

May we all be so LOVED!

Puppy Love...

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog named Lucky. Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably, someone would forget and something would come up missing.

Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's other favorite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease.....in fact; she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders. The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her...what would happen to Lucky? Although the three-year-old dog liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. If I die, Lucky will be abandoned, Mary thought. He won't understand that I didn't want to leave him! The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death. The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalized for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully, but the little dog just drooped, whining and miserable.

Finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed. When Mary woke, for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. But panic soon gave way to laughter when Mary realized the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement bringing his beloved mistress all his favorite things in life. He had covered her with his love.

Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every day. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky, he still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

Remember.....live every day to the fullest. Each minute is a blessing from God. And never forget....the people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care for us.

If you see someone without a smile today give them one of yours! Live simply, love seriously, care deeply, speak kindly and leave the rest to God



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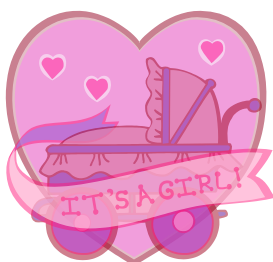
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New Arrivals!!

Lisa and Jay Nanni had a baby girl! on May 4th ~ Lia Adrienne
Brandi Blische had a baby girl on May 5th ~ Makenna Lynn-Marie

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NRSV)

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The 5th Voice

THE pastor was gone one Sunday, and our local high-school music teacher preached. He spoke about "the fifth voice," an idea I had never heard of. He drew the concept from the singing of barbershop quartets. "The fifth voice" refers to the one harmony created by the four voices as they join together in song. The

unified sound becomes like a fifth voice.

Just as a group of singers can be more than each of them is alone, Christians living in love create something more than they could on their own. The day before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the world would know that they were his followers by the way they related to one another, that they were to cherish and care for one another.

First Corinthians 13 describes the characteristics of this Christian love. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be patient and kind, to turn aside from jealousy, boastfulness, pride, rudeness, selfishness, and irritability. Love forgives and lets go of hurts and offenses of the past. When Christians live together in love, the world hears a voice it needs to hear: the fifth voice that reveals the presence of the Savior.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . . It is
far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

~Helen Steiner Rice~

What is BUNCO?

Glenell Morris will be demonstrating BUNCO at the Ziti supper. See Ad Page 4

It is a dice game played in pairs. The object is to score 21 points. It is played in 6 rounds. The first round you try to roll ones (you have 3 dice.) For every dice rolled a one you get a point and you keep going. If you roll 3 ones you get BUNCO!! A Bunco roll is worth 21 points. If you roll 3 of another number you get a BINCO. You get one point for every one roll and your turn is over when you roll the dice and no ones come up. The round is over when the head table scores 21 points first. The next round you try to roll 2s and on to the 6th round. At the end of the round you total up your points and the winning team moves to the next table. The losing team stays. You switch partners when you get to the next table. All players are given tickets they place in cups for BUNCO winnings, BINCO winnings, winners of the round and losers of the round. If you get BUNCO you have

to yell BUNCO and the Bunco Ball is thrown to you to hold until the next BUNCO winner.

At the end of the game we draw names for prizes. We first select from the BUNCO, then the BINCO and then Winners and finally Losers.

If we collect enough prizes (and we should) everyone will go home with a prize.

It's easy, everyone catches on quickly and we will have plenty of veterans to the game to be placed at tables. I hope you can come and bring lots of friends. It's a fun, new way to raise some money for our Youth Mission Trip. \$15 gets you food, fun and a likely prize. HOW CAN YOU BEAT THAT!!

Please contact Glenell Morris for Tickets!!

Laurel City Singers

In Concert

World Music from the Drum



Sunday - May 23rd at 2 PM

TICKETS: \$10 Adult ♦ \$8 Senior Citizen ♦ \$20 Family 860-482-3491	FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED 95 North Main Street
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CDC RAFFLE \$5 per ticket

GRAND PRIZE: Getaway for two to Marco Island, Florida. Includes 4 day/3 night accommodations at a condominium from 09/03/10 to 09/06/10, and round-trip airfare.

