

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

Dear Members and Friends,

As we begin another New Year, we have two choices. We can let the prior year be characterized by the damage caused by natural disasters such as Sandy and the pain and sorrow caused by inconceivable acts of violence such as that which took place in our State last month. Or we can let 2012 be characterized by the response from people around the world to the many difficult events that took place.

While we should not forget the pain and suffering generated by those events, I suggest that we also not lose sight of the light that shined so that the darkness would not overcome our world. That light shone in the form of prayers and acts of concern. People from different walks of life united together to reach out and touch those whose lives were impacted. From the tolling of our church bells in unison with other churches throughout the State, to services like the one led by Gilbert High students in East End Park, to the donations to help restore and rebuild such as our Christmas Offering for Sandy rebuilding efforts, and the outpouring of gifts to the residents of Newtown, we as a society, we as a community, and we as a Church, should focus not on the problems that befall us, but rather on the strength and grace given to us by God to respond to adversity.

By being aware of God's grace, we can look to 2013 with confidence and hope. Yes, the New Year will have its share of challenges. But we have received the ability to respond to any challenges that come our way!

On a personal note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts we received from the Church family. More importantly, I'd again like to thank you all for your time and efforts in 2012. First Church grew in numerous ways in the past year, and it would not have been possible without the grace of God and your hard work. I look forward to working with you in the New Year as we continue to spread the word of God's love for all people through the many ministries and missions of First Church.

May God continue to bless you in the New Year,

Mike



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Church News...

Scholarship Raffle



1st Prize - \$3,000.00

2nd Prize - \$1,500.00

3rd Prize - \$500.00

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

**Drawing January 6th at 3 PM
First Church of Winsted**

**See Dan Jones for Tickets
860-379-6332**

Benefit: Scholarship Funds

Consider buying a ticket...3 in 200 chance of winning!! Lotto can't match those odds...! Annually we grant approximately 12 to 15 scholarships, through events like this.



I would like to thank the church family for the Barnes & Noble gift card...and smores fixins!
Being able to play with the kids is the best gift of all!
Thanks!!
Debbie Storrs

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

Sunday, January 20, 2012
(Snow date: January 27, 2012)
Immediately following the
10:00 AM Worship Service

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Lunch will be served!!

The Boar's Head Festival



JAN 5 ~ 4 & 7 PM and JAN 6 ~ 4 PM

TICKETS: 860-379-8966



FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED ~ 95 NORTH MAIN STREET ~ WINSTED, CONNECTICUT
Tickets: \$15 ADULTS ~ \$12 SENIOR ~ \$8 CHILD 12 & UNDER

It's almost here!

I apologize for abbreviated version of
Bellringer...due to illness!
Thanks for understanding...
The Editor

