

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

As a student of theology and religion I encounter words of faith and devotion that are profound. These words come in handy when I am looking for things to meditate on and contemplate.

During the season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection, the prayer of St. Patrick is such a good one to use for reflection. This prayer is often called "St. Patrick's Breastplate" because it seeks God's protection in a world of both tangible and invisible dangers. Though Patrick lived more than 1500 years ago his prayer asking that God would cover him is just as relevant today. Who hasn't wrestled with the uncertainty and difficulty of living in this unpredictable world? Patrick's solution? Turn to God!

I suggest you take some time this month to pray this prayer as part of your Lenten devotional.

Find a quiet place and get comfortable. Then slowly read the prayer to yourself or aloud. As you do, wait a moment in silence. God's hands will wrap you in the safety of his presence, for as Paul reminds us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me abundance of reward.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the threeness,
Through confession of the oneness,
Of the Creator of Creation.

— from the prayer of St. Patrick



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Church News...



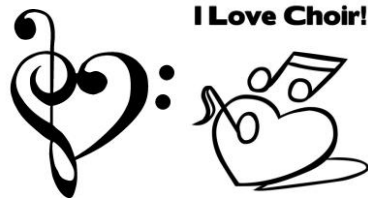
CDC News

Melissa Lillie, Director

Have you ever seen a Llama...in a preschool?! What a fun day we had learning about Llama's. A special thank you to Country Quilt Llama Farm for bringing in Theo, the Llama. We have begun our Spring Fundraiser. We are selling products from Jeannine's Fundraising. There are many different products in the Spring catalog. If you would like to purchase products and support us, please visit the website www.jeannine.biz or contact Melissa Lillie for more information!! Thank you!



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"The best gift you could ever give someone is your time because you're giving them something you'll never get back." - Anonymous



**For the month of March:**

**Worship Choir  
Tricia Wu, Director**

### Rehearsals:

Every Tuesday, EXCEPT the 15th at 5:30 pm. No rehearsal on 15<sup>th</sup>

Sunday's: 6th, 20th, 27th at 9:30

### Muddy Boots Praise Choir

Muddy Boots will be singing March 13 and 27. MB rehearsals with kids after church Feb 28 and Mar 6 and Saturday Mar 12 at 5 pm, to prepare for Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> combined selection.



### UCC News & Events

You'll find more details about lots of UCC events at:  
<http://www.ctucc.org/events/>



### ABCCONN News & Events

<http://www.abcconn.org/news/upcoming-events/html>

## "CALLING ALL YOUTH SINGERS"

**OUR youth singers are performing with Muddy Boots on March 13th.....**

So.....

any child/youth that is interested, please come to practice with Mrs. Kat Timmeney on Sunday Feb. 28th and March 6th after service.

PLUS there is a rehearsal with kids and Muddy Boots on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at church around 5pm.

March 13th kids will practice one more time at church at 9:15am.

Hope you can spread the word to our youth and congregation to come that Sunday to support God's Words in Music and our youth!



*"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."* -Billy Joel



*"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent"* – Victor Hugo



## Many Thanks to Northwest Community Bank!



For the donation of new counters in our office and new to us, chairs in the Narthex & parlor, among other things. Please feel free to check them out! Many thanks to the combined efforts of Susan Belle-Isle, Deb Storrs and Debby Kane and the muscles of Dan Jones, John, Joan & Butch Eggering and Gary Storrs, Frank Artruc, Tom Mazzei, Rich Mazzei, Scot Graboski, and "the late" Kyle Jones...but he did work! More items will be available for purchase at the tag sale in May.



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Board of Christian Education is once again sponsoring a confirmation class for any student Grade 7 or above. If you are interested in attending please speak directly to Barbara Mazzei, Board Chair, or any other member of BOCE. A time to meet will be decided after all interested parties have contacted us. Our hope is that Confirmation will be on Children's Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.



