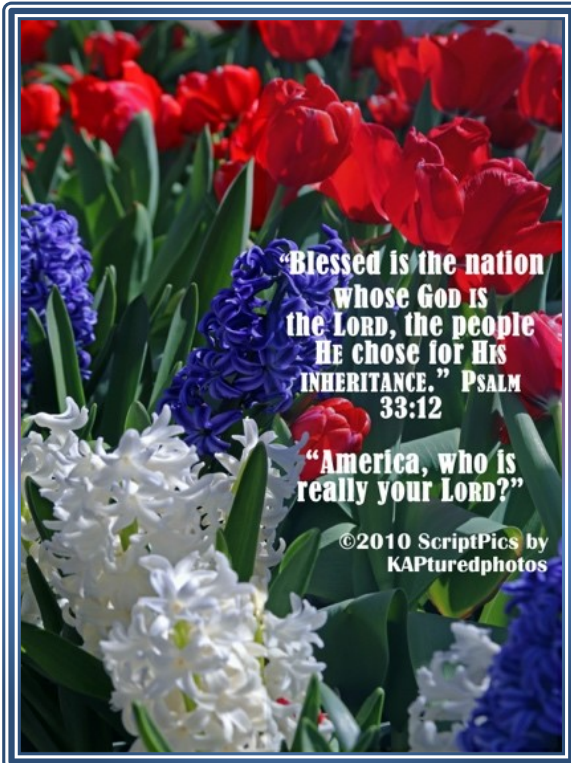


## A Word from Pastor Kap

*"Blessed is the nation whose GOD Is the LORD..." Psalm 33-12*



Our nation stands within the bookends of Memorial Day Independence Day, as we celebrate the 243<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of our Independence from Britain. What both of these national events have in common is the faithfulness and dedication of the men and women who fought, bled, and died to secure the "Star-Spangled Banner" from the time when there were only 13 stars to the present time with 50 stars.

There are other factors that have secured our nation and our freedoms. The United States is not a theocracy, (a government of a state by immediate divine guidance); and

despite what some claim, neither is America a Christian nation, instead we are nation formed in respect of religious freedoms. Thomas Jefferson, one of the principal authors of the Declaration of Independence, was a devout theist, believing in a benevolent creator God to whom humans owed praise. In an early political text, he wrote that "The god who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time..." Jefferson was a firm theist, the God he believed in was not the traditional Christian divinity (taken from <https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/jeffersons-religious-beliefs>).

Our nation has evolved through many thoughts, persuasions, beliefs, and wars; and, thankfully today, one of the main religions in America is Christianity. As Christians, we don't believe in **just any god**, we believe there is but one **GOD**; "**Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our GOD, the LORD alone.**" The LORD of the Israelites, is the LORD and FATHER of JESUS CHRIST, and the HOLY SPIRIT is the SPIRIT of the LORD JESUS CHRIST; we serve the Triune GOD, the



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## Church News...

### Pastor's Word continued:

three in One. Therefore, as we dwell beneath "**spacious skies...**" and harvest "**...amber waves of grain,**" we must recognize that regardless of what god others may worship, American Christians worship the one of whom the Bible teaches, "**LORD HE is GOD; there is none else beside Him**" (Deuteronomy 4:35).

Therefore, enjoy your **life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** in this great nation of immigrants carved out with blood, sweat, and tears of all who have given of their time, treasures, and talents to live in what I believe is the best nation on earth. But remember, "**Blessed is the nation whose God Is the LORD...**" Psalm 33-12. And as we live and serve the LORD and our nation, let us continually remind ourselves what it takes to be an American when we join together to sing, "**America, America—God mend thine every flaw—Confirm thy soul in self-control—Thy liberty in law**" (third verse of the Star-Spangled Banner).

Pastor Kap

### Organist Sabbatical

Our organist, Tricia Wu will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical this July and August. June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be her last Sunday until she returns in September.

All are invited to a Celebration of her 20 years of service will be held after service on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

20  
YEARS

*Congratulations*

### Parking Lot Repaving

Our driveway and parking lot have become a safety issue. There are sunken areas and drainage issues that could prove to be potential areas of liability, considering the amount of usage it gets.

