

## Word from the Pastor Lisa



*Note: I have taken the liberty to write this note in the style and wording of the apostle Paul as he wrote to the churches. Blessings to you all.*

### The Salutation

I, Pastor Lisa, am a servant of Jesus Christ on assignment, authorized as an apostle to proclaim God's words and acts. I write this letter to all the believers in Winsted, God's friends.

You are who you are through the gift and call of Jesus Christ! And I greet you now with all the generosity of our Creator God and our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

I thank God for every one of you. That's first. When I am out and about I hear from others about your lives of faith, and every time I hear this, I thank GOD. I love to worship and serve our God by spreading the good news of Jesus. And God knows that every time I think of you in my prayers, I ask for the strength and wisdom to deliver God's message to you and watch you grow stronger right before my eyes! But don't think I'm not expecting to get something out of this, too! You have as much to give me as I do to you.

I must share that I've gotten such personal enjoyment out of God's work among you in the past year. Everyone in Winsted deepens my sense of interdependence and obligation. And that's why I can't wait this summer to preach the wonderful good news of God. To quote the apostle Paul: "It's news I'm most proud to proclaim, this extraordinary Message of God's powerful plan..."

This summer I want to invite you to join me in an adventure of faith! During our Sunday morning worship, I will be sharing some of the best-loved adventure stories in the Bible. I want to lift up many who have embarked on their own adventures in faith, experiencing that God was with them in all their ups and downs. It is my hope that we will find ways of courage and strength for the living of our own lives of faith in these current days.

I have witnessed your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I give thanks for you as I keep you in my prayers this summer as you continue your journey with God. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, our beloved creator, will fill you with a spirit of wisdom and joy as you continue to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart opened, you may experience and know the hope to which God has called you.

That's about it, friends. Over the summer: "Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you." 2 Corinthians 13: 12-14

*With thanks to the apostle Paul, the NRSV and The Message for the structure and wording of this epistle. Pastor Lisa*

*Pastor Lisa*



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Happy  
Summer!

# Church News...

## From the Board of Christian Education:

Thank you to all who attended and helped with our recent "Ab-Salute" kitchen food tasting. A special thank you to Erik and Ashley for all their hard work. We realized \$1000.00 for our scholarship funds.

Another thank you goes to all who came and purchased items from the LuLaRoe clothing party. We had a wonderful turnout. The proceeds also benefited the scholarship funds. We added \$150.00.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school on most Sundays during the summer. We will all meet in a "one room school house" setting. All children are welcome to attend!

Our Rally Day event is scheduled for September 10, 2017.

*Have a great summer and we hope to see you when you can make it to service!*



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

*Save the DATE:*  
*Saturday*  
*Sept 16, 2017*



Sponsored by  
Board of Christian  
Education  
First Church of Winsted

More details to follow  
proceeds benefit  
Scholarship Funds of First  
Church

Time: to be determined  
Special Guest Speaker

## Lay Readers Needed

Please see Cindi Whipple if you are willing to share your reading skills!!



FRIENDS OF  
MAIN STREET  
WINSTED  
Presents the  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
SPONSORED BY NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BANK  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS - 7 PM**  
**EAST END PARK - WINSTED**  
**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT**  
In case of rain, concerts will be held across the street at First Church of Winsted.  
**July 6 - The Zolla Boys**  
*Bluegrass*  
Concert held at Soldiers Monument & Memorial Park  
Crown Street, Winsted!  
**July 13 - Last Train Out**  
*Country*  
**July 20 - 60s Satisfaction**  
*60s favorites from bubblegum to psychedelic to Motown!*  
**July 27 - The Farmington Valley Band**  
*Concert music, favorites, marches*  
**August 3 - Potter's Field**  
*Rock & Roll*  
**August 10 - Summertime Johnny**  
*'Brings the Beach Party to You' - 'Oldies, Country & of course, Beach Boys'*  
**August 17 - Theresa Wright & Co.**  
*Jazz and Soul*  
**August 24 - The Harmonious Brass Choir**  
*Hymns to classical, contemporary to marches*  
For more information call 860-738-3351, email foms@winsted@gmail.com or visit www.foms.org



The photography of our own **Holly Cassaday** will be on display for the month of August with Lara Green-Kazlauskas and Rachel Welcome's artwork at the Winsted Community Book Store!!