## MISSION TRIP

There will be an information meeting for the Mexico Mission trip on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM with Mike Wu. All who are interested are welcome to attend. The dates for the mission trip this year are July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>.



Meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month from 10 AM until Noon. Call Barb Mazzei for info: 860-379-2900



## STEAM VENT Performers March 12th



Erik Jacklin



Mike Lovallo



Cody Bondra



Eric Paradine



Blue Yonder



Melanie Michaud

**Eric Jacklin** Ever since he first heard rock & roll music and held a guitar at age 11, Eric Jacklin's obsession with all things musical has grown into an insatiable thirst and an endless desire to fill the world around him with something cool for people to listen to. He had several guitar instructors as a young boy, and was an astute classical guitar student, performing with the Orange Coast Guitar Ensemble while living in California from 1989-1991. Throughout the '90s, Eric paid his dues and cut his teeth in many popular CT rock and reggae bands. His current projects include a classic & modern rock cover band called 'ISH' that continually grows in popularity, and songs that he is writing for a tentative debut solo CD.

**Michael Lovallo** is a Steam Vent favorite. Hailing from Harwinton, Mike performs cover songs...from great old rock and folk classics. Mike has an easy style that everyone will love!

**Cody Bondra** was new to Steam Vent last fall. Cody is a singer/songwriter from New Hartford, currently living in Avon. He graduated from UCONN in 2014, and has his own band. Cody is by far the tallest performer we have ever had at Steam Vent. He is an amazing talent!

**Eric Paradine** came to us as Emcee for Solly's Show. He is a Connecticut singer songwriter who has been writing and performing in the New England area for the last 10 years. His appearances are marked by top notch musicianship and singing that has given him the reputation of being a player's player. He has been nominated for best solo performer by the Hartford Advocate, performed in Club Passim's Best New Faces show and Cheney Halls Folk on Friday concerts. From Hard Rock to Country with a stop for the blues along the way. Eric has been asked to write and perform music for independent documentaries, regional political causes and cable access shows as well as playing on other artists recording sessions.

**Blue Yonder** is Jeanne McMillan and her husband Ken Stills. Jeanne had a recording contract with Motown...back in the day, and they continue to do crowd pleaser favorites from yesterday!

**Melanie Michaud** is a sixteen year old singer / song writer who lives in Bristol Connecticut. She spends her free time exploring her artistic side through music, art and by watching baby elephant videos online. You can find her at Lasalles open mic on Friday nights and many more when she gets the chance. She's been playing for three years now and is inspired by slow, meaningful, acoustic music.

### STEAM VENT Coffee House & Café

Will begin its spring season on March 12 from 6 until 10 PM at First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street. Featured performers will include Eric Jacklin, Mike Lovallo, Cody Bondra, Eric Paradine, Blue Yonder and Melanie Michaud. Open Mic time slots are available from 6-6:30 and 9:30-10:00, with sign-up the night of the event. The night will be dedicated to the memory of David Bowie, Glenn Frye and Natalie Cole. Donations accepted toward Children's Missions.

Steam Vent Café will serve up a meal with a Celtic Theme in honor of St. Patrick's day, with a choice of Irish Beef Stew or Butternut Squash Soup, served with Salad and either Irish soda bread or rolls & butter. Various Home-made desserts will also be available.

For more information, please email

[info@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:info@firstchurchofwinsted.org) or call 860-482-3491.

## STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted



### STEAM VENT CAFE

Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts  
and Beverages from 6-8 PM

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Theme to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Fooled You...Foods that look like something else!  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mexican Night – Cinco de Mayo Celebration!  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Picnic Season Starter – Picnic favorites menu

Sign up for Open Mic night of Event!



#### FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

### SPRING SEASON PERFORMERS

#### MARCH 12

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Eric Jacklin  
7:00 ~ Michael Lovallo  
7:30 ~ Cody Bondra  
8:00 ~ Eric Paradine  
8:30 ~ Blue Yonder  
9:00 ~ Melanie Michaud  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### APRIL 9

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Howie B. Baldwin  
7:00 ~ Bill Morrell  
7:30 ~ Silk-n-Steel  
8:00 ~ Jim Palermo  
8:30 ~ Muddy Boots  
9:00 ~ CRB  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### MAY 14

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ MRX  
7:00 ~ Martha Rochelle  
7:30 ~ Robert Alan Scalla  
8:00 ~ Carl D & Co.  
8:30 ~ Breathless Charm  
9:00 ~ Jeanne Stokes Recchia  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

#### JUN 11

6:00 ~ Open Mic  
6:30 ~ Andy Robin  
7:00 ~ Blue Byrd  
7:30 ~ Salmon Eye  
8:00 ~ Abby Lappen  
8:30 ~ Joel Blumert  
9:00 ~ Darlene Fullerton  
9:30 ~ Open Mic

## Looking at the Challenges of Generosity and Stewardship



*Pastor Lisa with The Rev. Stacy Emerson and Moderator Dan Jones (aka Muddy Boots).*

On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, a group of First Church members and friends gathered in the dining room for a workshop led by The Rev. Stacy Emerson.

She is the facilitator for Stewardship for American Baptist Churches, USA.

Stacy was here to begin our year- long focus on Stewardship and Generosity.

Much information was shared, good discussion was had and we were left with questions to answer and plans to develop. The Cabinet will be continuing the work at a retreat in April.

Many thanks to all who attended!



### **Scholarship Applications**

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please see Barbara Mazzei for a form.



Easter flowers are placed on the altar on Easter Sunday, and may be purchased in memory of family, friends or loved ones. For more information, call

Allison Graboski at

860 238-7484 for more information.

All flowers are in 6" pots and are \$8.00.

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|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Tulips    | _____ | Lilies    | _____ |
| Hyacinths | _____ | Daffodils | _____ |

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**In Memory or Honor of:**

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**Given by:**

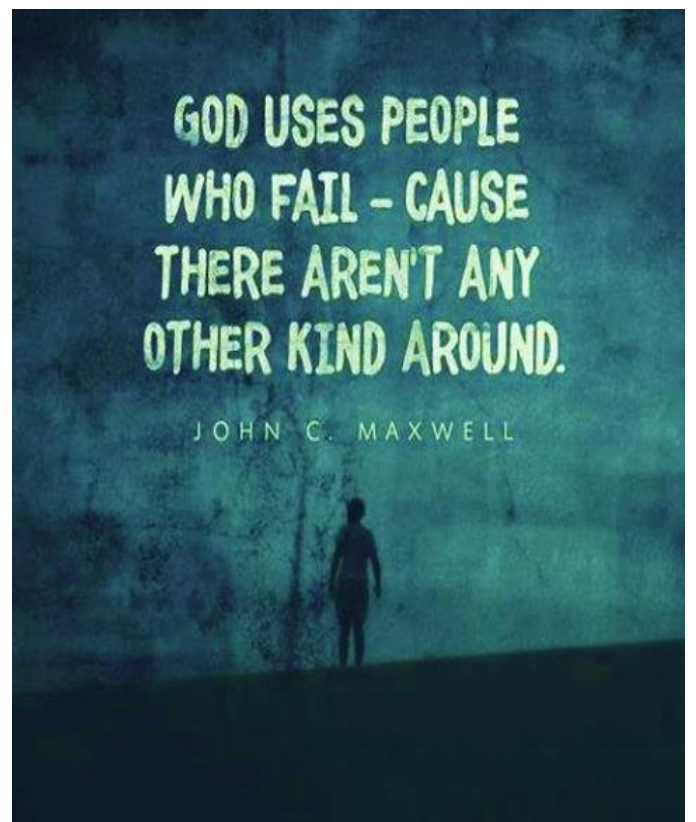
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**First Church of Winsted**

