

Word from the Pastor - January 2020

How did you and your family prepare for the new year? Most people have traditions and, in some cases superstitions that they engage to prepare for a new year. Here are three of the most common ones that I've encountered:

1. Clean House: Adherents of this superstition are advised to clean their homes spotless, including washing all clothes. The most importantly, all garbage must be out of the house. The basic idea is to clean the house of everything that happened the previous year.
2. Letting the Old Year Out: At midnight, all the doors of a house must be opened to let the old year escape unimpeded.
3. 12 Grapes: Every year, before midnight, people eat 12 grapes, and make a wish with each grape.

I'm clueless how any of these or other superstitions could possibly help change anything, but if they work for you, I wish you the best. I wonder what would happen if you ate 13 grapes instead of 12?

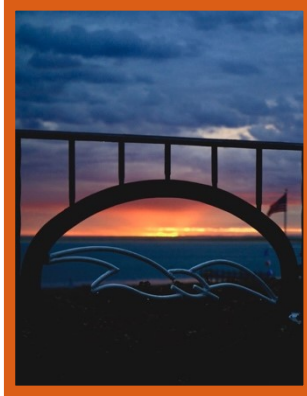
So, what did you and your family do to leave 2019 and begin 2020? My sermon for Sunday, January 5th is titled, "*A New Math For A New Year.*" II Peter 1:3-11 provides some accessories that, like the old American Express ad suggests, "don't leave home without..." them. In Peter's second epistle, we learn that the Lord's divine power "*has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.*" Peter further suggests that there are several things we should use as additives to meet the situations of life: "*...make every effort to add to your **faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.** For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, **they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.***"

Each day has a unique horizon with colors and vistas that will never be repeated. Likewise, as we look out on the horizon of 2020, there are joys, challenges, pains, sorrows, doubts, terror attacks, tragic deaths, disastrous storms, etc. that are heading our way. Not even the best of Litchfield County's psychic, tarot card, and palm readers including, *Attalia* or *Anna Love* can predict. Whatever is coming our way, only the Lord knows, but one thing God can assure us is that while a spoonful of honey may make medicine go down, God assures us that whatever is coming our way, there are several spiritual tools to make us effective and productive in our knowledge of Christ throughout 2020. The spiritual addons begin with the *faith* that he gave us to be saved. He then suggests that we take hold of *goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love.*

Speaking for myself, having encountered several challenges in 2019, I'm determined to be more effective and productive in 2020 because there are times and circumstances that demand more than academic training, work experience, or mother wit. Therefore, I invite you to add or increase your supply of these tools to our personal spiritual tool bags.

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My New Year's Resolution is to simply remember to write 2020 instead of 2019!

Church News...

99th Annual Christmas Fair 2019

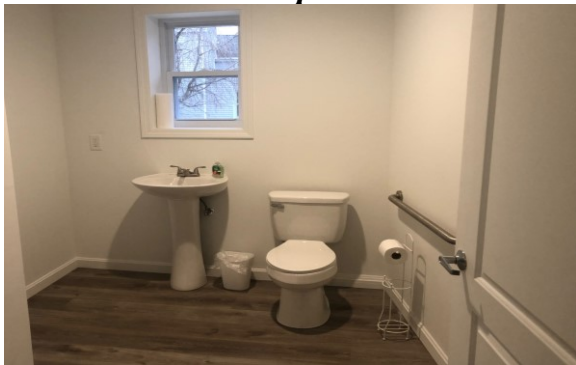


Chilly, Laura and Rudy

Luncheon	\$ 550
Themed Basket Raffle	\$ 700
Cookie Walk	\$ 195
Gramma's Attic	\$ 128
Book Nook	\$ 32
Santa's Helper Gift Shop	\$ 25
Christmas Trees	\$4,821



New Handicap Rest Room



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

**Sunday, January 19, 2020
(Snow date: January 26, 2020)**

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

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Potluck Soups and Grinders will be served.



***Caroling
at
Valarie
Manor***

Share...



