

Word from Pastor Kap

I was thinking about God the other day. You ever do that? I'm sure most Christians are inclined to think about the Lord at different times of their lives. For some it happens when they are filled with joy over the birth of a new child in the family. For others, it's getting that position they had been hoping for. Others think about God when they learn that the cancer that had ravished their body, had just been declared in remission. I'd be thinking about the Lord a whole lot if either of these events occurred in my life.

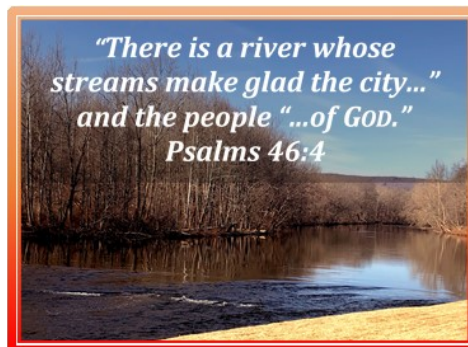
But, my thoughts of the Lord were not for any of these causes, I had a simpler reason, I had opened my eyes, and could see; listened, and could hear; saw food, and celebrated the scent of a favored meal; put the food in my mouth, and the taste matched the aroma; and lastly, I touched my wife, and felt her lively warmth. All of my senses were working, and I knew that my life was precious because of the Lord. My life is all because of the **"Is—ness"** of God. Those thoughts became the substance of the sermon for February 2, 2020. Using Psalm 46, I titled it **"The Is—ness of God."** The first four verses of the psalm read:

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

I highlighted the words in the verses that prompted my 'God thoughts.' No matter what I have faced in life, whether good or bad, painful or sad, the **LORD IS** and **HAS BEEN**. In other words, because God **exists**, or **is**, I am prepared to face all joys and challenges in my life. Even if the things of our lives get so bad that they feel as though mountains are collapsing around us, causing the sea to gurgle, and the earth that surrounds them to quake because of the crumbling mountains, we've been privileged to survive them because the **LORD IS** our refuge and strength. The word **"is"** is the third person singular of the verb **"to be."** And the Lord is the self-existent being, who has existed eternally, before history, and will continue throughout the future of eternity. Remember the way Moses was told to inform the Israelites about the God who would deliver them from Egyptian bondage? The Lord said to Moses, **"I AM who I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"** Exodus 3:14. In other words, God was saying, **I the self-existent one, AM.**

Therefore, because the **LORD IS**, I will not fear. Because the **LORD IS**, we must remain confident and assured that with the Lord we can handle it. When things start going crazy around us, we need to realize that the seas may cause 40-80-foot waves as they did in the historic "perfect storm" that hit the North Atlantic in 1991. Fear not, we are about to enter a river inlet of a river of grace, **"There is a river whose**

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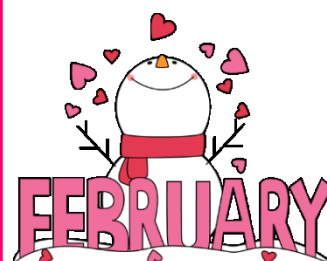
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Church News...

streams make glad the city..." and the people "...of GOD." Psalms 46:4. Church, none of us knows can predict what's coming next, but we can face it because **GOD IS!** I look forward to how **God's Is—ness** will secure and bless First Church's choice of the next settled pastor, and the security and future of your fellowship and ministry together. Amen?

