

## Word from the Pastor Lisa

Happy Almost Summer!

When I was a kid and the family went on an excursion in the car, my dad would lead us in singing the old standard songs. I think it was to keep my brother and me from fighting, but it was fun just the same. One of the songs I loved to sing was "In the Good Old Summertime". Finally, after a crazy winter that didn't seem to want to end, we are indeed entering that warm, wonderful time of year.

What are you doing this summer? I have heard reports of camping trips, family reunions, picnics, summer camp for kids, and the new idea of "stay-cation" where you stay home and just enjoy some down time. I will be traveling to Maine for my annual vacation week, spending some time as chaplain for a session at Camp Wightman, our American Baptist camp. A trip to Silver Lake will be in there as well. Then I will be enjoying a "stay-cation" by getting around to some places in this Northwest corner of Connecticut. Any suggestions? I take all recommendations.

When the schedule gets less hectic, it is a good time to take time for yourself. Particularly your spiritual self. Time to read devotional books, your Bible. Time to come to church! We worship at 9:30 a.m. in the summer so you can come and get your spiritual food and head off into your day.

For me Sunday worship helps to anchor my week in the summer. With fewer meetings and activities, I need that grounding more than ever. Our summer worship is a relaxed time to center your spirit, to check in with old friends and to start the week on a positive note.

This summer I will be engaging in a sermon series centered on the Voices of Wisdom from the Old and New Testament. What do the ancient prophets and apostles have to say to us? We will encounter challenges and opportunities and I invite you to come on the journey to embrace the words of the scripture, work with them and let these weekly encounters be a part of your living this summer.

As always, I keep you in my prayers and ask God's blessing to be with you.

*Pastor Lisa*

PS If you can't make it to church, check out the sermon podcast on our website!



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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...



## Imagine starting your day with A Promise from God

365 Promises provides just such a message every day on their website, or delivered right into your email box. Each email contains a beautiful image, a Bible quote and a devotional message.

Here is the computer link that can make it happen:

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from 10 AM until Noon. Call Barb Mazzei  
for info: 860-379-2900

## Rev. Dr. Judy Albee Announces Retirement

May 10, 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with very mixed emotions that I submit to you my letter of retirement as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and ask that you receive this in the spirit in which it is given.

I have been in active ministry for 33 years, and the majority of this time has been right here in Connecticut. I began here as a pastor, then as an area minister. When I came back to work with you in 2005, I had no idea how God would use me in this position or how God would use us together to further the gospel. It became clear early on that this is a wonderful place to be in ministry and I was so glad to come back to Connecticut after having been away for 13 years. It is a region where I believe God has led us in a variety of partnerships toward the all-consuming and critical work of advancing the call of Christ for this day and time. As I have said many times, ministry today is different than it was even a decade ago. What was important then may not be now. What is important now may make a difference in the life of our congregations down the road. The one constant for all of us wherever we are, wherever our church is today, has been Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow as the writer of Hebrews reminds us. And Christ continues to call us to move forward.

In these last 11 years I have such gratitude to God for the competent and very capable staff that I have had the privilege of serving with in ministry. There is not a finer staff in all of ABC life. And I have had the

best leaders God could possibly provide to work with in this ABCCONN family. I thank God every day for you.

I will do everything I am able to in these next few months to prepare the way for a smooth transition. And I will keep you all in my prayers as you make decisions about your future together with a new executive minister. May God continue to richly bless your ministry together in this wonderful region.

## Congratulations

**The Rev. Robert Adkins, now  
pastor of the Stratford Baptist  
Church!**

## CDC Graduation

Twelve children gathered on the stage for The Children's Discovery Center's final graduation on May 19, 2016. It was a very bittersweet night. The children sang songs, recited nursery rhymes and viewed a slideshow before receiving their diplomas. A reception in the gathering room followed. What a great night to celebrate our graduates! Good luck to the 8 children that are entering Kindergarten! A special thank you to the Board of Christian Education and Liaison Committee for all of your help at graduation!

Thank you!

Melissa Lillie, Director





## CAMP WIGHTMAN SHOE DRIVE

Once again Camp Wightman is looking for gently worn shoes of any and every kind: work boots, sneakers, dress shoes, snow boots, flip flops, sandals, Crocs. You get the idea. The shoes will be sent around the world to help people affected natural disasters who need shoes AND they will help people help themselves.

The shoes are sent to a "micro-enterprise" program that helps by providing sustainable jobs through micro-businesses.

Clean out your closets...check with everyone you know who wears shoes! Once you have your bag or box bring to church on Sundays this summer and add them to our pile! If you can't get them to church, call Pastor Lisa and she will pick them up!

