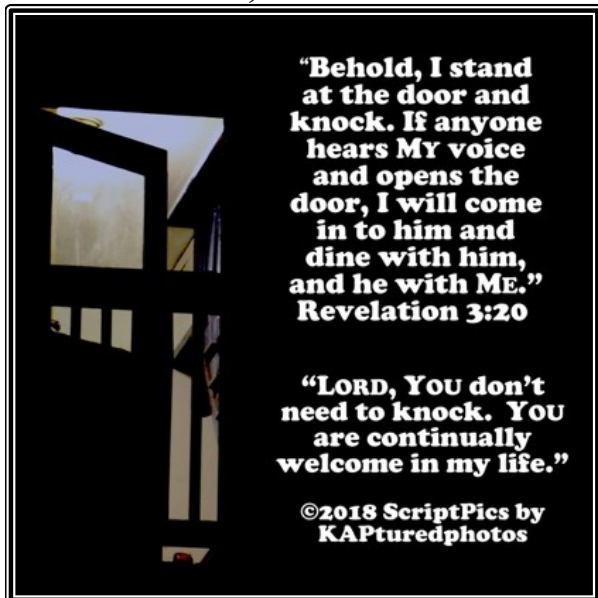


## Word From The Pastor July 2019

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." Revelation 3:20*



First Church, you've got three new reasons to give thanks and bless the **LORD**, and it all has to do with open doors.

Ever stopped to think about the number of doors that help to secure our homes and to welcome guests. So, doors are made of plywood, doors hang on hinges of barns and granaries. There steel doors, designer doors, jail doors, garage doors, glass doors, French doors, storm doors, refrigerator doors, and car doors.

I like doors. We live on what was an old dairy farm. Our condo is the

the first of four repurposed buildings, three of which are connected at right angles. Three of the condos are connected at right angles. Our residence used to house the cows, the second kept horses, the third was the laborers residence, and beside that was the creamery. The three doors that serve our residence are tall, wide doors with frames that are almost three inches thick.

At night, my routine is to check all the doors while being thankful for the security our doors provide. Of course, the windows can easily be broken into, but there's nothing like a good strong door.

Doors can be physical structures or can serve as metaphors, representing concepts that can be explored. In Revelation 3:10, **JESUS** describes himself as knocking at the door of people's hearts. The heart is more than the organ that pumps blood to make sure that all other organs and vessels get everything needed to secure human life. Hearts have been used described as being stony, they can represent courage, and there are hearts that represent kindness. Hearts are described as the seat of human emotion where compassion, fear, anger, and other emotions are kept.

And Jesus knocks on hearts, hoping that we will have courage, love, and dedication sufficient to recognize that we need to open the door, so that Jesus can enter, and begin to redecorate and furnish our lives with His love, hope, increased faith, and discipline to follow him from this life into eternal life.

Because First Church has supplied your time, treasures, and talents in service of the Christian Education and Worship ministry, on Sunday, June 30 three of our youth will be confirmed. **Morgan Blische, Erik Janak, and Riley Storrs** have been recipients of the ministries of First Church since infancy. They completed their confirmation classes last Sunday, and have each expressed conviction demonstrating that they have opened the door of their hearts to welcome the **LORD** into their lives and continue the process of refurbishing and securing their spiritual future and wellbeing.

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**Happy  
Summer!**

## Church News...

**Open Doors Matter!** First Church, be thankful, for the three newly opened metaphorical doors.

I love your physical and metaphorical doors and encourage you to keep them open!

*Pastor Kap*

### Confirmation Sunday

*Testify...*



**Confirmed!**



### Organist Sabbatical



Tricia will be taking a well- deserved sabbatical this July and August. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated her 20 years of service with flowers and of course, cake!

May her absence allow her the time she needs to renew her vision, reconnect with family and return to us with a new sense of spiritual refreshment. ready to take on new tasks in His service!

*See you in September!*



*Siyahamba – Worship Choir and Friends*





July 6-14, 2019  
God's Work – Our Hands!

*Please keep our Mission Team is your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Yucatan peninsula of Mexico to work at "SolyLuna" (which means the sun and the moon). This organization operates schools in two different locations in Merida, the capital of the State of Merida. The schools not only provide an education to its students, but the organization provides outpatient physical therapy to children with multiple, significant physical disabilities. May their presence be a blessing to the students and staff as they seek to complete projects, share hope and maybe even some music with some Muddy Boots members on the trip! Watch the website for trip details and pictures!*



### Special Cabinet Meeting

At a special meeting of the Cabinet on June 30, quotes for the driveway were reviewed. It was agreed to accept a quote from Premier Industries from Thomaston, CT – Ryan Geddes which came in under budget. Stay tuned for details!



Plans are underway to create some welcome wagon promo materials to include mugs and church info to leave at social service centers, libraries and other locations to welcome new residents to Winsted!



### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday one room schoolhouse on:

July 7, 14, 21 and 28

August 4, 11, 18 and 25

All children are welcome to attend!

We hope you have a great summer!

