

## Word from the Pastor

As the world prepares to meet 2019, there's a curious phenomenon about most of the cultures, races, and religions; it's the act of doing things to try to generate good luck for the 365 days ahead. Most of the acts are simply superstitious. "What does the Bible say about superstitions?"<sup>1</sup> According to [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

"Superstition is based on the ignorant faith of an object having magical powers. Another word for superstition is "idolatry." The Bible does not support the idea of things occurring by chance, but nothing is done outside of GOD's sovereign control. Either He causes or allows everything in keeping with His divine plan (Acts 4:28; Ephesians 1:10)."

What do *some* people do in their efforts to try to generate good luck? Some have the following beliefs: 1) Nothing Goes Out: Nothing — absolutely *nothing*, not even garbage — is to leave the house on the first day of the year. If you've presents to deliver on New Year's Day, leave them in the car overnight. Don't so much as shake out a rug or take the empties to the recycle bin. 2) Letting the Old Year Out: At midnight, all the doors of a house must be opened to let the old year escape unimpeded. He must leave before the New Year can come in, says popular wisdom, so doors are flung open to assist him in finding his way out. 3) Some people say you should dress in white on December the 31st and January 1st and wear a strip of the color of your zodiac sign inside your shoe if you want to have a lucky year.

Well, I hope you are not superstitious, because according to the above quoted statement from [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org) and my beliefs, the Bible teaches us otherwise. But if you are or have been superstitious, I'm hoping that 2019 will be the year that you'll depend on something different. **Trust the LORD instead!** GOD offers so many promises and blessings that are more certain than anything else the world could provide. I trust that the LORD is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (**Ephesians 3:20-21**). I'm trusting that the LORD will allow HIS grace and mercy to follow me all the days of my life (**Psalms 23:6**). I'm trusting in the promises listed below and dozens of others found throughout the Bible, like:

- **Psalms 68:19** "Praise be to the LORD, to GOD our SAVIOR, who daily bears our burdens."
- **Jeremiah 17:7-8** "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
- **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- **Matthew 6:33** "But seek first HIS kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



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*My New Year's Resolution is to simply remember to write 2019 instead of 2018!*

## Church News...

- **2 Corinthians 9:8** “And GOD is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
- **Numbers 6: 24-26** “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

**May the Lord bless you and yours  
throughout 2019!**

*Pastor Kap*



*Congratulations!*

**WELCOME  
New Members in 2018**

Kyla Elliott  
September 30th, 2018

Rhett George Geddes  
December 30, 2018

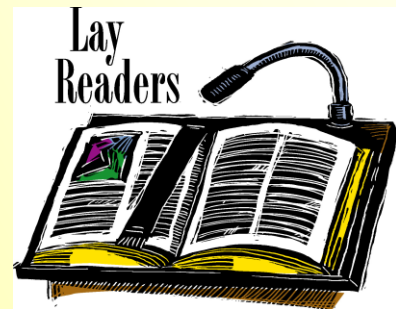
### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019  
(Snow date: January 27, 2019)**

**Immediately following the  
10:00 AM Worship Service**

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**Lunch will be served!!**



### **Lay Reader Training Session**

**Pastor Kap will lead a Lay Reader  
Training Session on  
Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM**

**Those interested, please contact**

**Ashley Fontanez**

**860 480-5450**

**[Neddyloowho@gmail.com](mailto:Neddyloowho@gmail.com)**

Scripture Lay Readers are members of First Church of Winsted, who read the Scriptures aloud during public worship. The Lay Reader's objective is to read the scriptures so that listeners are helped to understand the reading; and, become attentive (Nehemiah 8:3) to the Word of the Lord; and, to prepare worshippers to receive the preached word from the pastor or other preachers of God's word. Lay Readers receive periodic in-service training from the Pastor to strengthen their effectiveness.

*Happy New Year*

JESUS SHOW US THE WAY  
beginning a new year  
with a good guide on our side  
the star of Jesus  
which shows us safe roads  
fills our hearts with his grace  
best wishes for the new year

