

Word from the Pastor Lisa

It's hard to believe that something as simple as going for a walk and sharing supper with a friend can transform your life. But that is just what happened to Cleophas and his companion as they met Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

As I begin to look ahead to summer, my thoughts turn to getting outside and being on the move, walking on the beach, hiking through the woods, and just exploring the area I live in.

And with each plan I make for my summer travels, my thoughts keep coming back to Cleophas and his encounter with Jesus. He and his companion found their lives changed. Jesus shared so much with them about God and his plan for the Kingdom.

I long for that kind of intimate encounter with Jesus, don't you? To feel his love and energy fill my entire being.! Wow. And you know what? That's just what is possible as we travel around this summer.

I shared this thought in a recent sermon and I want to share it again as we go out and about in God's world.

God is not static, confined by history or the church's creeds or even by scriptures. God is alive and on the move, doing new things and sharing new insights, opening eyes and hearts and invading us with His Spirit.

I truly believe that the Emmaus road is everywhere.

And this summer, wherever we are walking on the road, at every mealtime we share with family and friends, Jesus is there, filled with energy and possibility, and the joy of resurrection.

So, as you are out and about this summer, keep your eyes and hearts open. When you least expect it you may find yourself side by side, walking with our Savior.

Blessings and travel mercies to you.

Pastor Lisa



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Church News...

Thank You!

I have been truly blessed this spring by the loving support and prayers of so many people. The prayer circle began right here at First Church, extending out through ABCCONN and the UCC Connecticut conferences, to many friends known and unknown around the world. I am greatly humbled by the cards and messages that have come over these many weeks. Thank you seems such a simple and little word for the huge feelings of gratitude I have for each and every one of you. I am healing and getting better every single day and my brain's confusion is clearing. I give thanks to GOD for the blessing of health and abilities restored to normal. The power of prayer is beyond words.

Blessings
Pastor Lisa



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

Prom Season..



Nicholaus Komons and Anna King



Emily Curtiss and Duane Blische

Anti-Bullying Lesson by

Amy Beth Gardner

My daughter starts middle school tomorrow. We've decorated her locker, bought new uniforms, even surprised her with a new backpack.

But tonight, just before bed, we did another pre-middle school task that is far more important than the others. I gave her a tube of toothpaste and asked her to squirt it out onto a plate. When she finished, I calmly asked her to put all the toothpaste back in the tube. She began exclaiming things like "But I can't!" and "It won't be like it was before!" I quietly waited for her to finish and then said the following:

"You will remember this plate of toothpaste for the rest of your life. Your words have the power of life or death. As you go into middle school, you are about to see just how much weight your words carry. You are going to have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, slander and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, inspire and love others. You will occasionally make the wrong choice; I can think of three times this week I have used my own words carelessly and caused harm. Just like this toothpaste, once the words leave your mouth, you can't take them back. Use your words carefully, Breonna. When others are misusing their words, guard your words. Make the choice every morning that life-giving words will come out of your mouth. Decide tonight that you are going to be a life-giver in middle school. Be known for your gentleness and compassion. Use your life to give life to a world that so desperately needs it. You will never, ever regret choosing kindness."



Help Support the First Church Mission Trip to Mexico!

For the 12th year in a row, a group of youth and adults from First Church of Winsted will travel to Mexico this summer. The group will travel for a second time to the Yucatan peninsula. There we'll be painting and performing maintenance and repairs in the facilities of an organization called "Sol y Luna" (the Sun and the Moon). This organization operates schools in two different locations of the City. The schools not only provide an education to its students, but the organization provides outpatient physical therapy to children with multiple, significant physical disabilities. The program was founded by a European woman who was visiting that region of Mexico. She was struck by the lack of services of disabled children, especially those from families with minimal financial resources. She had a brother with multiple disabilities, and fully understood the challenges faced by both the disabled person and his/her family, even when living in a country with sophisticated medical facilities and a good network of social services.

She quickly discovered that there were few, if any, resources available to disabled children in this region of Mexico. Doctors of the students in her program were given little chance of survival by their own doctors. Seeing such enormous challenges, she has since dedicated her life to serving those children. She has a small but very dedicated group of supports in Europe and in Mexico. Many of the therapists that provide physical therapy and classes are volunteers. The parents of the children receive training at the schools on caring for their disabled children, and they themselves work at the school. We are proud to be a part of that small network of volunteers who assist at the organization. Because of the work of Solyluna, children who were diagnosed to live but a few years have learned to walk, feed themselves, read and write.

Last year, we performed simple but important tasks. One of the schools had moved nearly a year earlier from a different rented building. Since the move, the organization lacked resources to hire someone to mount its only Smart Board to the wall and install the project across the room. Certain lights were wired improperly and not operating. Screens on the building were disintegrating. And the entire building was in dire need of paint. Because of the intense heat and humidity, our team worked in the morning, retreated during the hottest part of the day, and returned to the facility in the evening to work until 9 or 10 o'clock at night. We

accomplished all of the above, in addition to clearing out their front and back yards so that the children could use the area for recreation (and for an upcoming graduation).