2nd PRIZE: 32" FLAT SCREEN TV

3rd Prize: \$25 Gift Certificate redeemable at Gilson Café & Cinema, \$50 Gift Certificate redeemable at Getting Off, \$50 Gift Certificate redeemable at Sweet Peas Restaurant, \$13 Gift Certificate redeemable at ABC Pizza.

4th Prize: Week of Day Camp for 1 to Colebrook, CT (Mon.-Fri. 9am -4pm; includes lunch and activities basketball, arts & crafts, canoeing and fishing) at CAMP JEWELL.

5th Prize: \$25 Gift Certificate redeemable at Passiflora, \$15 Gift Certificate redeemable at Health Food Corner, \$60 Gift Certificate redeemable at Pat Lunan, LMT, \$18 Gift Certificate redeemable at Natural Wave.



Mother's Day Brunch will be served after Service on Mother's Day. Cherub Choir will be singing, "The Earth is our Mother," and trying their hand at percussion...and singing. It will be interesting to see if they have mastered this skill...well...maybe not, but they are cute...and the message is a good one! Bring Mom to church...there could be flowers involved!

June 13th Children's Sunday

Annual Picnic after worship service.

Last names A-M please bring a salad or side dish and **N-Z** a dessert.

A special offering to replenish the SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS for college and campership participants will be taken on May 9th.

Today's Riddles...

1. Why was the turkey the drummer in the pop group?
2. What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?
3. Who likes to drink Cocoa?
4. What did one eye say to the other?
5. What is smarter than a talking bird?
6. Why did the students eat their homework?
7. What do you get when you cross a car, a fly and a dog?
8. What lies at the bottom of the sea and shakes?

Answers on Page 4

What's Happenin'

STEAM VENT



Coffee House

Musician's Showcase

Every 2nd Saturday

6 - 10 PM

Open Mic/Jam at 9



LIVE MUSIC - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Folk - Country - Bluegrass - Jazz - Light Rock

For more information call 860-482-3491

Steam Vent Café - Open 6-8 pm

First Church of Winsted 95 North Main Street

Steam Vent Coffee Houses will run every 2nd Saturday through November. If you would like a chance to perform, please call Debbie at 860-482-3491.

Benefit: Mission Activities

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BUNCO

Saturday May 22nd 7 pm
The First Church of Winsted
Donation \$15.00 per person

2010 Youth Mission Trip to Mexico Fundraiser

Pre-registration is required. Gather teams of 4 and join us for a night of laughs and fun.

We will start the evening with light snacks and beverages as we register and learn the game for those new at this. You can look over our Raffle opportunities and the prizes to be awarded at the end of the evening.

We sit down to 2 or three rounds of BUNCO and the fun begins. Remember to get to know those at your table; it's a big part of the fun!

After the game we will enjoy dessert and coffee and prize drawings will be held.

Be prepared to laugh, talk and eat your way through a fun evening. And all for a great cause!!

Please take the opportunity to talk to our kids about what we are doing and what we have done on our trips to Oaxaca Mexico. This year we are delivering food and other supplies to remote villages in the mountains of Mexico.

Pre-registration deadline is May 12th. Call or text Glenell Morris at 860-480-0233, or email glenellm@earthlink.net with Bunco in the subject line.