We are currently taking bids for this repair which is expected to run approximately \$30,000. The good news is, we already have \$13,000 towards it including \$6,000 in our invested funds slated for capital improvements and a bequest from the Estate of Dorothy Newbauer in the amount of \$7,000.

The Cabinet is requesting to earmark an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from our Invested Funds to complete this project which includes the balance of the proposal plus an additional \$3,000 as a buffer in case of overruns. Any donations towards this project would also be greatly appreciated if you are able to give!

This will be announced from the pulpit and included in our bulletins and on Sunday, June 16 there will be a presentation, discussion and a vote of the congregation to approve this project.

Please plan on sticking around after the service for this important vote!

PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER  
TO BENEFIT

**DICK CARL**

SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 4PM-6PM

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

\*\*\$15 PER PERSON ~ \$40 PER FAMILY ~  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE\*\*

\*\*PASTA - SAUCE - BREAD - BEVERAGES - DESSERT AND RAFFLES\*\*

info - Denise Jones 860-309-5313



# Church News...

## Our Kids Rock!

### 2018 Laurel Queen & King



*Anna King & Adrian Delacruz*

Our Anna is equally comfortable in a gown representing her town, or on stage during "Annie" or pitching on the Gilbert Girls Softball team. Soon to be studying for her PRN in Biddeford, Maine! So proud of our kids!



Photos: Holly Cassaday



Donald (DJ) Sherman

DJ started as a SNAP student, (Student Nurse Associate Program) nurse Donald Sherman is a part of the Baystate Health Nurse Residency Program. He was inspired to choose nursing as a career from the nurses that cared for his grandmother. "Before high school, my grandmother was diagnosed with a very aggressive melanoma and deteriorated very quickly after. The way that the nurses not only cared for her, but for my grandfather and the rest of our family during such a stressful time made me want to do the same for others," he said.

He is focusing on enhancing lives by taking the time to sit and listen to patients and their families. He believes that, "Patients see and experience way more than most of us realize, so allowing for a safe and judgement-free environment to express themselves can go a long way. Most families or patients that I have come across purely just want to be heard."



*Another Baseball King...Sam! And just a few years back...he rode the log!*



Kirsten Swanson (with son Julian) graduated from NVCC with a liberal arts and science degree! She also served in the United States Marines! We thank her for her service! But one of her greatest achievements on the happiest day of her life was when she gave birth to her son, the most precious gift from God she could ever possibly receive. Today she is shouting her success from the roof top! "I will remember this day because I proudly graduated with honors and will now embrace every milestone and every future endeavor I complete." July 1st, she begins taking courses toward her BS in Public Health. Congratulations Kirsten!

## First Church 2019 Mexico Mission Trip!

This summer we are again headed to the *Yucatan peninsula of Mexico to work at "SolyLuna" (which means the sun and the moon)*. This organization operates schools in two different locations in Merida, the capital of the State of Merida. 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. 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 supporters 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.

We're excited not only because we are returning to Merida, but because our team will include 5 people who are participating for the first time! Another 5 on the team are "veterans" of First Church Mission Trips. Our tasks this year include the installation of a wi-fi network in both facilities that will allow teachers to use computers that are connected to the internet in all the classrooms; installation of another security camera for the

facilities (we installed 2 last year after a break-in that took place the night after we departed); painting the kitchen of the youth facility; building large planter boxes for the students in the youth program to learn to plant and care for vegetable plants; repairing screens; and building a storage shed at the children's facility and a tool shed at the youth facility. Because of the intense heat and humidity, our team works in the morning, retreats during the hottest part of the day, and returns in the evenings to work until 9 or 10 o'clock at night.

You can assist by making a contribution to the First Church of Winsted Mexico Mission Trip Fund. In addition to paying for our travel, lodging and food, we also pay for all the materials that we use in our projects. While each participant contributes what s/he is able, the majority of the costs for the Mission trip are covered by generous donations. If you have any question, please contact Debby Kane at (860) 307-8554. Thank you for your generous support!





## Scholarships Announced

First Church Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce scholarship recipients for the 2019-2020 school year. Scholarships will be awarded Children's Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> during the service.

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



**Alexandra Artruc** is attending Northern Vermont University in Johnson, VT as a biology major on a pre-med track, to become a pediatrician.



