

First Church of Winsted

Come as you are...
Leave transformed!

BELLRINGER

Come...be uplifted by the
Spirit and strive to follow
God's path for you!

Word from the Pastor

Bon jour!

Greetings from Montreal. I am with 17 others from First Church for the weekend and on our first day here we toured the outer edges of the city (and some adjoining islands) by bicycle. We went over 25 miles, and although it may sound like an easy task on a bicycle, I assure you that everyone is exhausted!

How a trip to Montreal for our youth fits into our Christian ministry is a very valid question. In less than 24 hours, we have witnessed God's love as manifested through many of the Canadians we have met. As we crossed the border into Canada, the immigration official overlooked the fact that I forgot leave the parental consent forms in the vehicles in which each teenager was traveling and took them all with me in the first vehicle through the border. This morning, while at Atwater Market along the Lachine Canal, a gentleman in a motorized wheelchair stopped to ask where we were from, what we were doing in Montreal, and left wishing us a wonderful stay. We were reminded by their actions that it doesn't matter what race or nationality we are...we all have the ability to touch others' lives in positive ways.

Along the Lachine Canal, we saw many buildings that looked like the factory buildings in Winsted. We pointed out that industrial and economic development are often tied to God's gifts to us such as abundant water and rivers. From another perspective, spending this concentrated time together has been an excellent learning experience for everyone, including the adults!

For generations, a key ministry of First Church has been giving its children and youth experiences that create a sound foundation for the future. Those experiences include education, working on outreach and ministry together, and learning that together through Christ we are able to do far more than we ever imagined. This trip fits squarely into the ministry of the Church!

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



Previous note from Montreal:

Just wanted to let everyone in Connecticut know that we arrived safely to Montreal last night. We were ahead of schedule, and after some of the best pizza around, we crossed the Canadian border to a beautiful orange sunset. As we crossed the St. Lawrence River, we were greeted by the lighted Montreal skyline. We were in our rooms at the Embassy Suites before 10:30pm, and our group meeting was over by a little after 11pm.

As a warning, do NOT believe any stories about your children having to endure inhumane conditions here in Montreal. Each of our rooms has a kitchen and a Jacuzzi. Some of the rooms have fireplaces (Chaz had the one in his room going when we met there last night)!

That said, you can believe everyone when they complain about being sore on Friday evening. We are going to bike about 35 km today!



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Church News...



CDC News...

Raffle Winners Announced

1st prize winner #163

Brian Adams

2nd Prize winner #159

Gretel Eddy

3rd prize winner #053

Kristen Devallie

\$3,740 was raised for scholarships! Thanks to all who purchased tickets!

Registrations for the fall are now being accepted!

Do you know of a wee person who would like to go? Call the school at 860-379-4838.



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

Scholarships to be Awarded

During the Children's Day celebration on June 10th during the worship service, Scholarships will be awarded to the following church family members:

🎓 **Rebecca Allen**, a senior at Central Connecticut State University, has been part of First Church since before Sunday School age! She has taught pre-school at CDC, the nursery during church services and is currently teaching the 4 & 5 year olds with her mom. She is seeking a BSW and then a MSW.

🎓 **Brandy Blische**, who has gone back to school to pursue a degree in nursing. She has been a nurse's aide for the past 12 years, and feels that the healthcare field is right for her. She has been a member for a few years, and her children are active in the Sunday School program, have take parts in the Boar's Head Festival. Brandy loves the feeling of family she has always gotten at First Church.

🎓 **John Eggering**, who was born into the First Church Family, will be taking Lab Sim Certification Training on-line. He is our resident "tech" person, running our sound equipment during services. John is a Deacon, runs sound at Steam Vent Coffee House, sings in the Boar's Head Festival where he began his career as the Baby Jesus, and sings with Laurel City Singers. John lives by the Nike rule...Just do it!

🎓 **Andrew Hurlbut** will be attending the University of Utah as a Freshman, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Andrew has been part of our family since preschool, has sung in the Cherub & Junior Choirs, participated in the

Boar's Head Festival, participated in the Mexico Mission 4 times, and has helped with numerous fundraisers!