**Pewter  
Christmas Tree  
Ornament Memorials**

**In Memory of:**

**STARS**

**In Memory of:**

**Bella Jones**

*Given by: Dee Fox; Lori Jones;  
Betsy Carpentier*

**Naomi Church**

*Given by: Donald & Arlene  
Purvis*

**Roger Giannattasio**

*Given by: Carol Ballard*

**Pernille Michaelsen**

*Given by: Michaelsen Family*

**Peter Harrison Grohs**

**George (Pop Pop) Rigby**

*Given by: Michaelsen  
Grandchildren*

**Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Chamberlin**

**Alice M. Slater**

**Mary Rategan**

*Given by: Charles Rategan, Sr.*

**Edward & Lena Chamberlin**

*Given by: Betty & Norman  
Chamberlin*

**Raymond Bensle**

*Given by: Bensle Family*

**Clarence Garman**

**Randy Joseph Drake**

*Given by: Neal Overbey Family*

**Sackett & Betsy (Elizabeth)**

**Miles**

*Given by: Robert S. and Carol H.  
Miles*

**CANDLES**

**Advent Participants**

*Given by: Bette Mecca*

**Olive R. Sears**

*Given by: Ralph Sears*

**Daniel Shoppey**

**Jon E. Millard**

*Given by: Kay Millard*

**Wallace & Lillian Pease**

**Waldo Schreck Honald**

**Ellen Mary Grohs**

**Herbert and Peggy Hamilton**

*Given by: Carol Hamilton Miles  
& Robert S. Miles*

**DOVES**

**Dr. Beverly Pass**

*Given by: Charlton Webb Family*

**Vincent Bagnall**

**George R. Sweeney**

*Given by: Lillian Sweeney*

**Theodora Roberts**

*Given by: The Roberts Family*

**Carol Ellis**

**Eniar Michaelsen**

*Given by: The Michaelsen Family*

**Alexander (Pop) Smith**

*Given by: Great Grandchildren*

**Charles Gabelmann Sr.**

**Carol A. Ballard**

*Given by: Dot Ferrante*

**Jeannette Giannattasio**

*Given by: Carol Ballard*

**Carol A. Ballard**

*Given by: Charlie & Sis*

**Isabelle M. Pearson**

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rubles**

**Earl & Gertrude Roraback**

*Given by: Kay Millard*

**Eugene Patrick Walsh**

*Given by: Kathy & Jim Walsh*

**Roger Giannattasio**

*Given by: Ernest Giannattasio*

**Elizabeth Smith**

*Given by: The Jones Family*

**Gary Steven Overbey**

**Steven Mitchell Sr.**

*Given by: Marian Mitchell*

**Mr. & Mrs. Henry Woodard**

**Martha & Henry Rebillard**

*Given by: The Robert O'Connor  
Family*

**HOLLY LEAF**

**Rika, Nolly & Bill Ambrosius**

*Given by: Lynne Chamberlin  
Dwyer*

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

**Dennis E. Donahue**

**Florence Graebe**

**Luke & Hattie Moore**

*Given by: Marion & Roddy  
Chapin*

**Elaine Kane**

*Given by: Grandchildren;  
Courtney & Meghan Kane*

**THREE WISE MEN**

**The Rev & Mrs. Richard T.  
Michaelsen**

*Given by: Michaelsen Children*

**Edna Lewis**

*Given by: First Church and  
Children's Discovery Center*

**Georgia & John (Bongo)**

**Eggering & James Storrs**

*Given by: The Eggering & Storrs  
Families*

**ANGELS**

**Jeannette Giannattasio**

*Given by: Ernest Giannattasio*

**Carol Giannattasio Ballard**

*Given by: Tammy & Jeannette  
Giannattasio*

**Grace Hubbard**

*Given by: Beverly, Kaiya &  
George Hubbard Jr.*

**Annie Robinson**

**Joan Leslie Chamberlin**

*Given by: Lynne Chamberlin  
Dwyer*

**Edna Smith**

*Given by: Sister, Elizabeth Smith  
Chamberlin*

**Reuben Miller**

*Given by: Charles & Gloria  
Gabelmann*

**Mary Rategan**

*Given by: David & Joan  
Giannattasio*

**Gladys Reynolds,**

*Given by: Charles R. Rategan*

**Perinne Sonier**

**Lillian (Nana) Rigby**

*Given by: Michaelsen Children*

**Robert & Mary Beckwith**

**Kenneth & Lina Storrs**

*Given by: Debbie & Gary Storrs*

**Kay Boone**

*Given by: Grandchildren;  
Courtney & Meghan Kane*

**In Honor of:**

**Richard Michaelsen**

*Given by: David & Joan  
Giannattasio*

**"1984 Advent Wreath"**

*Given by: Bette Mecca*

## Christmas Eve Service Pictures



*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!*

## Choir Information

*Directors will announce any changes in schedule.*

*Worship Choir rehearses on Tuesday at 5:30 pm.*

*Puddle Jumpers rehearse on Sunday after service.*

*Muddy Boots rehearses as needed.*

*Worship Choir sings on the first, third and fifth Sundays (in months with 5 Sundays)*

*Muddy Boots sings on the second Sunday.*

*Puddle Jumpers sing on the fourth Sunday!  
They are adding some splash into the updated  
Contemporary Services.*



## NOTICE

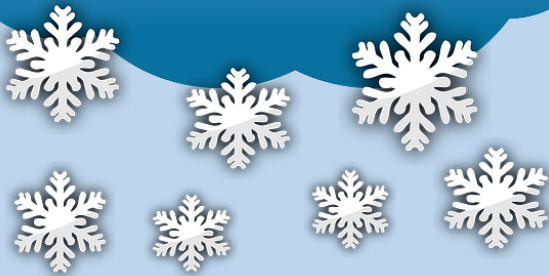
The election of officers and board/committee members will take place at the annual meeting in January. The following positions are elected annually:

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 Ashley Jones or Debby Kane.