You can assist by contributing to the First Church of Winsted Mexico Mission Trip Fund. While each participant contributes what she/he is able, many of the costs for the Mission trip are covered by generous donations. If you have any questions, please contact Debby Kane at (860) 307-8554.

Thank you for your generous support!



Local Mission Work Help Needed

First Church of Winsted will be helping the family of Kevin Butler, the Pastor of Asylum Baptist Church, to move from his home on 9 Hawthorn Road in West Hartford (located behind the First Baptist Church of West Hartford) to the parsonage of Asylum Avenue Baptist Church which is in Hartford (near the West Hartford line). Kevin has recently undergone surgery to plant electrodes in his brain to help control the effects of his Parkinson's disease and has more surgery ahead.

First Church's Mexico Mission group will be helping the family move on June 17th from 9 AM to 1PM and on June 24th from 9 AM to 1 PM as part of their work-a-thon to support their trip to Mexico this summer. We would like to include other members of the First Church family to help support Kevin and his family during this moving process. The first Saturday we will move as much as we can and the 2nd Saturday we will finish with the remaining items.

You can choose either day to help (or both!!); we will be finished by 1 PM both days and have lunch together afterwards. Please contact Debby Kane at (860) 307-8554 to let her know you will be coming and she can give you further details. We can meet at First Church or meet at the First Baptist Church of West Hartford at 90 N Main Street in West Hartford where we can park our cars.

Scholarships Announced

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

Alex and Elizabeth Smith and/or Jon Millard Scholarship Funds:

Rebecca Allen - Social Work, Masters at Springfield College

Nathan Blische - First year undergrad Naugatuck Valley Community College

Meghan Kane - Communications & Business Administration, Fordham University

Justin Takeman - Pastoral Ministry Studies, Harrisburg Area Community College

Sandra Bengé - Art Therapy, Northwestern CT Community College

Sharon Lewis Memorial Scholarship (Boar's Head Festival) and/or Mary Beckwith Memorial Fund:

Briana Flaherty - Northwest CT Community College

Jessica Sherrod - Central Connecticut State University

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!



OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

**MEETING THURSDAYS
In the Parlor
10 - 11 AM**

**First Church of Winsted
95 N. Main Street
Winsted, CT**

**Step and Tradition Mtg
(use back door on far right)**



Chris & Bob Steele

I do...Take 2!

May 21, 2017

Congratulations!



WINSTED – Pauline E. Fancher, 106, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 28, 2017. Born Aug. 7, 1910, in Winsted, she was the daughter of the late William S. Fancher and Edythe L. (Moses) Fancher.

Pauline graduated from Pratt Institute of Art with a degree in art education. She then achieved her bachelor's degree in art from the University of New Hampshire and her education courses from Penn State. She taught at Plainville High School, Concord Junior High and Laconia High School in New Hampshire and a school in Harrison, N.Y. She then traveled to England for a year as an exchange teacher and then returned to Winsted and taught at Winsted elementary schools from 1954-1975.

She enjoyed photography, woodcarving and painting. She also taught Sunday school and was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in New York, First Church of Winsted and Winchester Center Congregational Church. She was a lifelong member of the DAR Greenwoods Chapter and served as regent for about 17 years. She was a member of the Winchester Historical Society, Beardsley and Memorial Library and Winsted Health Center Foundation.

She is survived by two brothers, Donald A. Fancher and Robert W. Fancher, both of Winsted; a sister, Shirley Lemere of South Carolina; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, great-grand-nieces and great-grand-nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers, Russell, Hollis, and Bernard Fancher and two sisters, Carolyn Hodge and Mildred Barshaw.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Winchester Center Congregational Church at 2 p.m.

Ab-Salute Kitchen Food Tasting Event

BOCE Fundraiser
Benefit: Scholarships



Saturday June 3rd ~ 5-7 pm
First Church Dining Room
\$10 tickets
Food ~ Raffles ~ Music
Contact: Ashley Fontanez
860-480-5450

Lula Roe

Fundraiser **Open House**
Join us for a fun ladies afternoon

Comfortable, fashionable body flattering
clothing ranging from XXS-3XL

**Sponsored by the Board
of Christian Education**

**Following worship in the
dining room
June 11th**

from 11:30am -1:30pm
**Open to the public! Bring your
friends! Share the Facebook
invitation!**



Laurel City Singers In Concert A Sacred Spring

Celebrating our Arts Hero
ADAM ATKINS



Photo: Amy Wynn, Executive Director - Northwest Connecticut Arts Council,
Adam Atkins, Music and Chorus Teacher - The Gilbert School, State Representative Jay Case,
Sue Sojka, Associate Principal - The Gilbert School, State Representative John Piscopo.