Photography

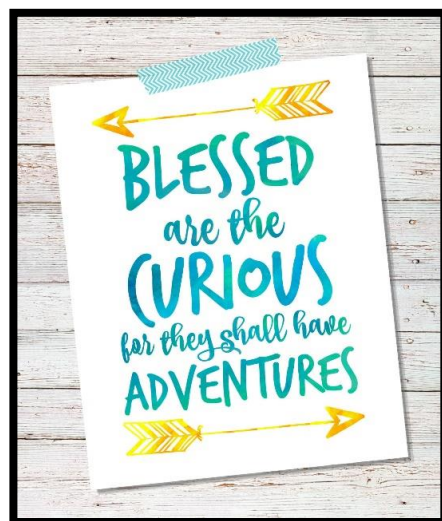




Congratulations to the winners of the 83rd Annual Laurel Festival.

2017 Laurel Queen Grace Valickis and King Dylan Thomson with Runner-up Queen Anhthy Pham and Runner-up King Zachary Lafreniere.

Thanks to the Laurel Commission for all their hard work! Holly Cassaday, Chairman; Michelle Hintz, treasurer and A. Candy Perez, Liason



This summer at First Church,  
we are going on an Adventure!  
**An Adventure in Faith!**

Each week we will travel through the  
**Summer Lectionary**  
and Worship and Celebrate and Explore!  
**AND....**

We will be keeping a **scrapbook** of our  
Adventures each week.

Now...what if you are away one or two  
Sundays, having an adventure of your own  
with your friends and family?  
You can share your adventure by bringing  
back something for our scrapbook!

What can you bring?  
Evidence of where you've been or what  
you've been doing!  
A postcard, a photo, an artifact....  
You decide.

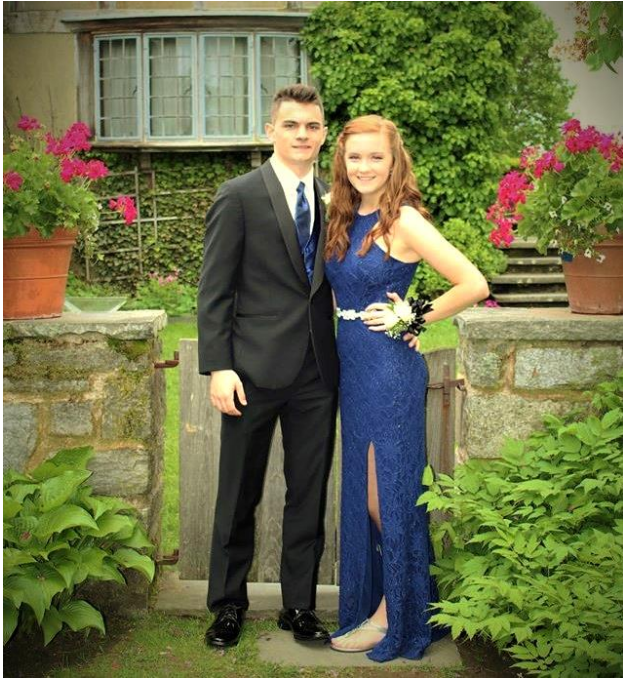
And when the summer is done we will  
have a wonderful record of all the places  
we've been and the things we have done!

And you know what?