**Let's go  
SLEDDING!**

**Just need a little SNOW!!!  
Date will be announced!**



**FREEZING  
WITH THE  
TREES!**



**Raising  
\$4,455.00**

*Thanks to all  
the folks who  
helped to make  
this a successful  
fundraiser!*

Many thanks to those who helped unload the shipment of trees: Erik & Carl Janak, Steve Roberts, Tommy Mazzei, Rich Mazzei, Bud Roberts, Roger Hurlbut, Spencer Parent (owner of Laurel City Towing), Donovan Brown, Bill & Megan Bentley (of B&D Landscaping), Glen Vail, Dudley Vail, Russ Neher, John Poole and Ben Ludwig!

Sellers: Aiden Picard, Richard Mazzei, Tommy Mazzei, Bud Roberts, Steve Roberts, Donovan Brown.

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study	January 01	New Year's Day
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	January 03	Lay Reader Training
Sunday - after service	Puddle Jumpers Rehearsal	January 05	Teacher meeting with Pastor Kap
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	January 06	Reports due for Annual Report
Wednesday - 8:00 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	January 06	Epiphany
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	January 20	Annual Meeting after worship
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	January 27	Snow Date for Annual Meeting
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		January 6 <sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am	PM Board
		No Meeting in January	Board of Christian Ed.
		January 13th at 11:15 am	Deacons
		No Meeting in January	Cabinet Meeting
			



### January BIRTHDAYS

04 - Barbara Mazzei  
 06 - Ryan Geddes Jr.  
 08 - Christian McAllister  
 09 - Susan Marsh  
 10 - Caryl Pizinger  
 11 - Maridel Fredericksen  
 11 - Belinda Corey  
 12 - Andrea Ohotnicky  
 12 - Hope Carfiro  
 12 - Jeff Dorr  
 13 - Kathy Riiska-Lovejoy  
 13 - Judy Savoy  
 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 - Victoria McAllister  
 26 - Diane Richards  
 27 - Kathryn McCusker  
 28 - Jayden Dileo

### January Anniversaires

None

If you would have your birthday or anniversary added to our list, please email Deb Storrs: info@firstchurchofwinsted.org



## ***We are all God's Children*** In Memory of those called home in 2018

***Raymond Savoy***  
*(Husband of Judy Savoy)*

**Called home January 10, 2018**

It's wonderful to climb the liquid  
mountains of the sky.  
Behind me and before me is God  
and I have no fears.

***-Helen Keller***

### **Right Hand of Fellowship!**



***Rhett George Geddes receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship from Pastor Kap as Aunt Kim witnesses! Welcome to the Church Family!***

WRAP: We Rejoice & Praise – This Sunday, December 30, 11:30am

Lay readers Training - Thurs, Jan 3 at 7pm

Teacher Meeting with Pastor Kap – Jan 5 at 12pm-1pm

Reports for Annual Report sent to Lisa Nanni by January 6!

In-Reach meeting: Jan 13 at 11:30 (make list of people to call, script of what to say)

Mitten Tree – passing out contents on Jan 17 to Food Share Trucks

In Reach meeting: Jan 27 will be the Call Day

Cabinet By Laws Mtg – Feb 3 at 11:30am

Community Meal – February 22 (possibility)

Pastoral Relations Meeting: April 7




Community Meal – May 31

Community Meal – Aug 30



# January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	<b>January Birthstone: Garnet</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> No Worship Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>3</b> Girl Scouts 6:00 pm  Lay Reader Training 7:00 pm	<b>4</b>   Barbara Mazzei	<b>5</b> Teacher Meeting noon Annual Reports due Sunday to Lisa Nanni
<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> Bible Study 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers After service Property Maint. 11:15 am Ryan Geddes	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Worship Choir 5:30  Christian McAllister	<b>9</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>10</b> Girl Scouts 6:00 pm  Caryl Pizinger	<b>11</b>   Maridel Fredericksen Belinda Corey	<b>12</b>   Hope Carfiro Jeff Dorr Andrea Ohotnicky
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<b>20</b> Bible Study 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am <b>Annual Meeting</b> After Service Kayla McCaw	<b>21</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	<b>22</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm  Kathy Weaving Joe Tatar	<b>23</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm  Betty Greeley	<b>24</b> <b>Bellringer Deadline</b> Girl Scouts 6:00 pm  Cheryl Jones	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>   Victoria McAllister Diane Richards
<b>27</b> Bible Study 9:15 am Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am <b>Annual Meeting Snow Date</b> Kathryn McCusker	<b>28</b>   Jayden Dileo	<b>29</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm	<b>30</b> AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	<b>31</b> Girl Scouts 6:00 pm	<b>January Flower: Red Carnation</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Capricorn:</b> Dec 22 – Jan 20 <b>Aquarius:</b> Jan 21 – Feb 19

**A Place  
to  
Belong!**



Artist: Karen Delton

**Interim Pastor - Elder Kenric Austin Prescott, M.S.W., M.Div.**

Moderator - Frank Artruc Vice-Moderator - Dan Jones

Clerk - Lisa Nanni

Board of Deacons - Kathy Garneau

Property Maintenance - Frank Artruc

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Associate Treasurer - Debbie Storrs

Financial Secretary - Joan Eggering

Christian Education Chair/Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Muddy Boots/Puddle Jumpers - Dan Jones

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## FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month

Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship

Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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