🎓 **William Hurlbut** also attends the University of Utah where he is seeking a Masters Degree in Geophysics and a BS Degree in Geo Science. Will joined the church in 2002, but started out in our Sunday School, CDC, Cherub & Junior Choirs, Boar's Head Festival 1994-2007!, Mission trips to Mexico & Puerto Rico, and also helped with numerous fundraisers!

🎓 **Kyle Jones** is a sophomore at Western New England University where he is majoring in Business Management and minoring in Criminal Justice. Kyle was born into our church family, and was the Baby Jesus in the Boar's Head Festival, also starting in high places. He maintains our lawns in the summer months and has been an active Youth Group member!

🎓 **Courtney Kane** is attending Fordham University and after graduation, she is planning to go on to Law School! Courtney was also born into our First Church family, and has completed our Sunday School program through confirmation. She has been the Singing Page for King Wenceslas in the Boar's Head Festival (which she has now passed on to her younger sister Megan), has attended Mexico Mission trips, and worked many fundraisers!

🎓 **Thomas Mazzei** is attending NCCC where he is working on his Associates Degree in General Studies. Tom was also born into our First Church family, and began

his volunteering career here at church as the Baby Jesus in the Boar's Head Festival! He is a Deacon, a member of Property Maintenance Board, sings in the choir and is King Wenceslas in the Boar's Head Festival. Tom is an active member of our Youth Group. He is always there when you need him.

🎓 **Jaron Morris** is attending the University of New Hampshire where he is seeking, in order...a Bachelors and a Masters and possibly a Doctorate! He is an active youth group member, has attended Mexico Mission trips.

🎓 **Katerina Roys** will be a Junior at Mount Ida College Mount Ida College, in Newton, MA in the fall. She is pursuing a BA Degree in Fashion Design! Kate was baptized in 2000, confirmed in 2007 and became a member, has been active in the Youth Group and participated in the Mexico Mission for three years.

🎓 **Natalie Roys** will be attending NCCC in the fall, where she is studying to get her Associates Degree in Veterinary Technology. Natalie is a huge animal lover...especially Dave Godding's horses! She was baptized in 2000, Confirmed in 2008 and has also participated in multiple Mexico Missions.

🎓 **Amethyst (Amy) Steele** is attending The State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, where she is seeking a Bachelor of Technology degree in Horticulture. She currently has an internship at Walt Disney World! She is keeping her options open, as opportunities present themselves. Amy has helped out at many BINGO nights and Beef Stew Dinners!



Property Maintenance Board

Dehumidifiers are running downstairs, and in order not to try to dehumidify the town of Winsted, please make sure the doors to the downstairs stay closed.

CDC received some funds and will be adding insulation to the ceiling, to help reduce the cost of heating.

The Louvers in the Bell Tower are once again being installed. Amazing to watch as Ted Millahn ties them to a rope that Bud Roberts has dangling out of the tower...and then pulls them up. Quite a process...check out their progress.

The sign for CDC and the planter under it are in need of repair. Any one wishing to help on this project, please see Debby Kane.

Board of Christian Education

Walk-a-thon around Highland Lake will take place June 16 at 8:00 am as a fundraiser for the Mexico Mission. Mexico Mission trip July 28 – Aug. 5

Children's Sunday is June 10th...come and support our young folk...as they continue their journey to adulthood!



The Rev. Dr. Peter Aduba, substitute pastor on Memorial Day Weekend while Pastor Mike was in Brazil. Great message of community!

RIVERTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

JUNE 30



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

HARMONIOUS BRASS CHOIR

GREG HOFFMAN

VALLEY SWING SHIFT

THE GIRLS OF MAD RIVER CROSSING

VINYL VORTEX

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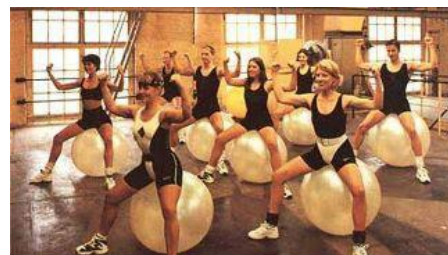
Tag Sale

Thanks to all those who donated, baked, and washed cars...in the rain!

