

Word from the Pastor

Greetings to Members and Friends of First Church!

How excited I am to be getting ready to join the First Church family. It has been an interesting journey to reach this place. It started with an invitation from Rev. Wu to consult on some church growth questions. Then God pushed me in your direction. It was time to leave Bristol and head to Winsted. I have gladly accepted the call.

This is a time of transition for all of us. Leave taking and Welcoming practically taking place at the same time. It is, in spiritual terms, liminal time...a time in between. As I pack up in Bristol and get ready to move north, I offer the following poem by John O'Donohue on New Beginnings.

Let the words wash over you and sink into your heart and mind.

In June I will be in and out, moving to Winsted. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and the ways of your life together. If you happen by the church during June and see a white corolla in the lot, stop in and say hello!

In the meantime, I will be keeping us all surrounded in prayers for new ventures.

Blessings,

Pastor Lisa



For a New Beginning

In out of the way places of the heart
Where your thoughts never think to wander
This beginning has been quietly forming
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire
Feeling the emptiness grow inside you
Noticing how you willed yourself on
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the grey promises that sameness whispered
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

~ John O'Donohue



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Happy Father's Day!

New Summer Hours for July and August! Worship Service at 9:30 AM!
Come early or arrive in time for coffee!

Church News...



CDC News...

Melissa Lillie, Director

It's so hard to believe another preschool year is over....this year just flew by! We had a wonderful Graduation/year end celebration on May 21st. The church was filled with family and friends of CDC students. 15 children graduated this year and will move on to Kindergarten in the Fall.

Thank you to all who came to help us celebrate. With the year ending, it is time to start thinking about next year already. We are accepting enrollment applications for the 2015-2016 preschool year.

If you know of anyone interested in our program, please send them our way! They can also contact us at (860) 379-4838.

See our First Church of Winsted graduates on page 4!

Check us out online!

www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Like us on Facebook!

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



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

SUMMER HOURS...

The votes have been counted...and it was a virtual tie between 9:00 and 10:00...so the cabinet decided to split the difference and hold summer worship services from July 5th through August 30th at 9:30 AM!

Children's Discovery Center News

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).

If you are interested in applying for this grant, please complete an enrollment application. Applications 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.

The Asian Perspective on Parenthood...

How your children act while you are alive isn't nearly as important as how they act when you've departed this life! While we all hope that our children will be sad that we are gone, we didn't do such a great job as parents if our children are unable to earn a living, raise their children, or live productive lives if we aren't there. While we all

like to be the glue that holds things together, if after we pass our children refuse to acknowledge each other's existence or never make time to be together, we didn't quite impress upon them the importance of family and caring for one another. We raise our children to be responsible, independent and to make our world a better place to live. The reality is that our success as parents isn't really evident until after we're no longer there to tell them what to do!



WALK A THON

Mexico Mission Fundraiser
Saturday, June 20 at 8:30 am

Walk/Run Around
Highland Lake
Meeting at Reesha Beach

Join us for the walk!
Request your friends or colleagues to sponsor you!
OR
Make a donation!

For more information
please contact:
Debby Kane
860-307-8554

UCC Mobile App

Download and install the **CTUCC free mobile app** (which includes video from Connecticut Conference and Silver Lake) for iPhone, iPad, and Android phones and tablets here: <http://ctuucc.mobapp.at/>

*You must get good at one of two things:
planting in the spring...or begging in the fall!*