Pastor Kap

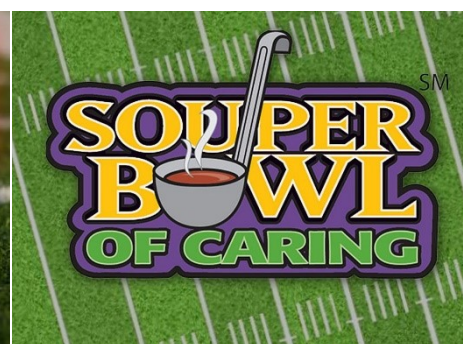
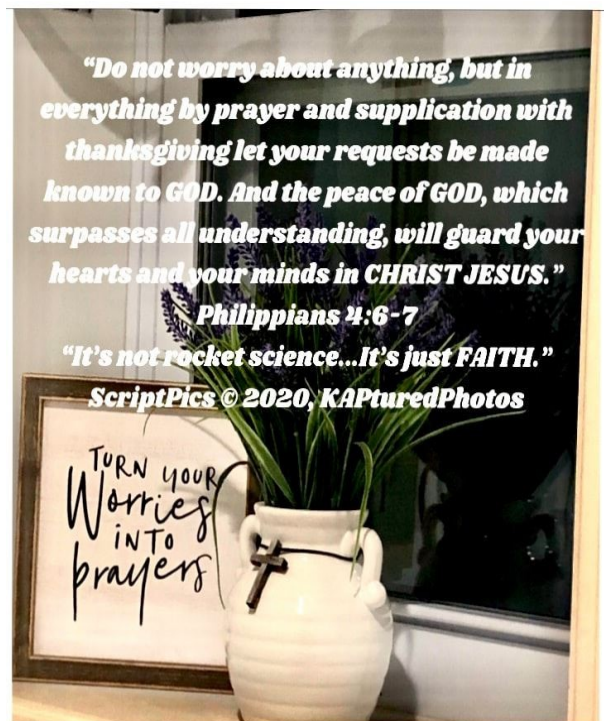




A Celebration of Black History Month will be held on February 23rd during the worship service. Pastor Kap's Sermon will be *"Down by the Riverside"* and Scripture: Psalm 137:1-6 (See insert Page 8) Muddy Boots and the Puddle Jumpers will join forces for the spiritual *"Hush, Hush Somebody's Callin' my Name."* Puddle Jumpers will also be singing *"A World of Peace"* written by Holocaust survivor Inge Auerbaucher with her poem, "Hold me Tight."

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a brief special meeting of the First Church of Winsted on **February 9, 2020** immediately following the Worship service in the Sanctuary. There is a correction to the Annual Budget for 2020 that will need to be approved.

Thank you,
The Church Cabinet



Bring non-perishable food donations for our SOUPer Bowl of Caring 
AND Jersey Sunday! (Or any sports apparel)
Wear your favorite team 

Pics & things...



***New Member – Right Hand of Fellowship
Tannia Cavajani***



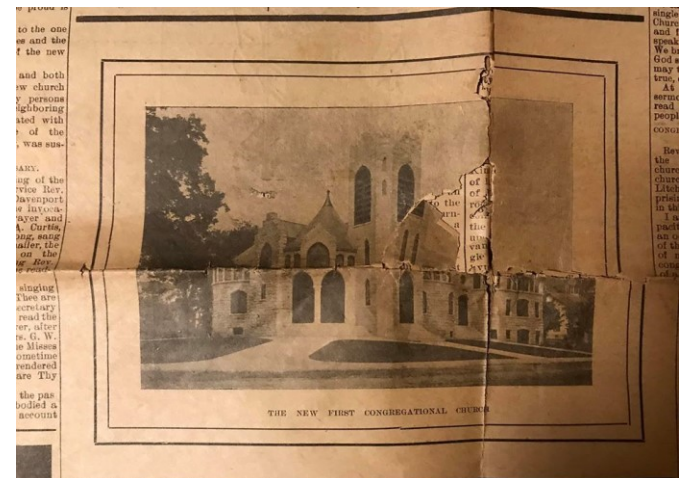
***Finished! The new handicapped bathroom
(Photo: Deb Storrs)***



Thanks to Denise Jones for the decorations!



Sunday School Pals (Photo: Cindy Roys)



***The New First Congregational Church
Winsted Evening Citizen – September 20, 1901***

I'd rather – Plan to do great things and fail than to plan to do nothing and succeed! -Anonymous

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!



COMMUNITY MEALS
 LOVE IN ACTION

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

at the First Church of Winsted

95 North Main Street, Winsted

5-7 p.m. in the Dining Hall

Friday, February 21

Friday, May 22

Friday, August 21

Friday, November 20

If you are able, donations will be accepted to help
 finance the next community meal

STEAM VENT



**Coffee
House**



If you have musical friends who would like to be
 included in the line-up for Spring of 2020, have
 them email: info@firstchurchofwinsted.org. This
 spring the coffee houses will be held on:

March 14 ~ April 18 ~ May 9 ~ June 13

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. Lots of volunteer opportunities!
 A sign-up will be posted or please contact Deb
 Storrs.

