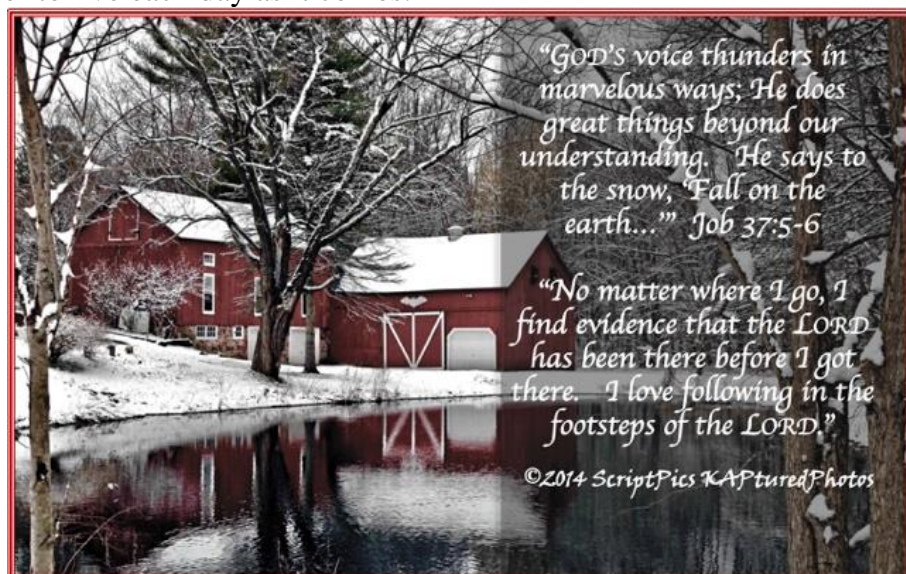


Word from Pastor Kap

Well, it happened. Christmas ended, and in 70+ hours, January will also be history. My family and I love Christmas, we love snow, we love one another; but we mostly just love the Lord. That being the case, I've learned many wonderful things throughout the course of my Christian life. It's like Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9 ***"That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun."*** Therefore, no matter what happened during Christmas 2018, January 1, 2019, or even, February 2019, the Lord has taught me not to worry about my tomorrows, not to regret my yesterdays, but rather to live each day as it comes.



First Church, I'm thankful to have traveled with you through the Fall, into Winter, and as we expect the next Clipper or Nor'easter. One snowy winter morning in 2014, I was on my way to visit a patient at the McLean Rehabilitation facility in Simsbury. As I drove up the road, my eyes were smitten by the barn and pond in the photograph to the right; I stopped, pulled out my trusty camera, and began shooting away. And despite the cold and windy weather, I was captivated by the sheer beauty of the scene and shot it from several angles until I was satisfied that I had captured it in its glory.

When I started out from our home, I had no idea that the barn was there. I had no idea if the lighting would have been adequate for a photograph. And as I wrote in the margin of the photograph, *"No matter where I go, I find evidence that the Lord has been there before I got there. I love following in the footsteps of the Lord."* Likewise, while we don't know what tomorrow will bring, there's one thing that is always guaranteed, the presence of the **Lord**. The gospel songwriter, Ira F. Stanphill, wrote *"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow,"* and the chorus tells us: *"Many things about tomorrow...I don't seem to understand...But I know who holds tomorrow...And I know who holds my hand."*

Ira had figured it out, the same way I finally figured it out. We will all encounter errors, successes, joys, sorrows, mountains, valleys, and waterways that



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Church News...

will challenge us, our families, and our congregation. The good news is that no matter what tomorrow brings, *"I know who holds my hand."* Is the Lord holding your hand? The Father can't hold your hand if you don't reach out to give it to Him. Jesus can't give you eternal life, if you haven't asked Him for salvation. Likewise, the Holy Spirit can't help or comfort you, unless you seek His blessings.

Sometime in the near future, we will be seeking the firm hand of the Lord as the Cabinet, Deacons, and I prayerfully and conscientiously prepare for what we've called an "InReach" effort. InReach will be our effort to contact members who have slowed or stopped attending worship, engaging in fellowship opportunities, or serving in the ministries of the church. We miss those members, and hope that our InReach may supply answers to questions like whether they are experiencing challenges that limit or prevent their participation, at which point we would like to offer our help and support. We are uncertain if they've moved out of the area. Whatever may have gone awry, we want to try to resolve whatever has disrupted our fellowship, with the hope of welcoming them back home.

