

Word from the Pastor

Greetings!

A new month...a new day...a new chapter in ministry for First Church. I am so excited to be here in Winsted as your pastor. There is so much ahead of us as we work together to enrich and build up God's kingdom here in Winsted.

What will it look like?

What will it sound like?

What will we be doing?

Will it shake you up if I tell you I don't know...yet? I don't know because it's not just up to me! You are a part of the picture and we will be working together to move the church forward.

Already I can feel your enthusiasm and openness and I am going to be bold to predict great things are possible. And one of the best things? WE ARE NOT ALONE!

I share Paul's words to the church at Rome.

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Are you ready to join me on the exciting journey ahead of us?

Blessings,

Pastor Lisa



In the summer
when the days are hot,
I like to find a sunny spot,
And hardly move a single bit
And sit, and sit, and sit, and sit.



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Those Summer Days
photo by:
Katherine Griswold

Church News...



CDC News...

Melissa Lillie, Director

CDC has been awarded another generous grant from The Libby Holman Foundation. This grant will pay half of the yearly tuition for 4 children to attend our preschool program. The grant requirements are:

1. The children applying must attend our 3 day a week program (MWF 9-1:00)
2. Children must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2015
3. The child must be a NEW student to the preschool (meaning not currently or previously enrolled)

The yearly tuition cost is \$2,500. With this grant, families will only pay \$1,250.00 (which is broken down into 9 monthly installments).

Those interested in applying for this grant, please complete an enrollment application which can be found on our website or you may call the school (860) 379-4838. All applications must be received by June 20th! There is a \$25 application fee when applying. If you choose not to accept the grant or do not receive the grant, the fee will be refunded.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Thank you note from Pastor Mike

WITH MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE

Thanks to you all for a wonderful send-off. I sincerely appreciate the elegant farewell lunch and the unimaginable gifts. (Fine, the applause when I returned from the restroom was way over the top...) But above and beyond the events of the last few weeks, I want to thank you for sharing the last fifteen years with me. Together we climbed to the highest pinnacles and experienced the exhilaration of God's blessings. That was nice, but it's not the true test of character. The true barometer of the First Church family is that we huddled closely together as we crawled through the lowest and darkest valleys of our earthly journeys. We weren't in it just for the good times. When things got rough, you folks were always there for me, and more often than not without even realizing how much support you were providing to me. You've been one of God's greatest blessings to me. Wherever God sends me, I'll always have in my back pocket the valuable lessons we learned together and fond memories of each of you. God's blessings to you all, Mike

SUMMER HOURS

Worship services from July 5th through August 30th at 9:30 AM!

DEACON NEWS

Acolyte Sign-up Poster

The Acolyte poster is coming back! It will be used as a visual reminder for the young people who would like to sign up to be an acolyte, with parents' permission. It will also serve as a tracker so that pins can be handed out to those who participated during the year.

Name Tags...

We will bring our name tags back, it will not only help our new pastor to get to know everyone, but with our growing church it will help everyone remember each other's names.

Scam Awareness Seminar

A discussion about hacking and scams that are happening today in our communities brought to light the need to provide a learning opportunity for young and old about the dangers of scams and fraud. A seminar is being planned with possible event dates of Sept. 20th or 27th. Details to be announced!

HUGS...

Did you know that hugs...?

Can instantly boost oxytocin levels, which heal feelings of loneliness, isolation, and anger?

Lift one's serotonin levels, elevating mood and creating happiness.

Strengthen the immune system. The gentle pressure on the sternum stimulates the thymus gland, which regulates and balances the body's production of white blood cells, which keep you healthy and disease free.

Relaxes muscles. Hugs release tension in the body. Hugs can take away pain; they soothe aches by increasing circulation into the soft tissues.

Balance out the nervous system. The galvanic skin response of someone receiving and giving a hug shows a change in skin conductance. The effect in moisture and electricity in the skin suggests a more balanced state in the nervous system - parasympathetic.

Check us out online!

www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Church-of-Winsted/189629511047827>

News from ABCCONN

ATTENTION HISTORIANS !

I am soliciting articles for a special issue of the American Baptist Quarterly around the theme "Baptists in Connecticut". The articles should be around 5000-6000 words in length and include proper footnoting. Subjects may include congregational histories, biographies, or issues of local, regional, national, denominational or ecumenical importance in their Connecticut and Baptist setting. No fixed deadline for submission has been set yet, but, if possible, I would like to have the articles within a year. If you are interested in contributing, please contact me at pjwebster@att.net.