**2020 FAITH AND FUN
NIGHTS**

Last Fridays

5:30-8:00 p.m.



FIRST CHURCH DINING HALL

Jan 31 Feb 28 Mar 27

Apr 24 May 29 June 26

No July Aug 28 Sept 25

No Oct Nov 27 No Dec

All dates subject to change!

**Parents: this is a drop off event
for your children!**

\$5 fee per child pays for dinner.
Please sign up in Gathering Room
beforehand for planning purposes.

**Night includes dinner, biblical
reading, craft and games for
children. See Lisa Nanni or Kim**

Janak for info.



FOOD & DRINK



THE WEATHER.
Rain to-night and to-
morrow. Warmer.

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WINSTED, CONNECTICUT, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1901.

WHOLE

DEDICATION OF FIRST CHURCH. And Celebration of 100th Ann- versary of old Meeting House.

It is said that history repeats itself. The truth of this was verified yesterday in the dedication of the beautiful new First Congregational church, a magnificent granite edifice, standing on the corner of North Main street and Holabird avenue, for on the same day the church celebrated the centennial anniversary of the dedication by their forefathers, of the old meeting house which they now leave to worship in the new. This new church bears evidence that the people affiliated with it have kept pace with the march of a century's progress and have most grandly developed the twentieth century idea of modern church architecture.

No doubt one hundred years ago when Winsted was a mere hamlet the people were as pleased and proud of their new meeting house as are the people today. That they have reason to be proud is manifest.

The afternoon was devoted to the one hundredth anniversary services and the evening to the dedication of the new church.

It was an ideal autumn day and both afternoon and evening the new church was completely filled, many persons being present from the neighboring towns. The pulpit was decorated with palms and ferns. A picture of the martyr president, in mourning, was suspended in front of the pulpit.

ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY.

After the prelude and singing of the doxology at the afternoon service Rev. George Foster Prentiss of the Davenport church, New Haven, offered the invocation and lead in the Lord's prayer and the choir, assisted by Mrs. E. A. Curtis, W. L. Camp, Jr., and H. A. Strong, sang "Te Deum" by Schuecker, D. W. Shaller, the organist, accompanying them on the organ. As a responsive reading Rev. Prentiss read the following:

The congregation joined in singing hymn 692, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken." Rev. H. B. Roberts, secretary of the Connecticut Bible Society, read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer, after which a quartet consisting of Mrs. G. W. Judson, Mrs. E. A. Curtis and the Misses Atwood sang very feelingly "Sometime We Will Understand." The choir rendered as an anthem "How Lovely are Thy Dwelling."

The historical address was by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Judson and embodied a complete and most interesting account

The sorrowful drum and viol,
Commanding and stern with war-like
toe;
The weird wood-winds' pathetic com-
plaining,
The whispered quest of some wander-
er's moan;

The vibrant strings' ecstatic gladness,
Brilliantly soaring above them all;
So blended they all in harmonic beauty,
That the Presence chained me with
blessed thrall.

The lofty mood of the Maestoso
Forbade me ever to grovel in thought;
And the martial tread of the Grandioso
Taught me easier to do what I ought.

The dainty grace of the Minuet
The clouds dispersed; and the blue sky
bright
Gave health to my heart, and song to my
spirit.
And in place of my darkness it gave the
light.

THE STONE.
I have read somewhere the ancient story,
From a musty volume of history,
Of a band of monks, who, patiently toil-
ing

With sacrifice and mystery,
To their Holy Master built a chapel
Of stone and oak from the very crum-
ble;
They were very poor in gold and treasure;
But rich untold in their faith sublime.

'Twas but a poor saint's painful labor,
Wrought out with pure and expectant
trust;
Wrought not for some wild passing fancy;
But for love and hope, which told them
they must.

'Twas love's compulsion, always so
precious,
Speaking the word to the inner-most
soul;
Commanding the fullest measure of
largess;
Responding, they gave not part, but
the whole.

So these poor monks lived meekly, be-
lieving
That, giving their all with implicit
trust,
Their own blessed Christ, for whom they
were building,
Would give them their meed, the water
and crust.

Thus toiling, each stone to its place was
uplifted.
The statutes of the marble, the organ, the
carvings, the altar, the paintings,
completed.
In the beautiful plan the architect gave.