Thanks to Pastor Mike, our chef at the Grace Grille! Yep...burger dude!

Thanks to all those who came out to help...the early crew to set up, the cleaning crew: Gary Valickis, Andrew Hurlbut, Joannie Eggering, John Eggering, Dan Jones, Debby Kane, Bailey McCaw, Chuck McCaw, Laura McCaw, Lisa Nanni, Steve Roys, Bud Roberts and Linda Roberts.

Special thanks to Bud Roberts & Gary Storrs for coming down early Sunday morning and cleaning up the "Free" pile.



Never swallow your bubblegum

STEAM VENT Coffee House Welcomes... June 9th 6-10 PM



Chronic Rhythm is a rock band from Northwestern Connecticut featuring **Sam Guglielmino** on rhythm guitar and vocals, **Andrew Farkas** on lead guitar, **Trent Smith** on bass guitar, and **Owen Lovejoy** on drums.

The members of Chronic Rhythm perform covers of The Beatles, The Troggs, and other favorites of yester-year...you will be amazed by these young musicians!



Keyborgg Sounds: From his first gig at age 12, Don Jones has enjoyed playing for countless weddings, dances, fund raisers, and park concerts. Hear his versatility in his unique song styling on keyboard and vocals as he performs his renditions of Beatles classics, Kenny Rogers, classics of the 50's to the 80's, and beyond..

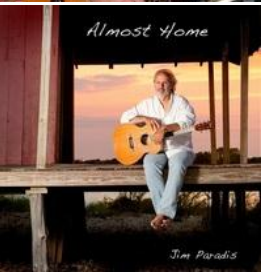
Randy Donaghy started in his first band at 13. Guitar and vocals are his first love to which he loves many styles of music from Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Elton John and even to Slipknot.

Don and Randy are enjoying their current project together hoping to bring their songs, styling, and talents together to all who want to have fun and enjoyment through music.



Jean Stokes Recchia is a singer/song writer who enjoys playing traditional, folk, blues and original songs. Jean has graced the stages of many coffee houses, including LaSalle's Market on Friday evenings, and the Country Store. She is a multi-talented musician, with an easy style. Jean plays guitar, banjo and flute!

Jean first came to STEAM VENT as a duo...and this is her first solo appearance. So...in true Steam Vent fashion...kick your shoes off...and enjoy!



Jim Paradis has been playing in bands since he picked up his first bass guitar when he was 13. He's no stranger to all types of music and has played in bands of all styles from a progressive rock garage band to a down and dirty touring Rock and Roll band.

Since then Jim has written hundreds of songs, recorded 3 CD's with October Moon, and now 2 solo CDs, "You Are Here" and his newly released "Almost Home". Jim is currently in the studio working on his next CD, "Not Finished Yet" due for a late 2011 release. Through the years Jim has shared the stage with many notables such as Gary Burr, Mark Miranda and Diane Solomon, as well as Ace, James Cotton Blues Band, Vance Gilbert, Angela Clemmons, Marc Douglas Berardo, Rupert Wates, Brad Yoder, Eric Burdon and the Animals, Dick Neal, Chuck E Costa, Eric Lichter, NRBQ, Fran McKendree....

These days, Jim goes out solo armed with his guitar and his catalog of songs about love, love lost, family and other stories. His smooth voice, catchy melodies and touching lyrics speak to his listeners of their shared journey.

Jim performs at house concerts, benefit shows and songwriter circles. He also keeps busy by performing at restaurants and pubs in the shoreline communities near his home in Guilford CT. He can be heard now and in a church service, or singing with the amazing Angela Clemmons' Shoreline Soul series. And just maybe, if you are out on Long Island Sound on some sultry summer evening, you might hear a guitar and a lonesome voice wafting on the breeze across the waves.