SEE YOU THERE!!
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**Next Mission Trip
planning meeting**
Sunday, June 6
**following worship
service.**



**Note: All participants
(and parents) - It's very
important to attend
the meetings!**



Riddle Answers

1. Because he's the one with the drumsticks
2. Silent Night
3. A Cocoa-nut
4. Between you and me something smells
5. A Spelling Bee
6. The teacher said it was a piece of cake
7. A flying car-pet
8. A nervous wreck

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	May 1	Tag Sale
Monday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Senior Choir	May 8	Steam Vent Coffee House 6:00
Tuesday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Cherub Choir	May 9	Mother's Day Brunch
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	May 15	Pet Parade 2:00/Ziti Supper 4:00
Thursday - 7:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	May 16	Mexico Mission Meeting 11:15
		May 22	Bunco 6:00-10:00
		May 23	Laurel City Singers Concert 2:00
		June 13	Children's Sunday
		June 26	Walk-a-thon for Mexico Mission
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		May 04	7:00 pm
		May 11	7:00 pm
		May 18	6:30 pm
		May 25	7:00 pm
		PM Board	
		Board of Christian Ed.	
		Deacons	
		Cabinet Meeting	
			

Birthdays

MAY BIRTHDAYS

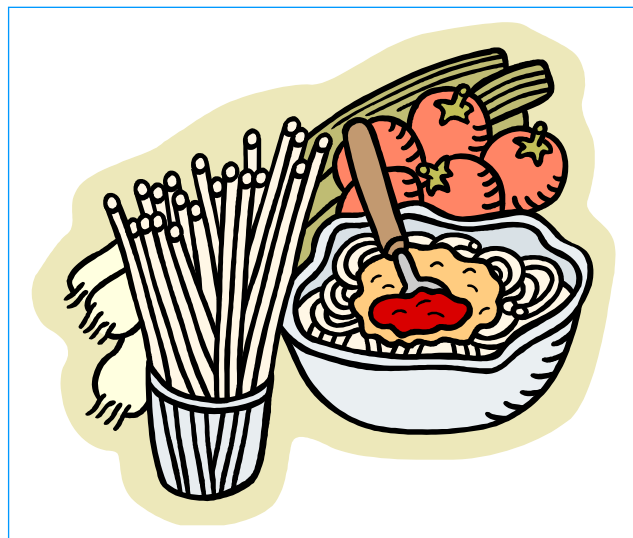
04 – Jay Nanni
 05 – Lillian Hamilton
 05 – Krystal Rose Janak
 08 – Joan Eggering
 09 – Shawn McAllister
 09 – Christina Wu
 10 – Olivia Morris
 11 – Debby Kane
 11 – Lina Smith
 13 – Philip Smith
 14 – Brianna Smyth
 16 – Skip Fredericksen
 19 – Michael Doyle
 22 – Peter Marchand
 23 – Peggy Hamilton-Rathbone
 25 – Butch Eggering
 25 – Chelsea Swanson
 26 – David LeKang
 30 – Michelle Wu

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12 – Bruce & Brenda Sherman
 16 – Joe & Lorraine Tatar
 21 – Kelvin & Christine Smith
 24 – Terry & Becky Smyth
 26 – David Ryu & Chrisina Wu

ZITI SUPPER

May 15th Ziti Supper 4-6 after Pet Parade



Tickets: 5 and under free, \$8 in advance & \$10 at the door.

Ziti with Meat or Vegetarian Sauce
Salad
Rolls
Home-made desserts
Beverage

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton						1 TAG SALE 8-3 Car Wash Cookout 1-3PM
2 Worship Service 10:00 am Sr. Choir 9:20 Mission Trip Fundraising Meeting	3 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	4 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm PM Board 7:00 pm WELCOME Lia Adrienne Nanni	5 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm WELCOME Makenna Lynn-Marie Blische	6 Laurel City Singers 7:00	7	8  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM
9 Worship Service 10:00 am Cherub Choir 9:30 Mother's Day Brunch	10 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	11 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Chris Ed 6:30	12 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	13 Laurel City Singers 7:00	14	15 Pet Parade 2:00 Ziti Supper 4-7 PM
16 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:20 am Mexico Mission Meeting after service	17 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	18 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm	19 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	20 Laurel City Singers 7:00	21	22 BUNCO 6-10 
23 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday Music Around the World Concert 2 PM Laurel City Singers	24 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	25 Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm	26 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm LCS Group Rehearsal 7:00	27	28	29
30 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:20 am	31 Memorial Day NO Senior Choir					