John Webster

Member, ABHS Managing Committee

CAMP WIGHTMAN

The Camp Wightman summer camp program will get underway on Friday, as campers arrive for the Family Fusion Weekend Program. Youth campers will arrive on Sunday, June 28. We ask for your prayers for both our campers and staff members throughout the summer.

Attention medical professionals: Camp Wightman is looking for doctors, nurses, and/or EMTs to provide relief coverage one day per week through the summer. If you available to help for all or part of the summer, please contact Tom Hall at:

860.376.2179

860.376.2179 or thall@abcconn.org.

Transitions

Rev. Michael Wu has completed his ministry at the First Church of Winsted.

Rev. Lisa Gustafson has completed her ministry at the Bristol Baptist Church and is beginning a new ministry at the First Church of Winsted.

We welcome Rev. Kevin Butler to the ABCCONN staff. Kevin will be the new administrative manager following Mary William's retirement.

News from UCC

Some upcoming events:

July 12-15: UCC Musicians Association National Conference

<http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=4279>

July 13-17: 32nd Craigville Theological Colloquy

<http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=4144>

July 27-31: Racial Justice Facilitator Training

<http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=4143>

August 1-8: Star Island High School Youth Conference

<http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=4264>

You'll find more details about these and lots of other events at:

<http://www.ctucc.org/events/>

May your days this week be filled with the presence, guidance, and grace of God.

Eric Anderson

Associate Conference Minister for Proclamation, Identity, and Communication

Conference Offers Prayer After Charleston Killings

HARTFORD -- At the news that nine people were shot to death in Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, last night, Conference Minister the Rev. Kent Siladi asked church leaders throughout the state to pray today for those affected. "Our hearts leap with outrage at the crime," he wrote. "Our hearts cry in anger, and sorrow, and pain, for justice."

<http://www.ctucc.org/news.php?story=2351>

Touchstones with History: Magna Carta

HARTFORD -- June is the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, or Great Charter, in 1215 between King John and the barons. Celebrations have been taking place around the world: But what does this have to do with Connecticut?

<http://www.ctucc.org/news.php?story=2353>

Learn more about these stories and other news on the Connecticut Conference website:































<http://www.ctucc.org/news>



June Baptisms: Brooke Bennetts, Nichole Hughes, Jessika Hughes and Timothy Hughes! Welcome into the family of God!

“It’s not our job to toughen our children to face up to a cruel and heartless world. It’s our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.”
 – L. R. Knost

RHYTHM DEMONSTRATION

 Pop Tarts  2a.jpg	 Hot Cocoa  3a.jpg	 Scrambled Eggs  3b.jpg	 Chicken Nuggets  4a.jpg	 Pork Tenderloin  4b.jpg
 Cinnamon Bun  4c.jpg	 Strawberry Jam  4d.jpg	 Apple Turnover  4e.jpg	 Barbeque Chicken  5a.jpg	 Pizza Casserole  5b.jpg
 Carrot Sticks and Dip  5c.jpg	 Beef Ravioli  5d.jpg	 Rice Crispie Cookies  5e.jpg	 Pancakes, Maple Syrup  5f.jpg	 Cinnamon Applesauce  5g.jpg

FOR MY MUSIC LEARNING FRIENDS.

Helpful Hint!



Good idea...?

If you fold tee-shirts and put them in the drawer sideways instead of flat...it saves room AND you can more easily see what you have to wear! Good idea!

Upcoming Events

Celebrate With Us...		Looking forward	
Sunday - 9:30 am	Worship	July 4	Independence Day
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	July 5	Official Welcome to Pastor Lisa
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	July 9-16	Mexico Mission
Summer Hiatus - See you in September	Laurel City Singers	Aug 23	Make your own Sunday
 "Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer. " — Denis Waitley		Sept 7	Labor Day
		Sept 11	Patriot Day
		Sept 12	Steam Vent Coffee House
		Sept 13	Sunday School Rally Day
		Sept 19 5-7 PM	Ziti Supper
		Sept 20 or 27	Fraud Watch Seminar
		Oct 3	Steam Vent Coffee House
		Oct 10	TAG SALE...
	Board Meetings		
	No July-Aug 11 6:45 PM July 5 and Aug 2 after worship No July-Aug 16 after worship No July-Aug 25 7:00 PM	Board of Christian Ed. PM Board Deacons Cabinet Meeting	

★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 - Kristine Ohotnicky
 12 - Kyle Valickis
 14 - Adam Bensle
 14 - Charles McCaw III
 17 - Dawn Hughes
 17 - Adien Callahan
 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

