

Word from the Pastor...

Greetings to all,

June marks another turning point in the year....school will be ending shortly (or has already ended for those in college), and the summer months are now upon us. As we enjoy the warmer weather, I look back on the past six months and am amazed by what we have done as a church family. In year's past, I recall there being the busy times and the not so busy times. Since the New Year, it seems like we've been going non-stop!

The numerous activities that go on are a sign of life and vitality in our church. It is also a sign of the growth that we have been experiencing. We have welcomed many new folks into the fellowship of our congregation, and more importantly, our ministry has been growing as indicated by all the activities taking place. According to many books on church growth, our church is in the midst of transitioning from being a smaller congregation to a mid-size or larger congregation. As we evolve and grow, we need to keep some things in mind:

1. One day you'll realize that you may not know the details of everyone's life. For good or for bad, in a smaller congregation, everyone knows everyone, and usually also knows every intimate detail of their lives! As we grow, you may sometimes feel that it is harder to maintain the "family atmosphere." What this means is that we now have to make an effort to reach out and speak with others. Knowledge will not come by osmosis, but rather by intentional communication. It's not that we can't care as much as we always have about each other, it's just that we now have to be more intentional about it.

2. Along that same line of communicating with each other, we need to keep in mind that our building is used twice as much as it was just three years ago. That means that we have to be more intentional about scheduling use of the building and things like tables, chairs, etc. In year's past, you could just show up and be pretty much assured that no one would be using building or that there would be plenty of chairs and tables to use. I have stopped by the church building numerous times in the past year to get something out of the office or to drop something off, and have forgotten that an activity is taking place in the building.

3. Finally, as our family grows, it is still important that we each do our share to keep the ministry of our church going and to keep our facilities in order. While it is natural to wonder who is supposed to be coordinating a particular activity or who is supposed to be taking care of a particular aspect of our facilities, the bottom line is that we don't have a staff of full-time employees to do those things. Even if we had the money for that, I'm not sure I would use the funds that way. Why? Because I hope we never find ourselves in the position that many larger churches face: people coming because someone else is doing all the work! One of the strengths of our church is the fact that each of us is a part of the ministry of the church. We don't ask God to just give us things....we roll up our sleeves and work with God to accomplish things!

Yours in Christ,

Mike

P.S. – I wrote the above before the worship service on Sunday, June 5th. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to you all for the celebration of the 30th year since my ordination. As you could tell from the look on my face (total confusion and worse than a deer with headlights in its eyes), I was caught totally off-guard. All those who participated in the service made it very special, and the numerous gifts (glass plaque, iPad, t-shirt, iPad cover, etc.) were way over the top. As I said during the closing moments of the service, in God's ministry, it's all about what we do together with Christ's guidance. So thank you again for working to accomplish so many things, and thanks for the wonderful day, the well-wishes, and the numerous gifts!



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Check us out online!
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Event Pics



Steam Vent 5/14
Top Left-Right
Bill Morrell, Conrad
Doty (Coyote) Dan
Lovallo, Flora
Butterfield
Bottom Left-Right:
Con, Ron Blake &
Scott Camara, Patty
Wilion, Ron Blake,
Riley & Solly (our
mascot),
Coyote, Patty & Scott



Small group from
Laurel City Singers
Rehearsing..
Stop in the Name of
Love!
Reach Out, I'll be
There and Ain't No
Mountain High Enough
for Mozart to Motown
concert.



Victoria & Liam at the
Pasta Supper!

Ziti with Meatballs!
YUM!



Pasta Supper crew
serving and eating!



CDC Graduation...
Students sing with
Chorus Angelicus
Training Choir

Rev. Michael Wu's 30th Anniversary of begin Ordained





Chocolate in hand, Pastor Michael Wu is welcomed by the congregation of First Church of Winsted to the 30th Anniversary Celebration of his Ordination!

It was truly a surprise...we pulled it off!

Congratulations Mike...we all love you! And are thankful for your service in God's name at First Church of Winsted!

May your future be ever blessed!