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED
Proposed Budget for 2013

	Proposed Budget 2013	% of Total Budget	Net Increase/ (Decrease)	Approved Budget 2012
DIACONATE:				
101 Diaconate Board Account	900	0.69%	0	900
102 Music				
Organist/Senior Choir Director	9,637	7.41%	189	9,448
Youth Choir Director	1,721	1.32%	34	1,687
Cherub Choir Director	1,721	1.32%	34	1,687
103 Music Supplies				
Senior Choir	350	0.27%	0	350
Youth/Cherub Choir	75	0.06%	0	75
Choir Robes		0.00%	0	
104 Substitute Organist	500	0.38%	0	500
105 Organ & Piano Tuning	1,000	0.77%	(800)	1,800
106 Pastoral Visits	1,200	0.92%	0	1,200
107 Advertising Discontinued		0.00%	0	
TOTAL	17,104	13.15%	(544)	17,647
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:				
201 Christian Education Board Account	200	0.15%	0	200
202 Director of Sunday School	595	0.46%	0	595
203 Curriculum & Supplies	800	0.61%	0	800
204 Sunday School Activities	1,500	1.15%	0	1,500
205 Youth Activities	1,000	0.77%	0	1,000
206 Youth Advisor	1,500	1.15%	0	1,500
TOTAL	5,595	4.30%	0	5,595
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:				
301 Grounds Account	4,740	3.64%	(260)	5,000
302 Custodial Salary	5,560	4.27%	110	5,450
303 Trash Collection	1,200	0.92%	0	1,200
304 Gas	7,500	5.76%	0	7,500
305 Electrical Utilities	3,000	2.31%	0	3,000
306 Water & Sewer	950	0.73%	150	800
307 Building	3,000	2.31%	0	3,000
TOTAL	25,950	19.95%	0	25,950
CHURCH CABINET:				
+ 501 Church Office Account	3,400	2.61%	(100)	3,500
502 ABC & UCC State & County Support	1,800	1.38%	(200)	2,000
503 World Mission Support				
American Baptist	2,670	2.05%	243	2,427
United Church of Christ	2,670	2.05%	243	2,427
504 Telephone	1,200	0.92%	0	1,200
505 Insurance	11,000	8.45%	0	11,000
* 506 FICA - All Employees (and CDC)	9,000	6.92%	0	9,000
TOTAL	31,739	24.39%	185	31,554
PASTORAL LEADERSHIP:				
601 Pastor's Base Salary/Benefits inc. Line 603	16,774	12.89%	1,525	15,249
602 Housing Allowance	31,944	24.55%	2,904	29,040
603 Pastor's Retirement and Life Insurance	-	0.00%	0	-
TOTAL COMPENSATION TO PASTOR	48,718	37.44%	4,429	44,289
604 Substitute Minister	1,000	0.77%	0	1,000
TOTAL PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	49,718	38.21%	4,429	45,289
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013	130,106	100%	4,071	126,035
ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2013				
Estimated Rental Income	2,800	2.15%	AA & Alanon/CDC Reimbursed Ins./DR rental	
ABCCONN Housing Allowance	15,248	11.72%	From funds invested by ABCCONN	
Estimated Other Income	16,800	12.91%	Boar's Head, Tag Sales, Christmas Trees/CDC 941 tax	
	34,848	26.78%		
PLEDGES, OFFERINGS AND FUNDRAISING				
NEEDED TO BALANCE 2013 BUDGET	95,258	73.22%		
			Needed to balance budget	
APPROXIMATE PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS IN 2013	69,030	53.06%	26,228	20.16%



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 Representatives	the 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.

Boar's Head Festival...all hands on deck!

Due to the outbreak of colds & flu...we are asking anyone who might be willing to help out with the festival *PLEASE* let us know if you are willing to help!

Needed:

Lord Mayor of Winchester

Spot Light – Saturday Afternoon

Floor Lighting person...willing to change video tapes in video camera

Tickets – hand stampers

We may need a skipping monk – Gary just came down with it!

Lots of folks listed in the program...not all doing what the program says now!

If you have been waiting for a personal invitation to help...

HERE IT IS!

Thanks for your consideration!

Debbie

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	January 5	Boar's Head Fest 4 & 7 PM
Sunday - 9:15 am	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	January 6	Boar's Head Fest 4 PM
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	January 6	Scholarship Raffle Drawing 3:00
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	January 15	Reports due for Annual Report
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	January 20	Annual Meeting after worship
		January 27	Snow Date for Annual Meeting
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		No meetings scheduled until after Annual Meeting	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons Cabinet Meeting

**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**

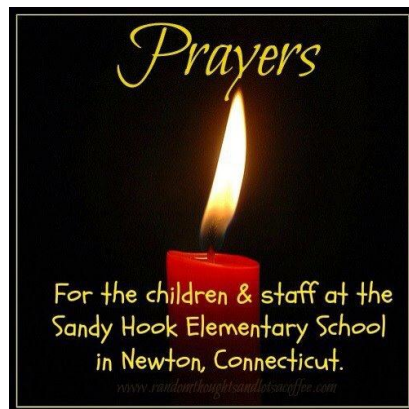
January BIRTHDAYS

04 - Barbara Mazzei
04 - Brett Marvin
06 - Ryan Geddes Jr.
07 - Raymond Savoy
08 - Christian McAllister
08 - Joyce Woodard
10 - Caryl Pizinger
11 - Maridel Fredericksen
11 - Belinda Corey
12 - Andrea Ohtnicky
12 - Jeff Dorr
13 - Judy Savoy
14 - Angela Graboski
15 - Cindy Roys
17 - Mary-Pat Fredericksen
17 - Maggie McAllister
18 - Scott Graboski
20 - Kayla McCaw
22 - Kathy Weaving
22 - Joe Tatar
23 - Betty Greeley
24 - Cheryl Jones
26 - John Dondero
26 - Victoria McAllister
26 - Diane Richards
27 - Kathryn McCusker
28 - Jayden Dileo