The most interesting service was
brought to a close by the singing of
"No. 220," "All Hail the Power of
Jesus Name," and the benediction.

REBURNER SERVICE.
The church was most beautiful at the
dedication service in the evening with
the brilliancy of scores of electric lights.
Rev. H. Norris of Torrington, read
vocal.

An unusual incident occurred while
the choir was singing the "Festival Te-
Deum" by Dudley Buck. They were re-
sponding the closing words, "Let us not
be ashamed," when the electric lights
suddenly went out at all went out and
disappeared. But it was for only a mo-
ment as the gas was immediately lighted
and the choir was replaced and the electric
lights were as brilliant as ever.

Rev. W. Judson lead in reading the
Scripture responsively and the con-
gregation joined in singing hymn 695,
"There are Kings and Empires Now."
Rev. Calvin Goddard of Salisbury
read the scriptural lesson from 1st
Chron. 16, and 2d Chron. 5 chap.
The choir rendered as an anthem "Ex-
ult and Rejoice in the Lord" most
beautifully and impressively.

Dedication sermon was delivered
by Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter of the
First Church of Christ of Hartford. It
was a masterly effort and was delivered
with splendid oratorical effect.

Potter's theme was "The Church
in World" and he took for his text
John 17:15—"I pray not that thou
shalt take them from the world."

Now this is to me
that Jesus lived.
And the heart of
with no less mind
perfection of the soul
all these crucial in-
low the surface of
answer from God
other.

The church must
world by present
beliefs and the Jes-
meaning of life are
severe challenge. In
terms of today
vital by this impulse
the Christ though
proclaimed. For
age he has a new
forever—only the
"What thought
spoke."

The altar of
See through the
The fair, round
Christ must be
death of self as
sacred whereby
achieve His idea
the activities of
this let the Wo-
preached. For
and prayer be
manifested. He
and generation
this place as a
radiance for
their souls.

I am not un-
hearing tonight
the noble church
me say to you
single aim of
Church of Christ
and fought. I
speak for Christ
We bring you
God speed. I
may this be a
true, clear we
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CONGRATULATIONS

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THE NEW FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



The symphony wrought with the heart
and thought
Of a wonderful master of time and tune,
Seemed clothed in life, to me a prophet,
Whose song so thrilled, I can sing his
rude.

I am moving still in his living presence
And irksome labor grows to be sweet;
The burdensome task rests light on my
shoulder;
My hands more steady, less tired my

Behold now the music of art in the
temple!
The blending of all—a harmony sweet—
The hearts of the monks break forth
into singing.
The symphony in stone is complete.

L'ENVOI.

And this is the home for the Lord you
have builded.
Standing at last in its beauty replete.
There is nothing left wanting for your
trill and devotion

Consider the daring boldness of Jesus.
Either he was the bravest of the world's
heroes or he was a madman. Men obsti-
nately refuse to think the latter. The
former becomes inevitable. For, recall the
program of his propaganda. He appeared
among men sinless and serene like unto
the Syrian star which hung high in the
blue above his tentless head so was the
purity of this rare spirit. Amid the pas-
sions which tear and break human life
life threatening into madness power the
strength of his will bears itself like some
great granite cliff which the storm

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Celebration of 100 Year Anniversary & New Building