FINANCIAL REPORTS – May Financial Reports

- \$ Tag Sale Results:
Tag Sale: \$2455.93
Bake Sale: \$152
Car Wash: \$178
Youth Grill: \$155
Thanks to all!!
- \$ Weekly average pledge giving in May \$1,483.55
- \$ Weekly average plate giving in May \$73.47
- \$ Communion Offering \$289.27 for Fellowship Fund
- \$ Ziti Supper raised \$1,504.00 for Scholarships and Themed Dinner raised \$900 and donated \$500 toward Scholarships
- \$ Donations in Memory of Jessica Light for May \$175.00
- \$ Steam Vent Coffee House raised \$360 toward Mexico Mission in May.
- \$ Stewardship is an ongoing thing! Share your time, talents and treasure!

Mexico Mission Trip News

- ✚ **Walk-a-thon Fundraiser** – walk around Highland Lake scheduled for June 25 – sponsors needed!
- ✚ **Coffee House** planned June 11 will benefit the Mexico Mission
- ✚ - **Sun, June 19, 1:00 pm - Required attendance.** Meeting with Simply Smiles Rep, Dr. Peter Allen.
- ✚ - **Sat, June 25, 8:30 am** - Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser around Highland Lake. Meet at LaPointe's Carpet - 2 East Lake St., Winsted @ 8:30am.
- ✚ - **Sun, July 10, following worship service** - Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- ✚ - **Sun, July 31, following worship service** - Mission Trip Planning Meeting

****Mission Trip: Sat, August 13 - Sun, August 21****

Father's Day...

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Dad is a person
who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends.
A dad can be one
of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong
In all that you do,
a dad's love plays a part.
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.
And each year that passes,
you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud
just to call him your dad!
Thank you, Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you!
Happy Father's Day!

A FATHER

A Father means so many things...
A understanding heart,
A source of strength and of support
Right from the very start.
A constant readiness to help
In a kind and thoughtful way.
With encouragement and forgiveness
No matter what comes your way.
A special generosity and always affection, too
A Father means so many things
When he's a man like you...
~Author Unknown~

Father's Day Quotes...

"The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad!" ~Author Unknown~

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." ~Author Unknown~

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."
~By William Shakespeare (1564-1616)~

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Daddy!" ~Author Unknown~

To have joy one must share it.
(LORD BYRON)



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Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

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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 M. Gilbert
25 – Ame Steele
28 – Robin Hassig



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

03 – Charles & Laura
McCaw
12 – Bud & Lynda Roberts
19 – Robb & Kim Janak
22 – Dan & Denise Jones
23 – Steve & Cindy Roys
26 – Skip & MaryPat
Frederickson



PASTA SUPPER...

Raised \$1,504.00
For scholarships!
Thanks to all who
cooked, served, ate,
helped or donated!



Pledges Received:
\$58,318 !!

*If you have not yet
pledged, please
prayerfully
consider...and put your
pledge card in the
collection plate!*

*Help is still needed to
meet our budget!*

STEAM VENT Performers JUNE11

PERFORMERS:

6:10 – Flora Butterfield
6:20 – Derek Storrs
6:30 – Mad River Crossing
7:00 – Dark Horse
7:30 – Cece & Ruth
8:00 – Tom Hanford
8:30 – Kath Bloom
9:00 – Don Jones

STEAM VENT CAFÉ

PICNIC NIGHT!

MENU:

Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Choice of Salads
Chips & Dip
Deserts
Beverages

*If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.
Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.*



