

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

Feliz Ano Nevo...Bonne Annee...Godt Nylar...Shanna Tova...
Xn Nian Kuaile...Srecna Nova Godina...
Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasa...**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I love standing on the threshold of a new year. It holds the promise and possibility of new directions and new experiences. I like to begin each New Year with a word. It is a word that will guide my actions and thoughts. It is a word that helps to give me a focus for the coming year. This year my word is **INNOVATION**.

My word is going to be a word that will guide the work we will be doing together as a congregation in 2016. It holds the promise and possibility of new directions, new experiences that will lead us to spiritual growth and renewal.

What will it look like? Well, first of all the coordinating council will begin with a retreat experience that will help our lay leaders define what **INNOVATION** means for our congregation. Change...Newness...Transformation...Inspiration. These are words that come to my mind. What words come into yours?

The second thing that will happen is a serious look at our financial picture. That will mean engaging in a process of learning and discovery on about stewardship and generosity in the 21st century. The Rev. Stacy Emerson, Stewardship Facilitator and Mission Resource Development with American Baptist Churches USA, will be our leader. We will begin with a workshop and then proceed with Stewardship experiences and learning that will last through 2016.

How will we move forward in 2016?

The Holy Spirit will be our guide,
leading the way
to places where we'll grow

to sway our choices,
our attitudes and thoughts

to be our teacher,
in the Word,

to shine a light on God's revelation
so the truth we will know.

The Holy Spirit is our guide
but ~ first we need to worship and pray
to relay and trust
with our cares and concerns
to ask the Holy Spirit to lead the way!

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5: 25 NRSV

May God bless us through the Holy Spirit as we forward in 2016!

Pastor Lisa



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HAPPY
New Year
2016

Goodbye 2015

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

Sunday, January 17, 2016
(Snow date: January 24, 2016)
Immediately following the
10:00 AM Worship Service

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Lunch will be served!!

Check us out
online!

www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Like us on
Facebook!

Church News...

CDC News...



It's hard to believe that another holiday season has passed! We had a wonderful time at CDC celebrating and talking about the various holidays that people celebrate. The children shared their favorite holiday traditions...it's such a great way to learn about one another and appreciate our similarities and differences. We ended our holiday celebrations with our annual visit from Santa. Fun was had by all! Pam and I would like to wish all of our preschool children, their families, the staff and volunteers, property maintenance, liaison committee and Board of Christian Education a very Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your support! We are looking forward to 2016!

Melissa Lillie and Pam Allen

Christian Education Board has three openings. If interested please contact the nominating committee! We are looking for new and interesting activities for our youth. Any ideas are welcome and appreciated.

I'd like to take this time to thank all of our Sunday School teachers for their dedication and commitment to the youth of our church.

Barbara Mazzei



I would like to thank the church family for the Dunkin' Donuts gift card. Greatly appreciated... but not necessary. Grateful for this wonderful church family,
Debbie Storrs

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Boar's Head Festival



January 9th ~ 1:30 & 4:30 PM
January 10th ~ 3:30 PM

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED
95 NORTH MAIN STREET, WINSTED, CONNECTICUT 06098

Tickets: 860-379-8966
\$15 Adult / \$12 Senior
\$9 Child 12 and under

It's almost here!

"Luck? I don't know anything about luck. I've never banked on it and I'm afraid of people who do. Luck to me is something else: Hard work - and realizing what is opportunity and what isn't."— **Lucille Ball**



Mr. & Mrs. Jaron Morris

Jaron Morris and Marisa Smith were married December 27th at Avon Old Farms. Congratulations to the happy couple!



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 of Committee, please contact Kim Janak, Ashley Jones, Ann Jones or Debby Kane.

Boar's Head Festival – Cast Luncheon Food Donations Needed!



The Cast and Musical folk need to eat something between the performances on Saturday...



We are requesting finger foods:
Sandwiches, chips, fruit tray or veggie trays
and of course desserts...
but finger desserts...like cookies, brownies, etc.

Please no hot foods that require utensils and plates!
Food donations may be dropped off in the kitchen on Saturday after 1:00 pm!
Please see Holly Cassaday or Ann Jones...Thanks!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	January 09	Boar's Head Fest 1:30 & 4:30
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	January 10	Boar's Head Fest 3:30
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	January 13	Reports due for Annual Report
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	January 17	Annual Meeting after worship
		January 24	Snow Date for Annual Meeting
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		Jan 4 after Worship Service	PM Board
		No meetings scheduled	Board of Christian Ed.
		No meetings scheduled	Deacons
		Jan 26 at 7:00 PM	Cabinet Meeting
		Jan 27 at 7:00 PM	CDC Liason
			

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

January BIRTHDAYS

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

January Anniversaries

♥ 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

Dear God,
 from the bottom of my heart,
 I want to thank You
 for being there for me,
 never leaving me...
 And always loving me.

Thank You

Thank you for the gift cards for Amazon.com (one of my favorite places to shop!).

I have had my eye on a book about the sinking of the Otranto during WW1, of which my grandfather was one of the few survivors.

Your gift will be used to purchase it.

Happy New Year to all!