~Jim Rohn

Children's Sunday

June 7, 2015

10:00 am

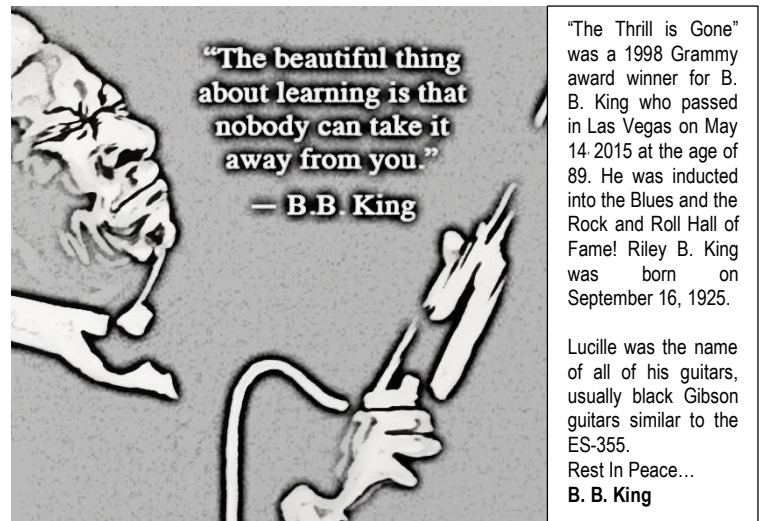
Worship Service

Followed by

Annual Family Picnic

Please bring a side dish to share.

Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided



"The Thrill is Gone" was a 1988 Grammy award winner for B. B. King who passed in Las Vegas on May 14, 2015 at the age of 89. He was inducted into the Blues and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! Riley B. King was born on September 16, 1925.

Lucille was the name of all of his guitars, usually black Gibson guitars similar to the ES-355. Rest In Peace... B. B. King

Scholarships Announced

First Church Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce scholarship recipients for the 2015-2016 school year.

Alex and Elizabeth Smith Scholarship:

Aiden Callahan ~ Northwestern CT Community College
Courtney Kane ~ Fordham Law School
Meghan Kane ~ Fordham University

Jon Millard Scholarship:

Andrew Hurlbut ~ University of Utah
Brandy Blische ~ Naugatuck Valley Community College
D.J. Sherman ~ University of Connecticut
Sandy Bengé ~ Northwestern CT Community College

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide monetary assistance to the young people of our church who have shared in the life of First Church through Sunday School, and other related Christian activities. The monies given are raised by the Sunday School, the Board of Christian Education, and others who want to encourage our young people in their academic pursuits. It is hoped that the scholarship will assist in the purchase of items such as textbooks for the coming year. Age is not a limitation--anyone who is a member of First Church who is venturing into continuing education and or professional training is welcome to apply. Scholarships are traditionally awarded at Children's Sunday each year in June, but applications are welcome any time.

Congratulations!

Sharon Lewis Scholarship (Boar's Head Festival)

Up to the time of printing, there have been no applicants for the Sharon Lewis Scholarship.



Concert of

Jazz Classics and Beyond!

Special Guests

The Gilbert School Jazz Band

Sunday, June 7th at 2 PM

Tickets: \$10 Adult / \$8 Senior / \$20 Family

Call to Reserve: 860-482-3491

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 NORTH MAIN STREET

Meet our Children's Discovery Center Graduates!

McKenna Blische



Toby King



Victoria McAllister



Liam Cyr



Youth Events

Children's Sunday

June 7 with a picnic after the service.
Scholarships to be awarded.

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

We will use the
"Whole People of God" curriculum.

Pursuit of Happiness!

500 people were attending a seminar. Suddenly the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity. He started giving each person a balloon. Each person was then asked to write their name on it using a marker pen. Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room.

The people were then let into that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written on it within 5 minutes. Everyone was frantically searching for their name, colliding with each other, pushing around others and there was utter chaos.

At the end of 5 minutes no one could find their own balloon. Then, the speaker asked each person to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The speaker then began, "This is happening in our lives. Everyone is frantically looking for happiness all around, not knowing where it is. Our happiness lies in the happiness of other people. Give them their happiness; you will get your own happiness. And this is the purpose of human life...the pursuit of happiness."



Ben E King (Benjamin Earl Nelson), singer and songwriter, born 28 September 1938; died 30 April 2015. Born in Henderson, North Carolina, and moved to New York with his family at the age of nine, part of the migration of black workers from the southern states to the more prosperous cities of the industrialized north. As a teenager in Harlem, where he helped out in his father's three restaurants, he sang in church choirs but also joined his school friends in a street-corner vocal group, the Four Bs, imitating the harmonies they heard in recordings by such doo-wop heroes as the Cadillacs, the Five Satins, the Champs, the Moonglows, and Little Anthony and the Imperials. His unusual vocal flexibility, spanning the range from bass to tenor, enabled him to sing virtually all the lead and harmony parts. Most known for his work with the Drifters and his single, "Stand by Me" which went to #1 on the R&B charts and #4 on the Pop Charts!

STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted

SATURDAY, June 13th
6 – 10 PM

Music is Free...!
Donations gladly accepted
to benefit Children's Missions!
Fully Tax Deductible

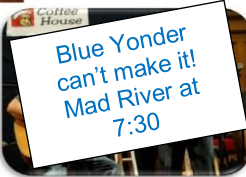
SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

6:00 ~ Open Mic
6:30 ~ Dark Horse
7:00 ~ Bill Morrell
7:30 ~ Blue Yonder
8:00 ~ Abby Lappen
8:30 ~ Reign
9:00 ~ Eric Paradine
9:30 ~ Open Mic



STEAM VENT CAFÉ Picnic Night!

Serving Burgers, Dogs, Chips
& Dips, Summer Salads
Adult or Child Portions
Available
Yummy Desserts
Serving 6 - 8 PM



FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, JUNE 21st

Immediately following
worship service

First Church Dining Hall

Come one, come all, no
matter how big or
small...there will be
plenty of food!

This Year's Mexico Mission Trip

On July 9th, a delegation from First Church will once again depart for Oaxaca, Mexico. Our Church has been sending groups to Mexico for over 7 years, and we've done just about everything imaginable. Among other things, we've built houses, replaced roofs on buildings, repaired and maintained vehicles, replaced electrical systems, painted, cleaned, and most importantly, spent time with the children living at the Casa Hogar children's home.

Unlike some groups that prefer to do the same thing each year, we seem to enjoy doing different things. This year's "to-do list" will include our first ever visit to the Casa Hogar satellite facility in the town of Cuicatlan. It is located northeast of the city of Oaxaca (toward Mexico City), and it is a nearly four hour ride away from the Oaxaca facility. The town is at a lower altitude than Oaxaca, so it is hotter and more humid there.



The Casa Hogar in Cuicatlan was originally a one family house. The director of that facility donated his home so that it could be used as a facility for children in the surrounding villages whose families did not have the financial resources to feed and educate them. About 25 children live in that facility, along with 4 adults who care for them. Originally the house had only one bathroom for the boys, one bathroom for the girls and a small kitchen that would be typical in a Mexican home. In the past year, mission teams have built two more bathrooms for the children and also added a new kitchen.

The First Church team will begin their week in Oaxaca where we will work with our favorite construction materials: cinderblock and concrete. We will be helping to complete the final touches on the retaining wall which replaced the one that was collapsing after some neighbors who do not want the children's home there placed truckloads of fill against the outer side of the wall with the intention of collapsing it. Their plan worked, but they probably didn't anticipate that our Church would fund a new wall to keep the children safe...

The team will then head to Cuicatlan to paint the bedrooms of the children. We'll also host a movie night for the children (bringing our own DVDs and projector), and repair their pick-up truck. The pick-up truck is over 15 years old, and hasn't run for over 3 months. The last time it had significant work was a few years ago it was brought to Oaxaca City and First Church teens enabled the engine to produce enough power to climb hills again. It is their only vehicle, so it is critical that we get it running again.

This year's delegation includes Brigitte Smyth, Mike Artruc, Alex Artuc, Frank Artruc, Laura McCaw, Debby Kane and Mike. Jessica Wu and Tino Gaspar, who live in Oaxaca, will join the group for the entire time, as will some other Mexican friends who are interested assisting in our mission efforts.

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 7	Children's Sunday
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	June 13	Laurel Parade
Sunday - 9:15	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	June 13	Steam Vent Coffee House
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 14	Celebration for Pastor Mike Wu
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	June 20	Walk-a-Thon for Mexico Mission
		June 21	Father's Day Brunch
		June 21	Baptism: Brook Bennetts
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		No June Meeting - Aug 18 6:45	Board of Christian Ed.
		June 2	PM Board
		June 18	Deacons
		June 23	Cabinet Meeting
			

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 - Courtney Kane
 06 - Ronda LeKang
 06 - Alexandra Artruc
 08 - Paul Richards
 10 - Paul Richards, Jr.
 10 - Samuel Stover
 11 - Cat Wu
 12 - Patty McAllister
 14 - Martha Rein
 16 - Bruce Sherman
 22 - Sarah Stover
 22 - Brittaney Gilbert
 25 - Amethyst Steele
 27 - Alannah Callahan
 28 - Robin Hassig
 29 - Penelope Rein

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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



Please Join Us...
for a special celebration in honor of
Pastor Mike Wu
Sunday, June 14, 2015
Beginning with Worship at 10 AM
Followed by a luncheon!