Their goal? 10,000 shoes! Let's help camp meet their goal!



*You're Invited!*

*Erik and Ashley would like to extend an open invitation to the church family, to attend the Wedding Ceremony.*

*Their wedding is Sunday July 3rd at 3pm. Pastor Lisa and Pastor Mike will share in leading a unique and bilingual service with musical selections from the remaining members of Muddy Boots.*

### 149th Annual Meeting

**Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ**

**Friday, June 10 & Saturday, June 11, 2016**

**University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford**

Keynote speaker Bishop Yvette Flunder is a native San Franciscan and third generation preacher with roots in the Church of God in Christ. She is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and holds both masters and doctorate degrees in Ministry from the Pacific School of Religion and the San Francisco Theological Seminary, respectively. In 2003, she was appointed Presiding Bishop of the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multi-denominational coalition of over 56 churches and faith-based organizations from all over the world.

Bishop Flunder founded the City of Refuge UCC in 1991 in order to unite a gospel ministry with a social ministry. City of Refuge is a thriving inner-city congregation that celebrates the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ.

In addition to Bishop Flunder, the Annual Meeting will hear from Conference Minister the Rev. Kent Siladi and from the Board of Directors, and will consider business appropriate to the meeting.

## Scholarships Announced

First Church Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 school year.

### Alex and Elizabeth Smith Scholarship:

Meghan Kane - Communications & Business  
Administration, Fordham University

Kendra McCaw - Early Childhood Education,  
Northwestern CT Community College

Isabelle Rein - Neuroscience & Business  
Administration, Lafayette College

Justin Takeman - Pastoral Ministry Studies, Liberty  
University

Sandra Benge- Art Therapy, Northwestern CT  
Community College

### Jon Millard Scholarship:

Andrew Hurlbut - Mechanical Engineering,  
University of Utah

Rebecca Allen - Social Work, Springfield College

Katherine Timmeney - Nursing Home

Administration, State of CT Licensing & Cert

Donald Sherman - Pediatric Oncology Nurse,  
Elms College

### Sharon Lewis Scholarship (Boar's Head Festival)

Faith Middlebrook - Music Education with Vocal  
Emphasis, The University of Hartford Hartt  
School of Music

The scholarship funds were set up with the purpose of providing 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 and support 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. The scholarships will be awarded on Children's Day in June. Applications are welcome at any time.

***Congratulations!***

*"Good, better, best. Never let it rest.  
'Til your good is better and your better is best."  
— Saint Jerome*



## Annual First Church of Winsted Children's Day Picnic Sunday June 12, 2016

Immediately following the  
service!

All families are asked to bring  
a side dish  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs  
and drinks provided

Ice Cream Sundaes for Dessert!



Then join us for the  
Children's Discovery Center's  
40<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

Immediately following the  
picnic!

We have secured musician Evan Gottfried  
to perform for the celebration.

All alumni, students, teachers and  
past directors from  
Children's Discovery Center  
as well as our  
First Church family  
are invited to attend  
this special celebration!

# STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted



## STEAM VENT CAFE

Picnic Night in the Café from 6-8 PM

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**JUNE 11**

6:00 ~ Open Mic

6:30 ~ Jim Palermo

7:00 ~ Blue Byrd

7:30 ~ Salmon Eye

8:00 ~ Abby Lappen

8:30 ~ Joel Blumert

9:00 ~ Darlene Fullerton

9:30 ~ Open Mic



The Final Steam Vent of the Spring Season will take place on June 11 from 6-10 pm. So, if you have not yet made one of the shows...you are still in luck! John will be running this one solo, as Debbie is off to her granddaughters dance recital, and Jess is still suffering with her broken knee.

*If anyone is willing to help John put the church back after the coffee house, please let him know. Children's Sunday is the next day!*



There was a father who wanted to try the "Hug it Out" method. His young son was having a temper tantrum. The father got down on one knee and shouted, "I need a hug!" His son asked through his sobs, "What?" The father shouted again, "I need a hug!" Incredulously the boy asked, "Now!?!?" The father said, "Yes, now."

The son said, "Ok," and begrudgingly and stiffly gave his father a hug. Soon the stiffness disappeared and they melted into each other's arms.

After a few moments, the father said, "Thanks, I needed that." The son replied, with a small tremor on his lips, "So did I."