**All requests and payments are due MARCH 20th**

**GOD USES PEOPLE  
WHO FAIL - CAUSE  
THERE AREN'T ANY  
OTHER KIND AROUND.**

JOHN C. MAXWELL





## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

| <i>Celebrate With Us...</i>                |                               | <i>Looking Forward</i> |                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday - 10 am                             | Worship                       | March 12 – 6-10 PM     | Steam Vent                                                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday - 5:30 pm                          | Rehearsal~Worship Choir       | March 12               | Set your clocks ahead!                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday - 7:30 pm                        | AA / Alanon Meetings          | March 13               | Daylight Savings begins                                                                                                                              |
| Thursday - 6:00 pm                         | Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers | March 17               | St Patrick's Day                                                                                                                                     |
|                                            |                               | March 17               | Happy Birthday First Church                                                                                                                          |
|                                            |                               | March 20               | Palm Sunday                                                                                                                                          |
|                                            |                               | March 20               | Spring Begins                                                                                                                                        |
|                                            |                               | March 24               | Maundy Thursday                                                                                                                                      |
|                                            |                               | March 25               | Good Friday                                                                                                                                          |
|                                            |                               | March 27               | EASTER                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Happy<br/>Birthday<br/>First Church</b> | <i>Board Meetings...</i>      |                        | <i>Perhaps, we should love<br/>ourselves so fiercely, that just<br/>by seeing us, others will<br/>know how it should be done.<br/>Rudy Francisco</i> |
|                                            | March 06                      | PM Board               |                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                            | March 09                      | Board of Christian Ed. |                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                            | March 20                      | Deacons                |                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                            | March 22                      | Cabinet Meeting        |                                                                                                                                                      |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

No Date Listed  
Erik Janak  
Elisabeth Streeter

01 - Pat Wood  
01 - Stephen Vaill  
01 - Katherine Timmeney  
04 - Aedan McAllister  
05 - Perry Green  
06 - Steve Cassaday  
06 - Roger Hurlbut  
07 - Morgan Blische  
14 - Brandy Blische  
17 - Henry Bengé  
17 - Terence O'Neil  
17 - Keith Rellihan  
17 - First Church of Winsted  
21 - Jeff Smeland  
22 - Brittany Smyth  
23 - Kurt Timmeney  
24 - Gretel Eddy  
25 - Brianna Sollito  
26 - Carlton (Bud) Roberts  
28 - Laura McCaw  
28 - Brigitte Gilbert-Corey  
31 - Tamsin Pizinger

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

None

If you would have your birthday or anniversary added to our list, please email Deb Storrs: [dstorrs@yahoo.com](mailto:dstorrs@yahoo.com)



### Palm Sunday Services March 20th

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Come join in the celebration of the beginning of Holy Week as we remember Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem!

### Maundy Thursday Service March 24th

To be held at 7:30 PM. Come to remember the events leading up to and following the last supper of our Lord.

### EASTER Services March 27th

#### Easter Sunrise Service

#### 6:30 AM at Forest View Cemetery

Meet us at the top of the hill to greet the sun and celebrate the renewal of life! Bring some white carnations...as a sign of hope...to put on graves of loved ones...

#### 10:00 AM Worship Service

As is our tradition, the Alleluia Ball will come back into the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning! All of our choirs will take part in the service, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Come celebrate the good news...Christ is Risen!

#### Flower Cross


Add your flowers to our Flower Cross...bring your own or use ours. Bud Roberts built this beautiful wooden cross, which we fill with flowers, which has been our tradition for several years. The empty cross filled with flowers is such a powerful image. Come be part of the resurrection celebration...death has lost its sting!