We are looking for any photos, videos and memories you have of Mike!

There are several ways to share:

1. Framed photos, scrap-books and written memories, poems, and thoughts can be displayed on any of the tables around the room as part of the party decorations. You can bring them that day or contact Allison Graboski (athall37@yahoo.com; 860-294-6790 call or text) to get them ahead of time.
2. Digital copy can be sent to John Eggering eggeringjoh@gmail.com for our slide show.
3. Photos or DVDs can be brought that day on DVD to be shown and shared.
4. There will be a time for sharing, roasting, and toasting Mike in person.

Heavenly Father,
 Lately I've been so worried
 about things that are out of
 my control. Help me to trust
 that you are working every little
 detail of my life out and that
 I have nothing to fear or
 worry about. In Jesus name,
 Amen.

UCC News

Tim Hughes, Executive Director Silver Lake Conference Center has tendered his resignation. Tim served in this position for 12 successful years, and will resign effective October 2015. He will stay on to help transition his replacement. He and his wife Anne are looking forward with excitement to the next chapter in their lives...and also to the upcoming season of welcoming youth to God's Backyard...for a fun faith-building season of Loving God, Loving our Neighbors and Loving Ourselves!

The CT Conference is still looking for writers to join the **CTUCC Chroniclers**. This team of writers will help us share stories from all parts of the Conference that can help connect churches and inspire new ideas in ministry. If interested, email Eric Anderson at webmaster@ctuucc.org.

For more UCC News...check their website:
www.ctucc.org

ABCCONN News

CAMP WIGHTMAN

Thinking about summer camp this year? Join us for a Family Fun Day / Open House between 1 PM and 4 PM on Saturday, May 30. Bring your friends to tour the camp, meet some staff members, take part in a few camp activities and have a light snack. There's no charge to attend. We look forward to seeing you. Please call 860-376-2179 for additional information.

Camp Wightman's "Summer's Here" Clean-up Day has been scheduled for 9 AM - 3 PM on Saturday, June 6. Do you have time to help us prepare the camp for the summer season? There are jobs for people of all ages and skill levels - gardening, painting, repairs, cleaning, etc. Bring your family, friends, or group from church for a fun day at camp! Lunch will be provided. Please call 860-376-2179 or send us a message at wightman@abcconn.org so we know to expect you.

More ABCCONN News www.abcconn.org



June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	June Birthstone: <i>Alexandrite</i> 	June Flower: <i>Rose</i> 	Astrological Signs <i>Gemini:</i> May 21 - Jun 20 <i>Cancer:</i> Jun 21 - Jul 22		<i>“ Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others. ” — Plato</i>	
May 31 Worship Service 10:00 am	1	2 Worship Choir 5:30 pm <i>Courtney Kane</i>	3 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm ♥ Charles & Laura McCaw	4 Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang	5	6
7 Worship Service 10:00 am Property Maint After Service Children's Day & Picnic Laurel City Singers Jazz it UP! 2:00 pm	8 <i>Paul Richards</i>	9 Worship Choir 5:30 pm No Meeting Christian Ed	10 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm <i>Paul Richards, Jr.</i> <i>Samuel Stover</i>	11 <i>Cat Wu</i>	12 ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	13 Laurel Parade 2pm  STEAM VENT Coffee House <i>Picnic Night!</i> <i>in the Café</i> <i>Serving 6-8 PM</i>
14 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 <i>Martha Rein</i>	15	16 Deacons 7:00 pm <i>Bruce Sherman</i>	17 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	18	19	20
21 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots Praise Choir 9:30 am	22 ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	23 Cabinet 7:00 pm ♥ Cindy & Steve Roys	24 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	25 <i>Amethyst Steele</i>	26 ♥ MaryPat & Skip Fredericksen	27 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon <i>Alannah Callahan</i>
28 Worship Service 10:00 am Music: Deb Storrs <i>Robin Hassig</i>	29 <i>Penelope Rein</i>	30		<i>If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around. The few who do are the envy of the many who only watch. ~Jim Rohn</i>		



Artist: Karen Delton

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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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