## Children's Discovery Center Great Anniversary Celebration!



Come share 40 years  
of memories from  
this wonderful  
school

Special guest  
entertainment:

Evan Gottfried



First Church of  
Winsted

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>  
2016

12:30pm

INVITING ALL PAST AND PRESENT:  
STUDENTS, DIRECTORS, TEACHERS, STAFF,  
VOLUNTEERS AND CDC COMMUNITY

## Summer Sunday School Mark your Calendars!

Summer Sunday School  
will be held on the following  
Sundays:

May 22 & 29

June 5, 19, & 26

July 10 & 17

August 7, 14, 21, & 28



Rally Day: Sept 11, 2016

All children will meet in one group

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!**



## Upcoming Events

Celebrate With Us...		Looking forward	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 5	Laurel Parade
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	June 11	Steam Vent Coffee House
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 12	Children's Sunday
		June 12	CDC 40 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
		June 19	Father's Day
	Board Meetings		
	June 5 After Worship June 7 @ 6:45 PM June 14 @ 6:00 PM June 21 @ 7:00 PM	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons Cabinet Meeting	
God's Paintbrush			

# ★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



To My Friends at First Church of Winsted,

I want to let you know how grateful I am for all your kindness and support after my back surgery and hip replacement. Thanks you for the cards, delicious food, flowers and phone calls that were sent my way. I so appreciate the rides to and from the hospital, the visits and most certainly the thoughts and prayers on my behalf during my operations and recovery. I was so cared for and I felt the power of Christ strongly through the love you shared. God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,  
Cindi Whipple



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[www.firstchurchofwinsted.org](http://www.firstchurchofwinsted.org)

## Like us on Facebook!

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



## From Camp Wightman

Registration is open for all of Camp Wightman's Summer Camp Programs. We offer a wide variety of programs for children, youth, adults, and families. Visit [CampWightman.org/SummerCamp](http://CampWightman.org/SummerCamp) to check out the schedule and complete your registration. Register early to insure your choice of programs. We look forward to serving your family this summer!

Do you have some time to help Camp Wightman get ready for the summer season? Please join us for the "Summer's Here!" Work Day, 9:00 - 3:00 on Saturday, June 4. Gardening, painting, minor repairs, preparing firewood, and countless other projects for people of all ages and abilities. Lunch is provided. Why not bring a group from your church and make a day of it? Contact Camp Wightman at 860-376-2179 or [wightman@abcconn.org](mailto:wightman@abcconn.org) for additional information, or to let us know to expect you.

Calling all Camp Wightman Alumni! As part of our 60th anniversary celebration, we are trying to identify everyone who had attended, volunteered at, or worked at Camp Wightman over the years. Please visit [welovecamp.org/AlumniRoll](http://welovecamp.org/AlumniRoll) Call to let us know how to reach you. Are you connected with other Wightman alumni? Please share this information so they can take part, too.

## Welcome!!

### Eliana Gaspar Wu

was born on May 26th  
in Huatulco, Mexico, to  
Jessica Wu and Tino Gaspar

## Congratulations

to the happy parents...  
and grandparents!



# June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June Birthstone:</b> <b>Alexandrite</b> 	<b>June Flower:</b> <b>Rose</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Gemini:</b> <b>May 21 - Jun 20</b> <b>Cancer:</b> <b>Jun 21 – Jul 22</b>	<b>1</b>  AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>2</b>   Courtney Kane	<b>3</b>   ♥Charles & Laura McCaw	<b>4</b>   Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang
<b>5</b>  Worship Service 10:00 am  Worship Choir 9:30 am  Property Maint After Service  Laurel Parade 2:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Worship Choir 5:30 pm  Christian Ed 6:45 PM	<b>8</b>  AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  Paul Richards	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>   Paul Richards, Jr. Samuel Stover	<b>11</b>    STEAM VENT Coffee House Serving 6-8 PM  Cat Wu
<b>12</b>  Worship Service 10:00 am  Children’s Day & Picnic CDC Celebration ♥Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Worship Choir 5:30 pm  Deacons 7:00 pm  Martha Rein	<b>15</b>  AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>16</b>   Bruce Sherman	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am  Father’s Day Brunch	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Cabinet 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>  AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  ♥Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	<b>23</b>   ♥Cindy & Steve Roys	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon  Amethyst Steele
<b>26</b>  Worship Service 10:00 am  ♥MaryPat & Skip Fredericksen	<b>27</b>  Alannah Callahan	<b>28</b>  Robin Hassig	<b>29</b>  Penelope Rein	<b>30</b>    Artist: Karen Delton		
“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.” George Bernard Shaw				“All you need in the world is love and laughter. That's all anybody needs. To have love in one hand and laughter in the other.” August Wilson		

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



*Artist: Karen Delton*

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