Dark Horse Bluegrass comes from the north western corner of Connecticut and began their musical journey together after independently searching for venues. Once united, it quickly became obvious that their individual personalities and quirkiness well complimented their musical talents. Beginning in Dave Goddings' living room and then with local jams and coffee houses they expanded to fund raisers, specialty gatherings and country fairs. Originally **Dave Godding** (bass) stalked, pleaded and cajoled **Lisa Clarke** (banjo, drums and bass) out of her house and into adventure. Once that was accomplished they lured **Brad DuBow** (guitar, resonator, mandolin) with one phone call and soon created Dark Horse Bluegrass. Not long after **Todd Stoughton**

(mandolin, guitar) joined the herd and now they produce their own unique style of contemporary bluegrass flavored originals and covers. Listening to Dark Horse is like sitting on a front porch swing with a drink and a smile. If you get the chance to hear them, sit back, relax and enjoy!



Jim Palermo, a longtime resident of Litchfield, Connecticut, has entertained audiences across New England for many years. He is a singer and a guitar player. He is not limited to any one style of music and offers a considerable variety of musical choices that include folk, pop, blues, jazz and country. With his easy manner and professional abilities, he is sure to hit the right chord for most gatherings.

Jim's performances include private parties and clubs as well as senior centers and children's shows.

Contact Jim at: jimpalermomusic@gmail.com or call 860-361-9168

STEAM VENT CAFÉ

Menu
To
Be
Announced!

Perhaps a

Vegan Night!

Salad
Plate
Special
with
some
sides
for
carnivores!

Stay tuned...

STEAM VENT Coffee House Musicians Showcase

6:00 ~ Open Mic

6:30 Chronic
Rhythm

7:00 Keyborgg
Sounds

7:30 Jean Stokes
Recchia

8:00 Jim Paradis

8:30 Dark Horse



9:00 Jim Palermo

9:30 Open Mic

First Church of Winsted – 95 North Main Street

*Music is free...Dinner'll cost ya...and donations go to Missions!
Come on down...kick your shoes off ...set a spell, you'll be happy you did!!
Benefit Missions ~ Donations are tax deductible!*

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 9	Steam Vent Coffee House
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	June 10	Children's Sunday & Picnic
Wednesday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	June 10	Laurel Day Parade
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 14	Flag Day
		June 16	Walk-a-Thon for Mexico Mission
		June 17	Father's Day Brunch
		June 23	Dessert & Bingo
		June 30	Riverton Music Festival
 New Cherub Choir Logo designed by Allison Graboski & Suzie Hall!	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	June 6	PM Board	
	June 12	Board of Christian Ed.	
	June 19	Deacons	
	June 26	Cabinet Meeting	

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

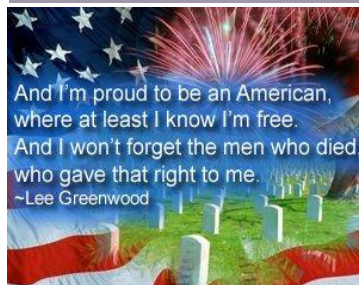
02 - Courtney Kane
 06 - Ronda LeKang
 08 - Paul Richards
 10 - Paul Richards, Jr.
 11 - Cat Wu
 12 - Patty McAllister
 16 - Bruce Sherman
 20 - Sarah Majewski
 22 - Brittaney Gilbert
 25 - Ame Steele
 28 - Robin Hassig

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 03 - Charles & Laura McCaw
 ♥ 12 - Bud & Lynda Roberts
 ♥ 22 - Dan & Denise Jones
 ♥ 23 - Cindy & Steve Roys
 ♥ 26 - MaryPat & Skip Fredericksen

NOTICE

Thank you for noticing
 this new notice.
 Your noticing has been
 duly noted!



*Laurel
City
Singers*



Pictured Left: Cindy Rines, Debbie Storrs & Katie Serafini with the Brass Pack and Karl Gallmeyer on piano, preparing for the Andrew's Sisters Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. Top: Laurel City Singers Choir
 Photos of the choir by Juliana Rusk

Children's Sunday and PICNIC!



