

First Church of Winsted

Come as you are...
Leave transformed!

BELLRINGER

Come...be uplifted by the
Spirit and strive to follow
God's path for you!

Word from the Pastor

Epiphany Greetings to All!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas, and that the New Year is full of God's blessings to you. First, I want to thank you all for the nice gifts presented to me on Christmas Day. I must have showed up at too many meetings with a Subway sandwich! The Subway gift card will be used on evenings when we have board meetings, and the Wal-Mart gift card will be put to use very quickly. Thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

But even more importantly, I want to thank you all for your dedication and efforts in 2011. While it is hard to believe that a new year is upon us, we did accomplish a lot in 2011. It was a well-balanced year, with efforts dedicated to growing in Spirit, doing God's work through outreach to our community and in foreign lands, and maintaining and improving our facilities so that the numerous ministries that take place in our building can continue for years to come. God truly blessed our efforts this past year!

January is an incredibly busy time in the life of our congregation, as we prepare for the Boar's Head Festival and the Annual Meeting. The Festival is a wonderful celebration of Epiphany. In this age when local churches do less and less together, it is wonderful to see so many people from numerous churches in the community join together to praise the birth of our Lord through music and costume. Our annual meeting is a time when we reflect on the prior year and also look forward to another year as God's family. I hope you'll be a part of both events.

May God's Spirit continue to fill your hearts and your soul during this joyous season!

Mike



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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

Sunday, January 22, 2012
(Snow date: January 29, 2012)

Immediately following the 10:00 AM Worship Service

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Lunch will be served!!



Artwork of William Benson

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Church News...

Scholarship Raffle



**\$5,000.00
Grand Prize**

**Limited to 200 Tickets
\$50 each**

**Drawing January 1st at 3 PM
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**See Dan Jones for Tickets
860-379-6332**

Benefit: Scholarship Funds



SWIM / PIZZA PARTY

The annual Sunday School Swim / Pizza Party is being planned for Saturday, February 18th at the YMCA. Plan ahead for this annual event! We all look forward to swimming at the YMCA followed by a pizza party in the room above the pool. For more information, see Barbara Mazzei.



The Worship Choir is moving to a new night and time.

We will begin rehearsing on Tuesdays, beginning January 3rd, 2012. Rehearsals begin at 5:30 pm and generally end by 7:00 pm, if not earlier. Now, is a great time to join us, as we begin to rehearse for the second half of the choir season, which runs from September through June.

The Worship Choir provides leadership in the musical portion of our worship services, as well as an Anthem and Introit on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month. Special services include Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

If your New Year's Resolutions include exercising more, come join us as we exercise lungs, voices, and a sense of humor. The desire to sing and have fun with other members of our church family is all that is required of choir members. The ability to read music is not necessary.



Baptism: Julian Swanson 12/18/11



Bible Study classes forming...

Heather Richardson and Robert Adkins will lead a Bible Study class based on the curriculum, "Intimacy with God." Meetings are scheduled to begin, Sunday, January 15 from 9-9:30 and will run for a 6 to 8 week session. Open to the public.

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Annual Meeting Agenda – January 22, 2012

Call to Order
Opening Prayer

Reading of the Minutes

Reports:

Clerk's Report
Pastor's Report

Boards:

Diaconate Board
Boar's Head Festival
Laurel City Singers
Cherub Choir
Coffee House

Board of Christian Education
Children's Discovery Center

Property & Maintenance Board

Financial Reports

Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Associate Treasurer

Committees:

Audit
Nominating- Elect under New Business

New Business

Election of Officers, Board Members and Committee Members for 2012
Adoption of Annual Budget for 2012

Other Proper Business

Appoint a standing committee to oversee the investment plan; no less than three (3) members serving a one (1) year term.

Closing Prayer
Adjournment



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

*Exercise faith that moves mountains...just remember it is still God who moves them!
When everything seems to go wrong – PUSH
When the job gets you down – PUSH
When people don't do as you think they should – PUSH
When your money is gone and the bills are due – PUSH
When people just don't understand you – PUSH
PUSH – pray until something happens!!*

Children's Discovery Center (CDC) Report:

- CDC Liaison Committee member Julie Davy reviewed minutes of Liaison Committee meeting of Nov 30.
- CDC has received scholarships gifts from Edna Lewis, as well as United Technologies.
- CDC fall fundraiser raised about \$800.
- "Smart Board" has been installed and is being used in classroom. A new computer has been provided by Mike Wu.
- Karen Sovak has attended a class on Pre-K handwriting method, which teaches proper skills and motions for formation of letters. Schools want to improve students' handwriting technique.

Dec 21 & 22, Father Christmas had his annual visit with the children. A parent "tea party" was held concurrently in the church gathering room. See picture below!