The health and wellbeing of our church is our foremost concern, especially when the Pastoral Search Committee is organized and begins to seek the next pastor of First Church of Winsted. But unless we accurately diagnose some of the things that have gone wrong, it will make choosing the pastor whom the Lord wants to use to restore and strengthen the wellbeing of the ministries of First Church to and with each other, the community, and to missions throughout the world. I invite all of us to trust the Lord as First Church takes her next steps together. Let us step out with faith recognizing that although the road ahead is full of unknowns, Ira F. Stanphill has a message for all of us, *"Many things about tomorrow...I don't seem to understand...But I know who holds tomorrow...And I know who holds my hand."*

*So I reflected on all this and concluded
that the righteous and the wise and what they do
are in God's hands,
but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them.*
Ecclesiastes 9:1

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

**Sunday,
February 3, 2019**
(Due to Snow Storm)

**Immediately following the
10:00 AM Worship Service**

**All are welcome
and encouraged to attend!**

Lunch will be served!!



If you have musical friends who would like to be included in the line-up for Spring of 2019, have them email: info@firstchurchofwinsted.org. This spring the coffee houses will be held on:

March 9 ~ April 13 ~ May 11 ~ June 1

Open mic will run from 6 pm – 7 pm with the option of 1 to 3 songs up to a half hour depending on interest. Featured performers will begin at 7 pm with the last slot beginning at 9:30.

Help is always needed and appreciated, setting up tables and chairs, cooking parts of the meal or, serving or helping to tear down at the end of the night.

Pics & things...



Jenna, Sierra and Lia delivering food and supplies to Winsted Salvation Army. Director Pam was most grateful!
(Photo: Cindy Roys)



(Photo: Cindy Roys) **Puddle Jumpers with Rainbow Ukuleles**

Afternoon visitor! Hello Mr. Bobcat



When the cold gets tough in Minnesota, one longtime Minneapolis resident uses frozen pants to make it more fun. Tom Grotting is famous in his Minneapolis neighborhood for freezing pants and placing them in unlikely places, including his front yard.

"I mostly do it for my neighbor, Diane," Grotting told ABC News. "The winter gets a little long and she doesn't like winter very much so it's mostly entertainment for Diane."

For the past two years, many of Grotting's neighbors have started putting out their own pants. The hashtag #frozenpants has started to pop up on Facebook and Twitter as his neighbors – and other Minnesotans – create their own pants art.

Photo: Tom Grotting

Our Annual Meeting was postponed due to the snow storm until February 3rd! It will be immediately after our Worship service on that Sunday. Please come and share a pot luck meal with us as we gather to present and discuss the past year and what we can expect in the upcoming year. We will be having soup, salads, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. We really need all your voices and thoughts as we venture into the new year.

We are continuing with our **Lay Reader Training**. **The last sessions was scheduled for January 31st at 7 p.m. will have to be rescheduled due to the frigid weather.** Scripture Lay Readers are members of First Church of Winsted who read the scriptures during public worship. The Lay Reader's objective is to read the scriptures so that the listeners are helped to understand the reading; and, become attentive (Nehemiah 8:3) to the Word of the Lord; and, to prepare worshippers to receive the preached word from the Pastor or other preachers of God's Word. If you are interested, please come join us!

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2

Submitted by: Debby Kane



FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY FUN!

Come snow tubing

at Camp Jewell

6 Prock Hill Rd.

Colebrook

February 10th

2-4 p.m

(alternate date 2/24)

Tubes and helmets provided

Hot cocoa supplied by the Camp



Cupcakes and Sweets!



SUNDAY, February 17, 2019
during Fellowship hour
after service in the
Gathering Room!

Have fun taste testing various
types of treats people have
made. Enjoy a "sweet" treat with
your sweet church family!





TEAM SPIRIT SUNDAY...

February 3rd is also Super Bowl Sunday! *The congregation is invited to wear their favorite jersey (or any sports team apparel) to church that day.* In addition to that we will be kicking off our **SOUPER Bowl food drive**. Collection boxes will be out for the month of February taking donations of food and personal health items to split between the Open Door and the Salvation Army. Donations of hand warmers and foot warmers are really appreciated this time of year