June 2011



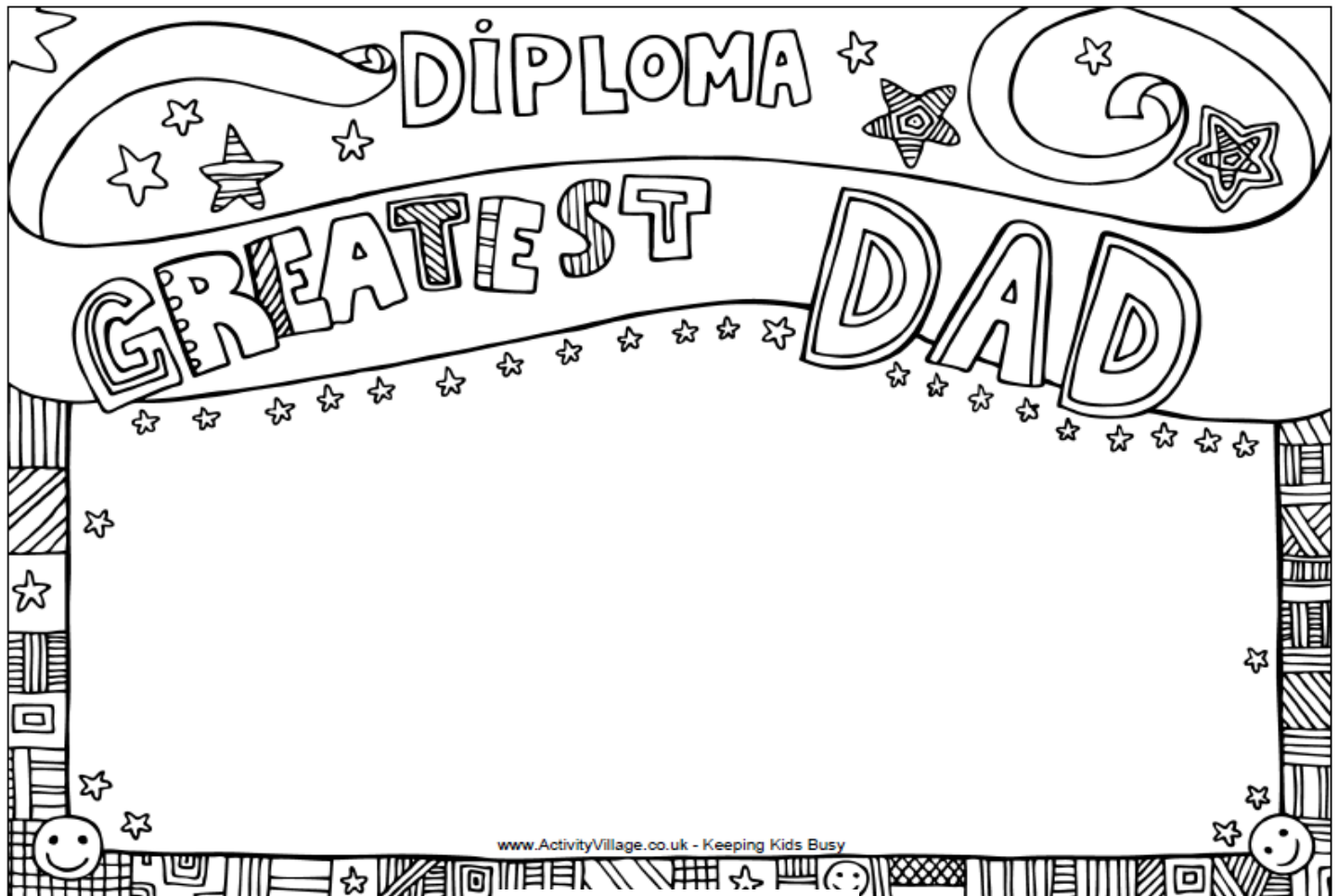
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	June Birthstone: Pearl 	June Flower: Rose 	1	2	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20	6 Worship Choir 6:00 pm Property Maintenance Board 7:00	7 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm	8 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	9	10	11  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM
12 Worship Service 10:00 am Cherub Choir 9:30 Children's Sunday	13 Worship Choir 6:00 pm	14 Chris Ed 6:30  Flag Day	15 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 am 	20 Worship Choir 6:00 pm	21 Deacons 7:00 pm	22 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday	27 Worship Choir 6:00 pm	28 Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm	29 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	30	July 1	July 2
July 3 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 am	July 4 Worship Choir 6:00 pm	July 5	July 6 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	July 8	July 9	July 10 June Astrological Signs Gemini: May 21-Jun20 Cancer: June 21-July 22

Kid's Page

Father's Day Word Search Puzzle

S O Y A D N U S N O R A F D D
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 S O N O R A D O D D G H H E R
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 E N E F O S O R E T F J E U N
 I E T N H I N N E T A E V E N
 T N E M P I U Q E S T R O P S
 K T N H N J D I N E H T L E E
 C N I T E N H R E R E O W N D
 E F N T S A F K A E R B A T A

BREAKFAST	LOVE
CARD	NECKTIES
DAD	NINETEEN
DADDY	TEN
DAUGHTERS	PHONE
FATHER	PRESENT
GIFT	SONORA
GOLF	DODD
GRANDFATHER	SONS
JUNE	SPORTS
	EQUIPMENT
	SUNDAY
	THIRD



STEAM VENT



Coffee House

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- 9:00 – *Don Jones*

Free Will Offering to Benefit Missions

STEAM VENT CAFÉ

PIZZA NIGHT!

BELLRINGER