Sunday, June 4th at 2 PM

Tickets: 860-379-8966

Adult \$12 / Senior \$10 / Child 12 & under \$5 / Family \$20

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Children's Sunday!



Confirmation!



Pentecost!

Sunday June 4th



Join us for an exciting **Worship!**





Picnic following service



Please bring a side to share!



Upcoming Events

Celebrate With Us...		Looking Forward	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	June 03 – Winchester 2:00 pm	Pauline Fancher Memorial
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 03	Absolute Tasting
Monday - 5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	June 04	Children's Sunday - Pentecost
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	June 04	Sacred Spring – LCS Concert
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 10	Steam Vent Coffee House
		June 11	Laurel Parade
		June 11	Lula Roe Fundraiser
		June 18	Father's Day Luncheon
	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	June 4 After Worship	PM Board	
	June 6 @ 7:00 pm	Board of Christian Ed.	
	June 25 After Worship	Deacons	
	June 27 @ 7:00 pm	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

STEAM VENT Coffee House

June 10, 2017

Featured Performers

6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event
 7:00 – Juan DeGuzman
 7:30 – Michael Lovallo
 8:00 – Edie Mallick
 8:30 – Muddy Boots
 9:00 – Mark Moriarty
 9:30 – Carl D & Company

Free Will Offering
 to support
 Children's Mission

Picnic Night

In the Café

Picnic Favorites Choice of Hamburger, Veggie Burger or Hot Dogs
 Served with choice of classic picnic salads and chips \$7.00
 Desserts \$1.00-\$2.00
 Beverages \$1.00
 Soda in cans, Coffee, Tea, Bottled Water

Steam Vent Coffee House – giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talents with friends and neighbors. Our extended mission is to promote and encourage local musicians and provide entertainment to the Northwest Corner while raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.

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Quips & Quotes...

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day, someone might do the same for you.”

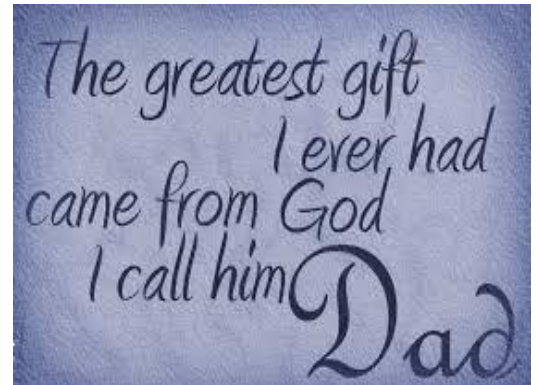
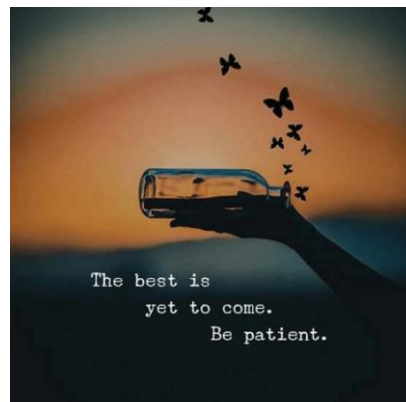
-Diana, Princess of Wales

“Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.”

- John Lennon

“It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.”

-Maud Hart Lovelace, Betsy-Tacy and Tib





June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Birthstone: Alexandrite 	June Flower: Rose 	Astrological Signs Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20 Cancer: Jun 20 - Jul 21	 Artist: Karen Delton	1 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Courtney Kane	2	3 Ab-Salute Tasting 5:00 pm Scholarship Fundraiser ♥ Charles & Laura McCaw
4 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Property Maint Pentecost Children's Day & Picnic Sacred Spring Concert 2:00 pm Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang	5 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm World Environment Day	6 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm VE Day	7 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	8 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am World Oceans Day Paul Richards	9	10  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Paul Richards, Jr. Samuel Stover
11 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am Trinity Sunday Lularoe Fundraiser 11:30-1:30 pm Laurel Parade 2:00 pm Cat Wu	12 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	13 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Flag Day	14 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Martha Rein	15 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am	16 Bruce Sherman	17
18 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Father's Day Luncheon	19 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Juneteenth Day	20 World Refugee Day	21 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Summer Solstice	22 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	23 ♥ Steve & Cindi Roys	24 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon
25 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Deacons 11:30 am Amethyst Steele	26 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm ♥ Duane & Brandy Blische ♥ Skip & MaryPat Fredericksen	27 Cabinet 7:00 pm Alannah Callahan	28 Robin Hassig	29 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Penelope Rein	30	

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



Artist: Karen Delton

The Reverend Lisabeth Gustafson

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ALL ARE WELCOME

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
(July & August - 9:30 AM)**

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

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