♥ 19 - Jay & Lisa Nanni
 ♥ 29 - Mike & Tricia Wu

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

*Samantha Ostrander

02 - Zachary Sibbach
 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
 18 - Allison Graboski
 20 - Reece Geddes
 20 - Tanya Mongitore
 20 - Jaron Morris
 22 - SaraLee Relihan
 22 - Aleigh Valickis
 23 - Brigitte Smyth
 25 - Kyle Jones
 25 - Deb Majewski
 27 - Nicole Martin
 29 - Ashley Jones
 29 - Aiden Picard
 30 - Ben McCaw
 30 - Christine Steele

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 02 - Timothy & Dawn Hughes
 ♥ 09 - David & Rhonda LeKang
 ♥ 17 - Scott & Allison Graboski
 ♥ 18 - Gary & Debbie Storrs
 ♥ 18 - Roger Hurlbut & Julie Davy
 ♥ 31 - Richard & Barbara Mazzei

Youth Events



Summer Sunday School

will be held on the following Sundays:

June 14, 21, & 28

July 26

Aug 2, 9, 16, & 23

All children will meet in one group!

Rally Day

Sept 13, 2015



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



July 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	July Birthstone: Ruby 	July Flower: Larkspur 	1 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	2 Riley Geddes	3 Farmers Market Justin Richards	4 Independence Day J R McCaw
5 Worship Service 9:30 AM PM Board 10:30 Am Derek Storrs	6 Bill Hassig Gail Roberts	7 Coe Park Concert Simply Swing 7:00	8 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM Amelia Roberts Dawn Sherman	9 Summer Concerts East End Park Farmington Valley Band 7:00 Donna Sherman	10 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Redline 7:00 Ash NeJaime Brenda Sherman	11
12 Worship Service 9:30 AM Kristine Ohotnicky Kyle Valickis	13	14 Coe Park Concert E2-Eagles Experience 7:00 Adam Bensle Charles McCaw III	15 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	16 Summer Concerts East End Park Vinyl Vortex 7:00	17 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Eran Troy Danner 7:00 Dawn Hughes Aiden Callahan	18
19 Worship Service 9:30 AM Kendra McCaw	20 Ken Storrs Peter Toomey	21 Cabinet 7:00 PM Coe Park Concert The Sidekick Band 7:00 Gary Storrs	22 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	23 Summer Concerts East End Park Valley Swing Shift 7:00 Barbara Woodard Gary Valickis	24 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Kerry Boys 7:00	25 Denise Jones
26 Worship Service 9:30 AM ♥ Mike & Tricia Wu	27	28 Coe Park Concert The Glamour Girls 7:00	29 AA/Alanon 8:00 PM Gretchen Fredericksen	30 Summer Concerts East End Park Vinyl Vortex 7:00	31 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Southern Voice 7:00 Meghan Kane	Astrological Signs Cancer: June 22 – July 22 Leo July 23 – Aug 22



August 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	August Birthstone: Peridot 	August Flower:  Gladiola	Astrological Signs Leo July 23 – Aug 23 Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23	<p>“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will. ”</p> <p>— George Bernard Shaw</p>		1
2 Worship Service 9:30 AM Zachary Sibbach ♥ Tim & Dawn Hughes	3	4 Coe Park Concert The Regulators 7:00	5 AA/Alanon 8:00	6 Summer Concerts East End Park Summertime Johnny And the Seaside Shooters 7:00	7 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Torrington Symphony Orchestra 7:00 Pauline Fancher	8
9 Worship Service 9:30 AM Brandi Gilbert-Corey ♥ Dave & Rhonda LeKang	10 Jane Lovejoy	11 Chris Ed Board 7:00 PM Coe Park Concert Group Therapy 7:00	12 AA/Alanon 8:00 Chuck McCaw	13 Summer Concerts East End Park Nashville Drive 7:00	14 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Coyote River Band 7:00 Brett McAllister Nadya Roys	15
16 Worship Service 9:30 AM	17 ♥ Scott & Allison Graboski	18 Coe Park Concert Tracy Walton 7:00 Allison Graboski ♥ Roger Hurlbut & Julie Davy ♥ Gary & Debbie Storrs	19 AA/Alanon 8:00	20 Summer Concerts East End Park 60's Satisfaction 7:00 Rebecca Geddes †Owen Lovejoy Tanya Mongitore Jaron Morris	21 Farmers Market East End Park Coe Park Concert Tim Urban 7:00	22 Aleigh Valickis
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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

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 Vice-Moderator - Bob Adkins
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 Financial Secretary - Tanya Mongitore
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 Christian Ed Chair / Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei
 Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu
 Muddy Boots Praise Choir Director - Dan Jones
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FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT



ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM

(Summer Hours – July and August)

Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month
 Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship
 Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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