**Wherever we go, whatever we do,  
GOD will be right there with us!**



## *Prom Season...*



*Kelly McAllister and her date Billy*

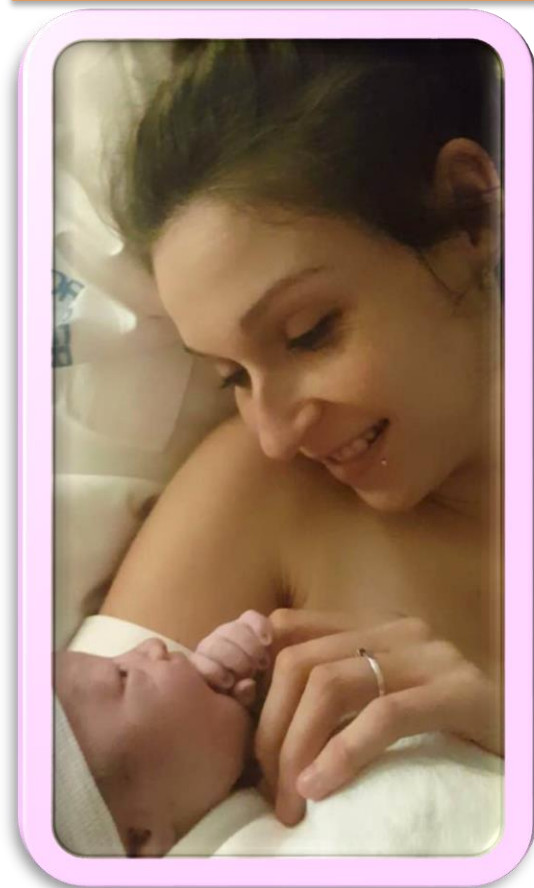


Mr. & Mrs. McCaw  
May 13, 2017  
Congratulations!



*Leanna Rosemarie Mottern*

*A new baby girl for  
Katerina Roys and Jack Mottern,  
now living in North Carolina.  
Proud Grandparents Steve & Cindy Roys!*



Kate &  
Leanna



## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Worship	Sunday - 9:30 am	July 4	Independence Day
Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Summer Break – Resuming in August	July 15-23	Mexico Mission
AA / Alanon Meetings	Wednesday - 7:30 pm	Aug 27	Ice Cream Sundae!!
Laurel City Singers	Summer Hiatus - See you in September	Sept 4	Labor Day
		Sept 09	Steam Vent Coffee House
		Sept 10	Sunday School Rally Day
<i>Board Meetings</i>			
		Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM	
		Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM	
		Aug 20 <sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM	
		Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM	
		Board of Christian Ed.	
		PM Board	
		Deacons	
		Cabinet Meeting	

Photo: Bill Benson

Photo: Cindy Roys

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

\*Georgette Benson

02 - Riley Geddes  
03 - Justin Richards  
04 - J R McCaw  
05 - Derek Storrs  
06 - Bill Hassig  
06 - Gail Roberts  
08 - Amelia Roberts  
08 - Dawn Cyr  
09 - Donna Sherman  
09 - James Relihan  
10 - Ash NeJaime  
10 - Brenda Sherman  
12 - Kyle Valickis  
14 - Adam Bensle  
14 - Charles McCaw III  
17 - Dawn Hughes  
19 - Kendra McCaw  
20 - Donald Bunel  
20 - Ken Storrs  
20 - Peter Toomey  
21 - Gary Storrs  
23 - Barbara Woodard  
23 - Gary Valickis  
25 - Denise Jones  
29 - Gretchen Fredericksen  
31 - Meghan Kane

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 03 - Erik & Ashley Fontanez  
♥ 19 - Jay & Lisa Nanni  
♥ 26 - Mike & Tricia Wu

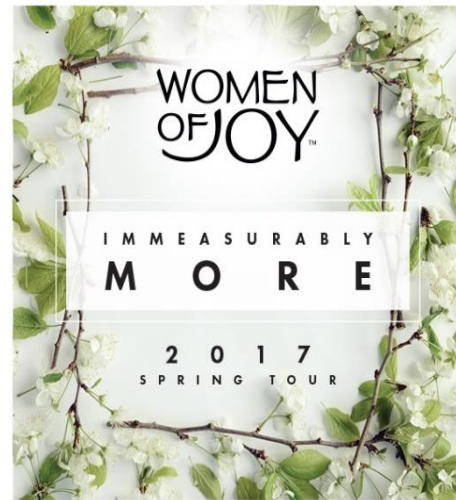
### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

\*Samantha Ostrander

02 - Zachary Sibbach  
05 - Cam Picard  
05 - Kai Picard  
07 - Pauline Fancher  
09 - Brandi Gilbert-Corey  
10 - Jane Lovejoy  
10 - Jennifer Marsh  
12 - Chuck McCaw  
14 - Brett McAllister  
14 - Nadya Roys  
17 - Richard Relihan  
20 - Reece Geddes  
20 - Tanya Mongitore  
20 - Jaron Morris  
22 - SaraLee Relihan  
22 - Aleigh Valickis  
23 - Brigitte Smyth  
24 - Erik Fontanez  
25 - Kyle Jones  
27 - Nicole Martin  
29 - Ashley Jones  
29 - Aiden Picard  
30 - Ben McCaw  
30 - Christine Steele