Father Christmas visits CDC

The light shines brighter through cracked pots. ~Joyce Meyer

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The Boar's Head Festival



January 7th ~ 4 PM & 7 PM
January 8th ~ 4 PM

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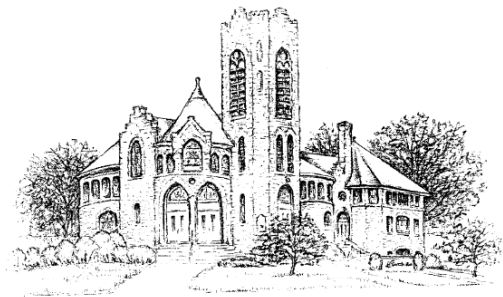
TICKETS: 860-379-6511

\$15 Adult ~ \$12 Senior/Student ~ \$5 Child

+ Discounted Tickets Available +
December 3rd ONLY at Christmas Fair!
\$12 Adult ~ \$10 Senior/Student ~ \$3 Child



Artist: Karen Delton





NOTICE

The election of officers and board/committee members will take place at the annual meeting in January. The following positions are elected annually:

Moderator	Auditing Committee
Vice-moderator	
Clerk	1/3 of the following:
Treasurer	Diaconate, Christian
Associate Treasurer	Education, Property
Financial Secretary	& Maintenance
Denominational	Boards and the
Representatives	Nominating Comm.

If you are interested in serving on a Board or Committee, please contact Pam Allen, Ashley Jones, Carol Miles, Tanya Mongitore, Barbara Woodard, or Tricia Wu.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	January 1	Boar's Head Fest Rehearsal 1:30
Tuesday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	January 1	Scholarship Raffle Drawing 3:00
Wednesday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Cherub Choir	January 7	Boar's Head Fest 4 & 7 PM
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	January 8	Boar's Head Fest 4 PM
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	January 14	Reports due for Annual Report
		January 22	Annual Meeting after worship
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		No meetings scheduled until after Annual Meeting	
		PM Board	
		Board of Christian Ed.	
		Deacons	
		Cabinet Meeting	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January BIRTHDAYS

04 - Barbara Mazzei
 07 - Raymond Savoy
 08 - Christian McAllister
 08 - Joyce Woodard
 10 - Caryl Pizinger
 11 - Maridel Fredericksen
 11 - Belinda Corey
 12 - Andrea Ohotnicky
 13 - Judy Savoy
 15 - Ashley LeKang
 15 - Cindy Roys
 17 - Mary-Pat Fredericksen
 17 - Maggie McAllister
 20 - Kayla McCaw
 22 - Kathy Weaving
 22 - Joe Tatar
 23 - Betty Greeley
 24 - Cheryl Jones
 26 - John Dondero
 26 - Diane Richards
 27 - Kathryn McCusker

January Anniversaires

♥ 22 - Ray & Judy Savoy
 ♥ 24 - Mel & Gloria Lee

If you would have your birthday or anniversary added to our list, please email Deb Storrs: dstorrs@snet.net



BRIGHT NIGHTS TRIP!

On December 11th, 40 people of all ages went to see the Bright Nights display in Springfield. Amazing sights and sounds of the holiday!!

Worry leaves you dreading what could happen instead of enjoying what DOES happen. Worry doesn't do one thing to change the course of events from happening the way that they were going to anyway ..so lay down worry & pick up faith!

Remember: The rain of life can't stop you if the umbrella of faith tops you!!!
Jerose

To our church family,

Thank you for the bag of Lindt chocolates and the gift card to the Olive Garden. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
Tricia Wu



20 years from now...you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do, than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover! ~Mark Twain



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS/TRIPS

Youth trip to Whale Hockey game to be scheduled in late Feb or March. Date to be announced!

Call Ashley Jones at 860-480-5450 for more information or...

Follow us on Facebook!! Search First Church Youth Group!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282926171742587/>



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	January Birthstone: Garnet 	January Flower: Red Carnation 	Astrological Signs Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20 Aquarius: Jan 21 – Feb 19		ANNUAL REPORTS Due JAN 15h	
1 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Boar's Head Rehearsal 1:30 Raffle Drawing at 3:00 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed	3 Carolers 6:00 pm Worship Choir 5:30 pm	4 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Nominating Committee 6:00 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	5 Laurel City Singers 6:00	6	7  4 & 7 PM
8 Worship Service 10:00 am Cherub Choir 9:45  4 PM Nominating Comm 11:15 am	9	10 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	11 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Turn in Reports for Annual Meeting
15 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Nominating Comm 11:15 am	16 Martin Luther King Day	17 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	18 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday ANNUAL MEETING After worship	23	24 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	25 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30	30	31 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	Feb 1 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4

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