**Our Rally Day event is scheduled for Sept. 8!**







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## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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**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 11 - The Farmington Valley Band**

*Concert music, favorites, marches*

**July 18 - Night Moves**

*Classic hits ~ Rock, Soul & a little Country*

**July 25 - Mad River Duo**

*Classic Rock & Pop Hits of the 60s & 70s*

**August 1 - Matchstick Architects**

*Indie Rock/Americana infused with Country & Folk*

**August 8 - The Kerry Boys**

*Connecticut's Irish Balladeers*

**August 15 - Theresa Wright & Company**

*Jazz & Soul*

**August 22 - West Hill Groove**

*Rock & Roll, B-sides & Blues*

*For more information call 860-738-3351 or email fomswinsted@gmail.com*

*In case of inclement weather,  
First Church will once again be  
opening our doors and our sanctuary  
to our community for this concert series!*



John & Ken at Still River Music Festival  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Riverton Fair Grounds



Family Faith & Fun Nite!



*Blast from the past...Soup-er Songs May 2005  
Benefit for the Soup Kitchen and Food Bank*

We made T- shirts, played  
bean bag toss, had water  
games, croquet followed by  
pizza dinner! Next Family,  
Faith and Fun Night is  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00!



Upcoming Events			
Celebrate With Us...		Looking Forward	
Worship	Sunday – 10:00 am	July 04	Independence Day
Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Summer Break – Resuming in September	July 6-14	Mexico Mission
AA / Alanon Meetings	Wednesday - 7:30 pm	July 21	Semi-Annual Meeting
Laurel City Singers	Summer Hiatus - See you in September	Aug 23	Family Faith & Fun Night
		Aug 25	Ice Cream Sundae!!
		Sept 02	Labor Day
		Sept 14	Steam Vent Coffee House
		Sept 08	Sunday School Rally Day
	Board Meetings		
	No Meeting in July -TBA No Meeting in July-Aug TBA No Meeting in July-Aug 19 July 23-Aug 27	Board of Christian Ed. PM Board Deacons Cabinet Meeting	



#### 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  
♥ 29 - 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

#### FAITH AND FUN NIGHT

5:30-8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH DINING HALL

**August 23**

September 27

October 25

November 29

December 27

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

\$5 fee per child.

Night includes a biblical reading, movie, craft and games for children to play. Please see Lisa Nanni or Kim Janak to sign up your child.



**PLAY  
IT  
FORWARD!**





# July 2019



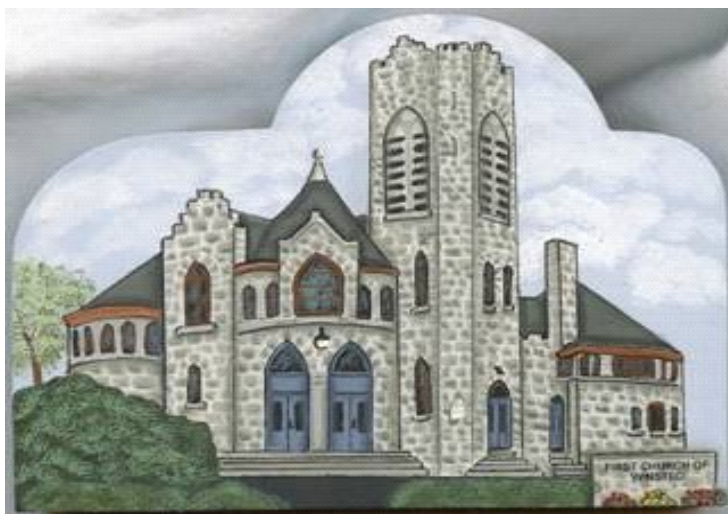
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  <i>Riley Geddes</i>	<b>3</b>  <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 PM  <i>Justin Richards</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>Independence Day</i>  <i>J R McCaw</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Music Camp</i> 11 am – 2 pm  <i>Derek Storrs</i>	<b>6</b>  <i>Bill Hassig</i> <i>Gail Roberts</i>
<b>7</b>  <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am	<b>8</b>  <i>Amelia Roberts</i> <i>Dawn Sherman</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>Donna Sherman</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 PM  <i>Ash NeJaime</i> <i>Brenda Sherman</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <i>NO</i> <i>Music Camp</i>  <i>Kristine Ohotnicky</i> <i>Kyle Valickis</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am  <i>Adam Bensle</i> <i>Charles McCaw III</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 PM  <i>Dawn Hughes</i> <i>Aiden Callahan</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <i>Music Camp</i> 11 am – 2 pm  <i>Kendra McCaw</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>Ken Storrs</i> <i>Peter Toomey</i>
<b>21</b>  <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am  <i>Semi-Annual Informational Meeting</i>  <i>Gary Storrs</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <i>Cabinet</i> 7:00 PM  <i>Barbara Woodard</i> <i>Gary Valickis</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 PM	<b>25</b>  <i>Denise Jones</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Music Camp</i> 11 am – 2 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am	<b>29</b>  <i>Gretchen Fredericksen</i> ♥ Mike & Tricia Wu	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>Meghan Kane</i>	<b>July Birthstone:</b> <i>Ruby</i> 	<b>July Flower:</b> <i>Larkspur</i> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <i>Cancer:</i> June 21 – July 22 <i>Leo:</i> July 23 – Aug 22



# August 2019



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



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