**Nathan Blische** is attending Naugatuck Valley Community College to pursue a degree in criminal justice in hopes to become a police officer and eventually a DEEP officer.



**Duane Blische** is attending Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts. His goal is to obtain his master's degree in Corporate Finance and Accounting.



**Anna King** will be attending University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. Her goal is to become a Physicians Assistant hopefully in the area of pediatrics.

**Congratulations to all!**

## Tag Sale and Grace Grill



*Just a small portion of goods for sale!*



*Mike grilling burgers and hot dogs!*

**Our Tag Sale held on a beautiful sunny May 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, raising \$2,051.78 for the general fund.**

**Grace Grill raised \$222.50!**

**Thank You to all who donated, sorted, moved, sold, laughed, cooked, yelled "Fill A Box For \$5", cleaned up and just helped make our Tag Sale a great day!!**

## Muddy Boots Plus...Performed at the Harmony for Hunger Concert!



*Thank You!*

You folks are outstanding! I wish to thank you for your participation in yesterday's "Harmony For Hunger" Concert. The variety of music, the engaging artistry of everyone's presentation, and the enjoyment that was shared by all certainly made for a wonderful afternoon at the 2nd Congregational Church! Thanks to you, we raised more than \$1,014 which will be shared equally with the Open-Door Soup Kitchen and the Winsted Salvation Army Food Bank. Some of you are getting this on behalf of your entire group - please share our appreciation with all who contributed their time and talent.

- Will Minton



**June 2nd at 4 PM**

*Here's a concert that you can really sink your teeth into!  
It encompasses a wide range of pieces  
that mention food or drink.*

Be our Guest ~ Food Glorious Food ~ Chili con Carne  
It's Raining Tacos ~ Honey in the Rock ~ Purple People Eater  
Strawberry Fields Forever ~ Green Eggs & Ham  
If Music be the Food of Love ~ Lime in 'de Coconut

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

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED 95 NORTH MAIN STREET



**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**during**

**Worship Service!**

**Scholarship Presentations!  
Family Pot-Luck Picnic Following!**

*Hamburgers  
Hotdogs &  
Beverages  
Provided!*

*Bring a side dish  
or dessert  
to share...*



*Steam Vent has raised \$2,066.50 this spring...so far! One more to go!*

**STEAM VENT**  
**Coffee House**

**June 1, 2019**

**Featured Performers**  
Open Mic from 6:00-7:00  
7:00 - Nicholas C Komons  
7:30 - Blue Yonder  
8:00 - Melanie Michaud  
8:30 - Ken Storrs  
9:00 - C-Side Alley  
9:30 - Chronic Rhythm

**Picnic Night!**  
*In the Café from 6-8 PM*

Hamburgers, Turkey Burgers, Veggie Burgers and/or Hotdogs  
Served with your favorite picnic sides!  
*Baked Beans, Potato Salad or Cauliflower Salad,  
Macaroni Salad, 3 Bean Salad and Orange Stuff  
plus Green Salad Option and desserts and beverage!*

*Steam Vent Coffee House giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talent  
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.*

Open Mic performers (2 song limit) may sign up in advance: [svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org)

**FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED 95 NORTH MAIN STREET**

*Free Will Offering  
to support  
Children's Mission*

**MEXICO**  
**Mission Trip**

**July 6 – July 14, 2019**

**God's Work – Our Hands!**



## FAITH AND FUN NIGHT

5:30-8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH DINING HALL

April 26

June 28

August 23

Sept. 27

October 25

Nov. 29

Dec. 27



Parents: this is a drop off event for your children!

\$5 fee per child.

Night includes a biblical reading, movie, craft and games for children to play.

Please see Lisa Nanni or Kim Janak to sign up your child.

## Welcome New Member

### Sarah Storrs!



Right Hand...and Hug of Fellowship!

Welcome Sarah!



## Summer Music!

Puddle Jumpers & Adults!

Thursday or Friday mornings  
10 am-2 pm!

*Those interested let me know  
which day works?*

*Evenings also possible!*

Ukulele, Guitar and Drums!  
Bring a bag lunch!