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 02 - Tim & Dawn Hughes  
♥ 09 - Dave & Rhonda LeKang  
♥ 18 - Gary & Debbie Storrs  
♥ 18 - Roger Hurlbut & Julie Davy  
♥ 31 - Richard & Barbara Mazzei



**We're Looking Ahead...**

**Want to join women of all ages and walks of life encounter the Word of God, the Joy of Music and the Spirit of Friendship?**

**The Women of Joy Tour is coming to Lowell, Massachusetts, August 18 & 19.**




**Interested in being a part of the group going from First Church?**

**Talk to Pastor Lisa for more details**



# July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Artist: Karen Delton</b>	<b>July Birthstone:</b> <b>Ruby</b> 	<b>July Flower:</b> <b>Larkspur</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Cancer:</b> <b>June 22 – July 22</b> <b>Leo</b> <b>July 23 – Aug 22</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>  <i>Riley Geddes</i>	<b>3</b>     <i>Justin Richards</i> ♥ Erik & Ashley Fontanez	<b>4</b>   <b>Independence Day</b>  <i>J R McCaw</i>	<b>5</b>  <b>AA/Alanon</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>  <i>Derek Storrs</i>	<b>6</b>  <b>OA</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <i>Bill Hassig</i> <i>Gail Roberts</i>	<b>7</b>     <i>Amelia Roberts</i> <i>Dawn Sherman</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>  <i>Donna Sherman</i>	<b>10</b>    <i>Ash NeJaime</i> <i>Brenda Sherman</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>AA/Alanon</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>  <i>Kyle Valickis</i>	<b>13</b>  <b>OA</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>14</b>    <i>Adam Bensle</i> <i>Charles McCaw III</i>	<b>15</b>  <b>Mexico Mission Begins</b>
<b>16</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>17</b>    <i>Dawn Hughes</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>AA/Alanon</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>  <b>National Hot Dog Day</b>  <i>Kendra McCaw</i>	<b>20</b>  <b>OA</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <i>Ken Storrs</i> <i>Peter Toomey</i>	<b>21</b>    <i>Gary Storrs</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Mexico Mission Ends</b> <i>Barbara Woodard</i> <i>Gary Valickis</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>   <i>Denise Jones</i>	<b>26</b>  <b>AA/Alanon</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>  ♥ Mike & Tricia Wu	<b>27</b>  <b>OA</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>   <b>National Lasagna Day</b>  <i>Gretchen Fredericksen</i>
<b>30</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>Friendship Day</b>	<b>31</b>   <i>Meghan Kane</i>			<b>Ahhh...Summer!</b>  “Let us dance in the sun, wearing wild flowers in our hair...”  – <u>Susan Polis Schutz</u>		



# August 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Artist: Karen Delton</b>	<b>August Birthstone: Peridot</b> 	1	2 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM  Zachary Sibbach ♥ Tim & Dawn Hughes	3 OA 10:00 AM	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 AM  PM Board 10:30 AM  Sister Day	7   †Pauline Fancher	8 Chris Ed 6:45 PM	9 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM  Brandi Gilbert-Corey ♥ Dave & Rhonda LeKang	10 OA 10:00 AM  Jane Lovejoy	11	12  International Youth Day  Chuck McCaw
13 Worship Service 9:30 AM	14  Brett McAllister Nadya Roys	15	16 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	17 OA 10:00 AM	18  ♥ Roger Hurlbut & Julie Davy ♥ Gary & Debbie Storrs	19
20 Worship Service 9:30 AM Deacons 10:30 AM  Rebecca Geddes †Owen Lovejoy Tanya Mongitore Jaron Morris	21	22 Worship Choir 5:30 PM  Cabinet 7:00  Aleigh Valickis	23 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM  Brigitte Smyth	24 OA 10:00 AM	25  Kyle Jones	26  National Dog Day
27 Worship Service 9:30 AM  Ice Cream Sundae  Nicole Martin †George Stickles	28	29 Worship Choir 5:30 PM  Day Against Nuclear Tests  Ashley Jones	30 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM  Ben McCaw Christine Steele ♥ Rich & Barb Mazzei	31 OA 10:00 AM	<b>August Flower Gladiola</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Leo</b> July 23 – Aug 23 <b>Virgo</b> Aug 24 - Sept 23

**Christ First!  
Everyone coming  
together to do  
God's work!**



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