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sunday June 10th during Worship
 Picnic immediately following
 rain or shine!

Please bring a dish to share:

**If you last name begins with:

A-L Desserts
 M-Z Salad or Side



Burgers and Hot Dogs, drinks,
 supplies all provided!



GOD & COUNTRY Concert a great success!

Over 200 people attended Laurel City Singer's concert, "God & Country" on May 27th. FCW Youth group raised \$217 selling refreshments and water during the show, and food items collected for the food bank spilled over the containers and all over the floor!

A single vet stood at our lyric, "I'm proud to be an American," and many were moved to tears! During The Armed Forces Salute, those who had lost loved ones in conflicts, and those who had served or are serving now, were asked to stand and be recognized. Very moving concert!

Special thanks to the CT 102nd Army Band Brass Pack, Karl Gallmeyer...and Kevin Mongeau, Ted Locke, John Eggering, Dan Jones, Brian Tassinari, Denise Torson, Jeanne Haller & Helen Campbell for setting up. And special thanks to Helen Campbell for our beautiful patriotic flower arrangement!

First Church of Winsted Upcoming Youth Activities



June BOCE Meeting - Monday, June 4, 7:00pm

Mexico Mission Trip participants' meeting w/Simply Smiles Rep Peter Allen - Thurs, June 7, 7:00 pm

Steam Vent Coffee House - Sun, June 9 – Mexico Trip Fundraiser 6-10 PM

Children's Sunday - Sun, June 10 -
Certificates/Scholarships, followed by picnic

Mexico Mission Trip Walk-a-Thon (followed by planning meeting) - Sat, June 16, 8:00 am, Highland Lake

Mexico Mission Trip - July 28 - Aug 5



A Whale of a Story – Earthly Community!



The following story is taken from the "San Francisco Chronicle." Female whale which became entangled in the nets of lobster traps was sinking under the weight hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. In addition she also had hundreds of yards of line rope

wrapped around the body, tail and mouth. Fisherman spotted her and called the group aims to help the environment. Within hours, a rescue squad arrived and determined that her condition so bad that the only way to save her is to dive in and untie her. They worked for hours and eventually released her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like circles of joy. She then returned and went from diver to diver, one at a time, and pushed them gently, it seemed as though she thank them. Some divers say this was the most beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth said her eyes followed him all the time and he never again be the same person.



Left...top and bottom: Pastor Mike the "Burger Dude" at Grace Grill, and hungry folks! Car washing in the rain...with Jane, Owen, Karl, Krystal, Erik, Mary, Bailey, Julie, Cindy, Kathy and Kim!!



June 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	May Birthstone: <i>Alexandrite</i> 	May Flower: <i>Rose</i> 	Astrological Signs <i>Gemini:</i> May 21 - Jun 21 <i>Cancer:</i> June 22 - July 22		1	2
3 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 am Trinity Sunday	4	5 Worship Choir 5:30	6 Property Maint 7:00 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	7	8	9  STEAM VENT Coffee House Vegan Nite in the Café Serving 6-8 PM
10 Worship Service 10:00 am Children's  Sunday	11	12 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 7:00 pm	13 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 am	18	19 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Deacons 7:00 pm	20 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Summer Solstice	21	22	23 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon
24 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday	25	26 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm	27 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	28	29	30



Spring Pledge Drive – Just Do It! Fill in that pledge card!

JUST... make a commitment to financially support your church.
DO... Prayerfully consider filling out a pledge card, when they are sent out...
IT... is between you and God...so no amount is too small...and all are kept in strict confidentiality. Then hand it in on Children's Sunday!

JUST DO IT!...you'll be glad you did... **YOU ARE RELEPHANT!**

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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Michael Wu

Moderator - Dan Jones

Vice-Moderator – Richard Mazzei

Clerk - Debbie Storrs

Board of Deacons - Co-chairs

Laura McCaw & Lisa Nanni

Treasurer – Debby Kane

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Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Cherub Choir Director - Debbie Storrs

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT



ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month

Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship

Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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