*"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." Eleanore Roosevelt*



# March 2016



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                                               | Tue                                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                             | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                                          | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <br><b>Artist: Karen Delton</b><br><i>March Birthdays</i><br><i>No Date Listed</i><br><i>Elisabeth Streeter</i><br><i>Erik Janak</i>  | <b>Astrological Signs</b><br><b>Mar 1-20</b><br><b>Pisces</b><br><b>Mar 21-31</b><br><b>Aries</b> | <b>1</b><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i><br><br><i>Katherine Timmeney</i><br><i>Pat Wood</i><br><i>Stephen Vaill</i> | <b>2</b><br><i>AA/Alanon</i><br><i>7:30 pm</i>                                                  | <b>3</b><br><i>LCS</i><br><i>7:00 pm</i>                                                                                                                                               | <b>4</b><br><br><br><i>Aedan McAllister</i>                                                                                  | <b>5</b><br><br><br><i>Perry Green</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>6</b><br><i>Worship Service</i><br><i>10:00 am</i><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>9:30 am</i><br><i>New Members</i><br><i>PM Board</i><br><i>After Service</i><br><br><i>Steve Cassaday</i><br><i>Roger Hurlbut</i> | <b>7</b><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i><br><br><i>Morgan Blische</i>                   | <b>8</b><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i>                                                                             | <b>9</b><br><i>AA/Alanon</i><br><i>7:30 pm</i><br><br><i>Christian Education</i><br><i>6:30</i> | <b>10</b><br><i>LCS</i><br><i>7:00 pm</i>                                                                                                                                              | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>12</b><br><br><b>STEAM VENT</b><br><i>Coffee House</i><br><i>6-10 pm</i><br><i>Youth Choir meet with Muddy Boots</i><br><i>5:00 pm</i> |
| <b>13</b><br><i>Worship Service</i><br><i>10:00 am</i><br><i>Muddy Boots</i><br><i>9:15 am</i><br><i>With Youth Choir</i>                                                                                             | <b>14</b><br><br><br><i>Brandy Blischi</i>                                                        | <b>15</b><br><i>NO</i><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i>                                                               | <b>16</b><br><i>AA/Alanon</i><br><i>7:30 pm</i>                                                 | <b>17</b><br><i>LCS</i><br><i>7:00 pm</i><br><b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b><br><i>Henry Bengé</i><br><i>Terence O'Neil</i><br><i>Keith Rellihan</i><br><i>First Church of Winsted</i> | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>19</b><br><i>BEEF Stew &amp; Bingo</i><br><i>5:30</i>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>20</b><br><i>Worship Service</i><br><i>10:00 am</i><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>9:30 am</i><br><i>Deacons Meeting</i><br><i>12:00 pm</i><br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br><i>Brittany Smyth</i>                          | <b>21</b><br><br><br><i>Jeff Smeland</i>                                                          | <b>22</b><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i><br><i>Cabinet Meeting</i><br><i>7:00 PM</i>                                | <b>23</b><br><i>AA/Alanon</i><br><i>7:30 pm</i><br><br><i>Kurt Timmeney</i>                     | <b>24</b><br><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b><br><b>7:30</b><br><br><i>NO LCS</i><br><i>Gretel Eddy</i>                                                                                          | <b>25</b><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br><br><br><i>Brianna Sollito.</i>                                                           | <b>26</b><br><i>Prayer Shall Ministry</i><br><i>10 am – noon</i><br><i>Church Clean-Up</i><br><br><i>Carlton (Bud) Roberts</i>                                                                                               |
| <b>27</b><br><i>Worship Service</i><br><i>10:00 am</i><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>9:30 am</i><br><b>EASTER</b><br><b>Sunrise 6:30 am</b>                                                                           | <b>28</b><br><br><br><i>Laura McCaw</i><br><i>Brigitte Gilbert-Corey</i>                          | <b>29</b><br><i>Worship Choir</i><br><i>5:30 pm</i>                                                                            | <b>30</b><br><i>AA/Alanon</i><br><i>7:30 pm</i>                                                 | <b>31</b><br><i>LCS</i><br><i>7:00 pm</i><br><br><i>Tamsin Pizinger</i>                                                                                                                | <b>March Birthstone: Aquamarine</b><br> | <b>March Flower: Daffodil</b><br>                                                                                                       |



Artist: Karen Delton

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Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship

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