January Anniversaires

♥ 10 - William & Shirley Calkins
♥ 22 - Ray & Judy Savoy
♥ 24 - Mel & Gloria Lee

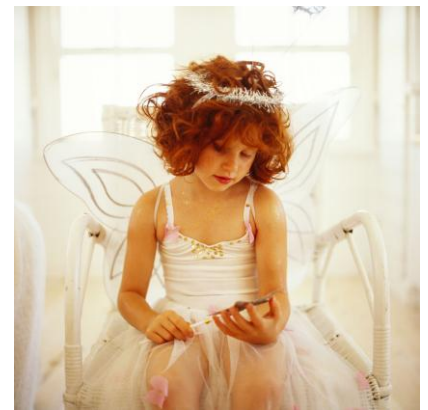
If you would have your birthday or anniversary added to our list, please email Deb Storrs: dstorrs@snet.net



Ah, friends, dear friends, as years go on and heads get gray - how fast the guests go. Touch hands, touch hands with those that stay. Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board, touch hands. The false forget, the foe forgive, for every guest will go and every fire burn low and empty cabin stand. Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christmas day may ever come to host or guest again. Touch hands.
~ William Henry Harrison Murray



To the congregation--
Thank you for the gift card to Barnes and Noble. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. I plan to use the card to purchase books which I will read and record for our grandchild.
Tricia Wu



Little Angels

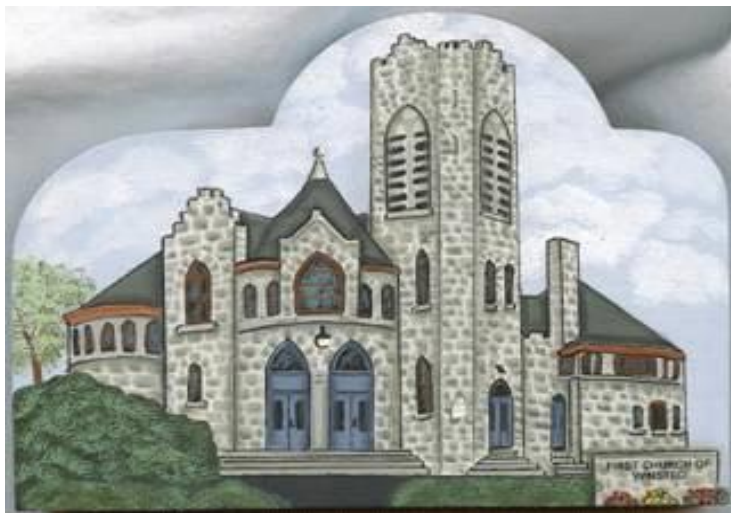
When God calls little children to dwell with Him above.
We mortals sometimes question the wisdom of His love.
for no heartache compares with the death of one small child, who does so much to make our world seem wonderful and mild.
Perhaps God tires of calling the aged to His fold.
So He picks a rosebud before it can grow old.
God knows how much we need them and so He takes but few, to make the land of Heaven more beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult still somehow we must try.
The saddest word mankind know will always be "Goodbye".
So when a child departs we who are left behind, must realize God loves children, Angels are hard to find.

~Author Unknown

January 2013



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 New Year's Day Worship Choir 5:30 pm	2 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	3 Laurel City Singers 6:00	4	5  4 & 7 PM
6 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20  4 PM Nominating Comm 11:15 am	7	8 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	9 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday Nominating Comm 11:15 am	14 Martin Luther King Day	15 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Turn in Reports for Annual Meeting	16 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 Annual Meeting	21	22 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	23 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship Service 10:00 am Rock Starz 4 Jesus 9:15	28	29 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	30 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	31	Feb 1	Feb 2



Artist: Karen Delton

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Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Cherub Choir Director - Debbie Storrs

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95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

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

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