**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 Shopey

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:

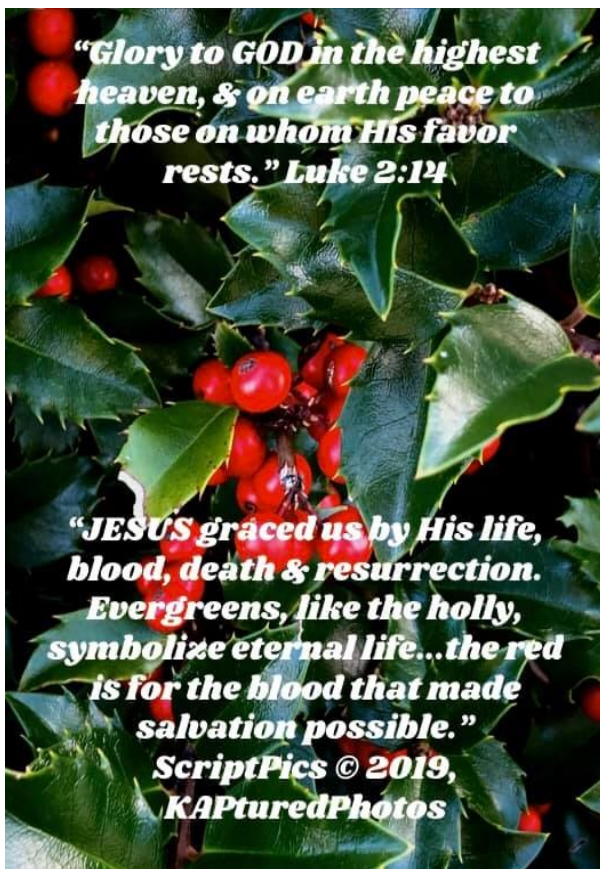
Richard Michaelsen

*Given by: David & Joan
Giannattasio*

"1984 Advent Wreath"

Given by: Bette Mecca

Christmas Eve Service Pictures



Silent Night...

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!



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.

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY FUN!

Come snow tubing at Camp Jewell
6 Prock Hill Rd, Colebrook
Sunday, January 12th from 2-4 PM



Tubes provided!
Bring your own helmet
or borrow one from Camp



**FREEZING
WITH THE
TREES!**

**Raising
\$4,821.00**



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

Many thanks to those who helped!!

Steven Roberts, Bud Roberts, Roger Hurlbut,
Ben Ludwig & family, Spencer Parent &
Chelsea Gagnon, John Poole, Mike Toth, Janak
kids, Cody & Shelby Aakjar, Aiden Picard, Bill,
Brayden, & Megan Bentley, Tim & Katie
Bardino, Nick & Audrey Sartirana, Mark
Marciano, Russell Nehr, Rich & Tom Mazzei.

***A special thank you to
Winsted Police Officers
Bryan Failla and Anthony Horton!!***

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am Sunday - after service Sunday - 6 pm Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 8:00 pm Thursday - 6:00 pm	Worship Puddle Jumpers Rehearsal AA Rehearsal~Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	January 01 January 05 January 10 January 19 January 26 January 31	New Year's Day Epiphany Reports due for Annual Report Annual Meeting after worship Snow Date for Annual Meeting Family, Faith and Fun Night
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		January 6 th at 11:15 am No Meeting in January No Meeting in January No Meeting in January	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons Cabinet Meeting
			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

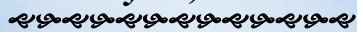
None

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

New Members

Right Hand of Fellowship:

Sarah Storrs
May 19, 2019



Confirmations:
Morgan Blische
Erik Janak
Riley Storrs
June 30, 2019

In Memory of those called home in 2019

Hazel Ann
(Jones) Nanni
(Mother of Jay Nanni)
February 4, 2019

Bob Sackett Miles
(Husband of Carol Miles)
April 18, 2019

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

*Pathway complete –
Handicapped Entrance!*



Baptism:




Caleb Bryan
Cardillo

April 14, 2019



January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	January Birthstone: Garnet 	January Flower: Red Carnation 	1 New Year's Day AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Barbara Mazzei
5 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers After service Property Maint. 11:15 am AA 6:00 pm	6 Epiphany Ryan Geddes	7 Worship Choir 5:30	8 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Christian McAllister	9	10 Annual Reports due Caryl Pizinger	11 Maridel Fredericksen Belinda Corey
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26 Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am Annual Meeting Snow Date AA 6:00 pm Victoria McAllister Diane Richards	27 Kathryn McCusker	28 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Jayden Dileo	29 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	30	31 Family Faith & Fun Night 5:30 pm	Astrological Signs Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20 Aquarius: 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

Clerk - Debbie Storrs

Board of Deacons - Kim Janak & Cheryl Jones

Property Maintenance - Dan Jones

Treasurer - Debby Kane

Financial Secretary - Joan Eggering

Christian Education Chair/Sunday School Director - Ashley Fontanez

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Muddy Boots - Dan Jones / Puddle Jumpers - Debbie Storrs

Webmaster - John Eggering

Editor - Debbie Storrs

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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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