong hands to week,
 old hands to young,
 Around the Christmas board...
 Touch hands...
 The false forget, the foe forgive
 For every guest will go,
 Every fire burn low
 and cabin empty stand.
 Forget!
 Forgive!
 For who may say
 that Christmas Day
 May ever come
 to host or guest again.
 Touch hands!
 Author Unknown

Recognize every day is a special occasion!

*Use your good china, your best sheets...
 all that stuff you are saving for good!
 Celebrate the gift you have today...tomorrow is not promised!*

216 Coats Collected!
Many thanks to Tanya for heading up the drive for coats, which were donated to the Salvation Army. Thanks to donors too!



Birthday Party for Jesus

When: Sunday, Dec 23rd after the worship service

Where: Dining Room

Come down after the pageant celebrating the history of Christmas through the ages...and have a sandwich and some chips...AND we'll even have cake! No candles though, way too many would be involved!

There will be games too for young ones and young at heart ones!

Pin the star on the manger
 Wreath Toss
 And more...



To wish you Christmas Blessings.

Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 PM

Come and celebrate the greatest gift of all!



December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	December Birthstone: Turquoise 	December Flower: Narcissus 	Astrological Signs Sagittarius: Nov 22 – Dec 21 Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20			1 Christmas Fair 9 - 3
2 RW4J 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 2nd Sunday Advent	3	4 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Property Maintenance Board 7:00	5 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	6 Laurel City Singers 6:00 Boar's Head Festival Rehearsal	7	8 Handel's MESSIAH Sing-a-Long 2 PM 2nd Cong Church
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23 RW4J 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Christmas Pageant	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM	25 No Rehearsal Worship Choir  Merry Christmas	26 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	27 Laurel City Singers 6:00	28	29 New Year's Eve 
30 RW4J 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 BH Rehearsal 1:30	31	Jan 1 No Rehearsal Worship Choir	Jan 2 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	Jan 3 Laurel City Singers 6:00	Jan 4	Jan 5 The Boar's Head Festival  4 & 7 PM
Jan 6 The Boar's Head Festival  4 PM						

First Church of Winsted
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Tickets: Adult \$15 * Senior \$12 * Child \$8

CHRISTMAS FAIR DISCOUNT

December 1st from 9 AM until 3 PM

\$3 off each ticket price!



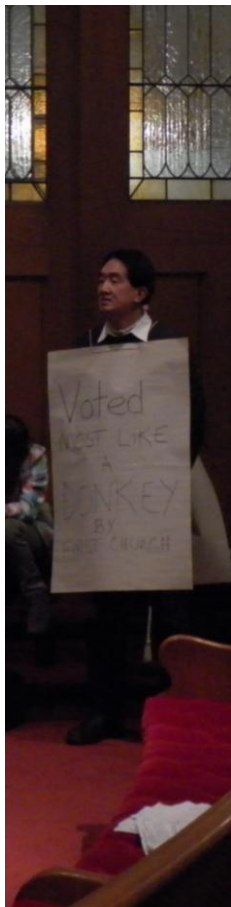
Tickets: 860-379-8966



Boar's Head Festival 2013

January 5th at 4 & 7 PM and January 6th at 4 PM

First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street



Runthrough: Sunday, December 30th! Cast: 1:30 Choir & Brass: 1:45



Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Michael Wu

Moderator - Dan Jones

Vice-Moderator – Richard Mazzei

Clerk - Debbie Storrs

Board of Deacons - Co-chairs

Laura McCaw & Lisa Nanni

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Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Cherub Choir Director - Debbie Storrs

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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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