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am Sunday - 10 am Sunday - after service Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 8:00 pm Thursday - 7:00 pm Thursday - 6:00 pm	Bible Study Worship Puddle Jumpers Rehearsal Rehearsal~Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers Girl Scouts	February 2 February 3 February 10 February 14 February 17 February 18 February 24 March 05 March 06	Ground Hog Day Super Bowl Sunday Tubing 2-4 PM Valentine's Day Sweet Treats Sunday President's Day WRAP Service Fat Tuesday - Mardi Gras Ash Wednesday
	<i>Board Meetings...</i>		
	February 4 February 6 February 11 February 26 <i>Dates subject to change</i>	PM Board 11:20 am Board of Christian Ed. 6:45 pm Deacons after worship Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm	

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

February Birthdays

01 - Elexys Savoy
02 - Suzie Larson
03 - Sabrina McAllister
03 - Bailey McCaw
03 - Julie Davy
06 - Kate Roys
07 - Lorraine Tatar
07 - Nicole Ladd
11 - Bonnie Geddes
11 - Dan Jones
12 - Sandy Thibault
12 - Jessica Toomey
14 - Mathew Marvin
14 - Korie Valickis
15 - Heather Richardson
16 - Holly Cassaday
16 - Devan McCaw
18 - Virginia Hughes
18 - Eric Smith
18 - Jessica Wu
20 - Will Hurlbut
20 - Carol Miles
20 - Debbie Storrs
21 - Curtis Blische
22 - Sharon Doyle
25 - Helen Nye
26 - Bud Roberts
26 - Kelvin Smith
27 - Alexandra Cassaday
28 - Jamie McAllister
28 - Eileen Bensle
28 - Rick Rice
29 - Peyton Storrs February

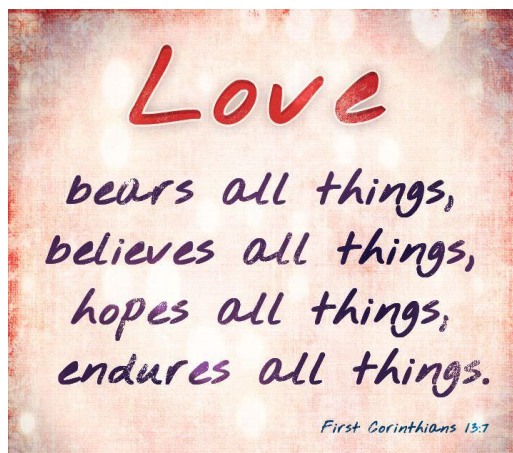
Anniversaries

♥ 13 - Ted & Donna Sherman
♥ 15 - Robert & Ann Jones
♥ 19 - Paul & Diane Richards

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



Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Have a nice Valentine's Day
And
Don't get the flu!



The Silver Lake 2019
Summer Brochure
is now available online!

Registration is now open
<http://silverlake.ctucc.org/>



Camp Wightman
Registration for Camp Wightman's
2018 summer camp programs
is now open!

Visit www.campwightman.org/
summer camp to review the
schedule and make your choice of
programs.



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	February Birthstone: Amethyst 	February Flower: Violet 	<i>It was my hand that laid the foundations of the earth, my right hand that spread out the heavens above. When I call out the stars, they all appear in order."</i> Isaiah 48:13		1 National Wear Red Day Elexis Savoy	2 Groundhog Day Suzie Larson
3 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Property Maintenance Bd 11:15 am Annual Meeting Sabrina McAllister Bailey McCaw Julie Davy	4	5 Chinese New Year Worship Choir 5:30 BOCE 6:45 pm	6 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Kate Roys	7 Girl Scouts 5:00 PM Lorraine Tatar	8	9
10 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Diaconate 11:30 Tubing 2-4	11 Bonnie Geddes Dan Jones	12 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Jessica Toomey Sandra Thibault	13 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Ash Wednesday ♥ Ted & Donna Sherman	14 Girl Scouts 5:00 PM Valentine's Day Matthew Marvin Korie Valickis	15 Chinese New Year Heather Richardson ♥ Robert & Ann Jones	16 Holly Cassaday Devan McCaw
17 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Sweet Treats	18 Presidents Day Virginia Hughes Eric Smith Jess Wu	19 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm ♥ Paul & Diane Richards	20 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Will Hurlbut Carol Miles Debbie Storrs	21 Girl Scouts 5:00 PM Curtis Blische	22 Bellringer Deadline	23
24 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am WRAP Service	25 Helen Nye	26 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Kelvin Smith	27 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Alexandra Cassaday	28 Jaimie McAllister Eileen Bensle Rick Rice	March 1 Peyton Storrs (February 29 th)	Astrological Signs Aquarius: Jan 21 – Feb 18 Pisces: Feb 19 – Mar 20



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