Obituaries



Betty Louise (Leppin) Greeley, 87, beloved wife of Richard T. Greeley, died Saturday, January 4, 2020. She was born on January 23, 1932 in Jamaica, NY, the daughter of the late William F. Leppin, Sr. and Helen (Walters) Leppin. She spent her youth in Jamaica, NY and Sound Beach, Long Island, NY, attending PS 131 and Jamaica High School in NY, followed by Cortland State Teachers College. After marriage, she resided with her husband in Rego Park, Queens, NY and Torrington, CT before splitting time between Gulf Shores, AL and Barkhamsted, CT. At various times, she had been employed by the New York Telephone Company and held several part-time positions in the Torrington school system, and several Torrington medical facilities. Besides being a devoted wife and mother, Betty was active as a volunteer for most of her life, receiving numerous recognitions of service from organizations like Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH), Torrington YMCA, HOSPICE, and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. She also enjoyed music and theater, participating in Sweet Adeline's, Church bell and chancel choirs, the Amateur Community Theater (ACT), the Torrington Yankee Choral, and the Laurel City Singers, over the years. Betty was an avid Bridge player and she never backed down from the challenge of a good jigsaw puzzle. Having grown up on the beaches of Long Island, Betty was never far from the water. Whether teaching swimming at the YMCA, vacationing with family on the lakes of New Hampshire and Maine, or spending time at home on the Gulf Coast and West Hill Pond, it is where she enjoyed being the most. The only thing she enjoyed more was the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Richard T. Greeley; and their five children, Richard A. Greeley and his wife Cheryl of Torrington, CT, Ellen Byrne and her husband Thomas of Avon, CT, Karen Hodge and her husband Kenneth of Plainville, CT, Thomas Greeley and his life-partner Kathy Murray of Newbury, MA, and Linda Korcsmaros and her husband David of Mechanicsville, VA; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for a celebration of Betty's life at 11 AM on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at The First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main St, Winsted, CT. A scattering of the ashes will be held privately at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to FISH: fishnwct.org; 332 South Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790 or HOSPICE: vnanw.org; 607 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750. God has called another angel to serve in Heaven. Betty will be missed in this physical world.

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Barbara Woodard was born in 1936 in Canaan, NY; died January 9, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Phineas and Ruth Woodin. Barbara was a very hard worker employed at Wolcott Hall from 1979 until retirement. She was a member for 50+ years at First Church. She was also the President of Opportunity Club from 1996 – 2004. She is survived by her children, Mark Emerson, Terry Clavette, both of Winsted and Diane Woodard of PA; a sister, Elizabeth Pino; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and James Woodin. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at First Church of Winsted. Burial will be held in the spring.

Summer Camp Registrations are Open





Camp Wightman
Registration for Camp Wightman's
2020 summer camp programs is now open!
Visit www.campwightman.org
to review the schedule and make your
choice of programs.



The Silver Lake
2020 Summer Brochure
is now available online!

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

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am Sunday - after service Sunday - 6 pm Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 7:30 pm Thursday - 7:00 pm	Worship Puddle Jumpers Rehearsal AA Rehearsal~Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal - Laurel City Singers	February 2 February 2 February 9 February 14 February 16 February 18 February 21 February 26 February 28	Ground Hog Day Super Bowl Sunday Tubing 2-4 PM Valentine's Day Sweet Treats Sunday President's Day Community Meal Ash Wednesday Family, Faith and Fun Night!
	<i>Board Meetings...</i>		
	February 3 As needed February 16 February 18 <i>Dates subject to change</i>	PM Board 11:20 am Board of Christian Ed 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

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: info@firstchurchofwinsted.org

Share The Love February Undies and Socks Sundays



Psalm 137:1-6




Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem - By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How could we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem let my right-hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

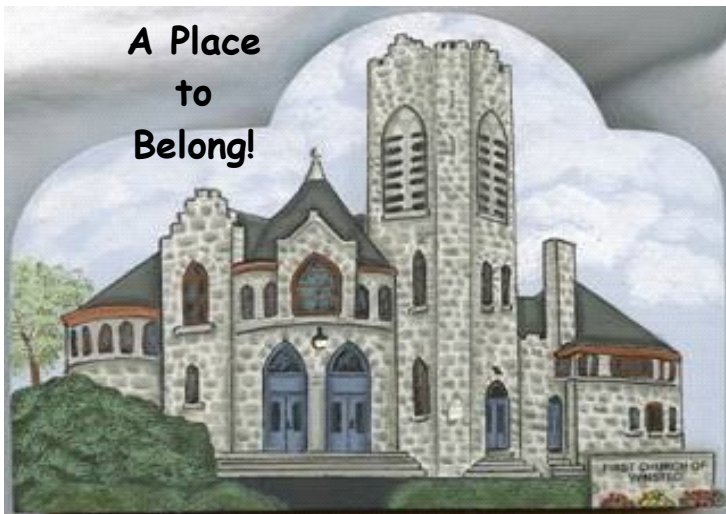


February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	February Birthstone:  Amethyst	February Flower: Violet 	All Dates and Times Subject to Change!		Astrological Signs Aquarius: Jan 20 – Feb 18 Pisces: Feb 19 – Mar 20	1 Elexis Savoy
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to
Belong!**



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ALL ARE WELCOME

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