Tricia



Celebrating 26 Years – We Three Kings!
Tim Yeadon, Dave Lewis & Dave Pastorello

We are all God's Children In Memory of those called home in 2015

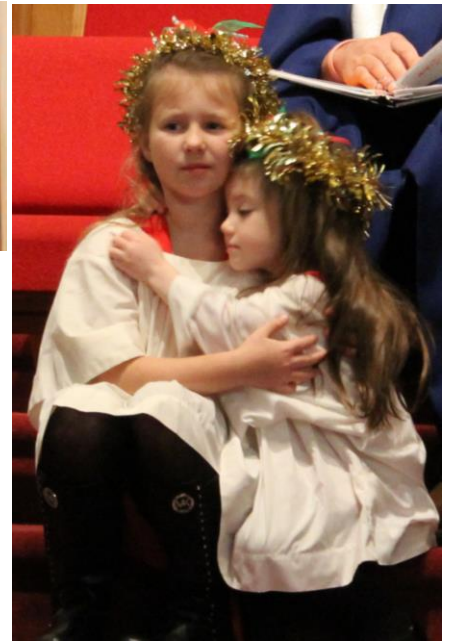
Joyce Woodard

Memorial Pewter ornaments are still available for purchase directly from James Gagnon. Cost varies between 25.00 and 40.00. He only makes 12 of each style per year! See Barb Mazzei for more information

The 95th Christmas Fair was once again a success! We had a profit of approximately \$2,100! Thank you to all who participated in the many ways so that the fair is a success both behind the scenes as well as more visibly. Having the poinsettia orders done in October was beneficial to the sales. Those that made memorial or honorariums were listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The poinsettias were particularly beautiful this year. Northwest Regional #7 did a fantastic job in the greenhouse this year! Special thanks to the Gilbert Basketball team led by Coach Dan Jones enabled the tables to be set up and broken down at the end of the event.

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Christmas Celebrations...



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Week of December 28, 2015

The ABCCONN office will
reopen on January 4, 2016

ATTENTION CHURCH TREASURERS NEW MONTHLY REPORT FORM.

Beginning in January there will be an updated mission report form now called "Church Mission Support Form" This was redesigned to make it more user friendly. You may find the new form on our website: www.abcconn.org by clicking on resources. There is also an accompanying powerpoint presentation that shows you how to use the form.

In December Rev. A. Roy Medley, general secretary, American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), and Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, managing director, Resource Development, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), participated in a White House event on religious pluralism that included the launch of the "Know Your Neighbor" project.

<http://www.abc-usa.org/2015/12/17/american-baptist-leaders-participate-in-white-house-effort-to-elevate-dialogue-on-religious-pluralism/>

A letter from UCC

Dear friends,

We've just posted a video of our Christmas greetings offered to you and to the world for this season of hope and blessing. "God loves us with a love that will not let us go," says program host and Conference Minister the Rev. Kent Siladi, "and so in this season of Christmas we as the staff of the Connecticut Conference want to wish you and your loved ones a blessed and merry Christmas and hope for the New Year."

You'll find the video at this link:
<https://youtu.be/JGbLCWFipsM>

We've managed to retrieve Drew Page and Emily Hale from the International Space Station since last year - they're back on Earth - but we hope you enjoy their story as Emily tries to help Drew find joy in the season.



Blessings to you!

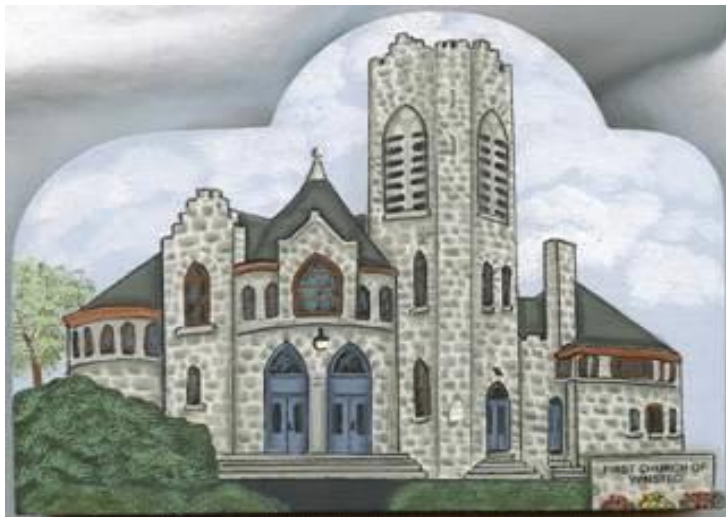
Eric Anderson
The Connecticut Conference, UCC
Associate Conference Minister

Of Rudolph and Snowmen! Christmas Fair Pics...



January 2016

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 11th	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3 <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am <i>Worship Choir</i> 9:30 <i>Property Maint Bd</i> 11:15 am <i>Boar's Head Festival Dress Rehearsal 1:30 pm</i> Barbara Mazzei Brett Marvin	4	5 <i>Worship Choir</i> 5:30 pm Ryan Geddes Jr.	6 <i>AA/Alanon</i> 7:30 pm Raymond Savoy Jr.	7 <i>Laurel City Singers</i> 6:00 Christian McAllister	8 Susan Marsh	9  1:30 PM 4:30 PM Caryl Pizinger
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Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

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 Vice-Moderator - Robert Adkins
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 Board of Deacons - Co-chairs - Laura McCaw & Lisa Nanni
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 Treasurer - Debby Kane / Associate Treasurer - Joan Eggering
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 Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu
 Youth Choir - Katherine Timmeney / Praise Choir Director - Dan Jones
 Webmaster - John Eggering

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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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