Call Deb Storrs: 860-482-3491



## Summer Sunday School

June 23 - August 25



*Volunteers needed to help with  
our one room summer  
schoolhouse!*

*Pick a Sunday, please see*

*Ashley Fontanez or  
Barbara Mazzei!*



## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 01	Steam Vent Coffee House
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	June 02	Culinary Cabaret – Concert 4 PM
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 09	Children's Sunday - Pentecost
		June 09	Church Picnic
		June 09	Laurel Parade
		June 16	Father's Day
		June 28	Faith & Fun Night
		June 30	Dessert & Bingo
	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	June After Worship No meeting June 23 After Worship June 25 @ 7:00 pm	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons Cabinet Meeting	



### 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  
 13 - Cyndi Deluca  
 14 - Martha Rein  
 16 - Bruce Sherman  
 22 - Sarah Stover  
 22 - Brittaney Gilbert  
 25 - Amethyst Steele  
 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 - Duane & Brandy Blische  
 ♥ 26 - MaryPat & Skip Fredericksen

To have your birthday or anniversary added to our list please submit to:  
[info@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:info@firstchurchofwinsted.org)

### Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 31 (5pm – 7pm) - Community Meal

Saturday, June 1 (6pm – 10pm) Steam Vent

Monday, June 3 (6:30 - ?) – In Reach phone calls

Thursday, June 13 (6pm-8pm) – Graduation for WACCC (using sanctuary)

Sunday, June 16 (11:30) Special Meeting Parking Lot Vote with Congregation

Monday, June 17 (7pm) By-Laws Meeting

Sunday, June 23 (11:30) Celebration for Tricia on her Sabbatical

Sunday, June 23 (11:30) Pulpit Search Committee

Tuesday, June 25 (7pm) Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, June 30 (11:30) Pastoral Relations (possible meeting)

Sunday, June 30 (11:30) Dessert & Bingo

Sunday, July 21 (11:30) Super Saturday discussions

**WORLD Refugee Day is an international observance to raise awareness of the struggles refugees face around the world.**

Every minute 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror.

86 per cent of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries. The largest refugee camp is in Dadaab, Kenya and is home to more than 329,000 people.

51 per cent of refugees are under the age of 18.

World Refugee Day is on June 20 every year and this year it falls on a Thursday.

On December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly decided that June 17 would be celebrated as World Refugee Day in Resolution 55/76. The date was later changed to June 20.



<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/8442575/world-refugee-day-2019>

Join us for  
 Dessert and Bingo  
 Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 After worship!





# June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton						<b>1</b>  <b>STEAM VENT</b> Coffee House 6-10 PM
<b>2</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am PM Board 11:30 <b>Culinary Cabaret</b> <b>Concert 4:00 pm</b> Courtney Kane	<b>3</b> <b>IN-Reach</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>  ♥ Charles & Laura McCaw	<b>4</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm	<b>5</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  <b>World Environment Day</b>	<b>6</b>  Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pasta Benefit Dinner 4-7 PM  <b>VE Day</b>  Paul Richards, Jr. Samuel Stover
<b>9</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Children's Day &amp; Picnic</b> <b>Laurel Parade</b> <b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm  Cat Wu	<b>12</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	<b>13</b> WACCC Graduation 6-8 PM  Cyndi Deluca	<b>14</b>  <b>Flag Day</b>  Martha Rein	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am <b>Father's Day</b> Bruce Sherman	<b>17</b> <b>Bylaws Review</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>18</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm	<b>19</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>20</b>  <b>World Refugee Day</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Summer Solstice</b>	<b>22</b>  ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover
<b>23</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Deacons 11:30 Confirmation Class 9 am ♥ Steve & Cindi Roys	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Cabinet 7:00 pm  Amethyst Steele	<b>26</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  ♥ Duane & Brandy Blische ♥ Skip & MaryPat Fredericksen	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Faith &amp; Fun Night</b> <b>5:30 – 8 pm</b>  Robin Hassig	<b>29</b>  Penelope Rein
<b>30</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30  <b>Dessert &amp; Bingo After service!</b>				<b>June Birthstone: Alexandrite</b> 	<b>June Flower: Rose</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b> <b>Gemini:</b> <b>May 20 - Jun 20</b> <b>Cancer:</b> <b>Jun 20 – Jul 21</b>

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



*Artist: Karen Delton*

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