

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

March approaches and that means that the Lenten season does too.

Each time a liturgical or church season changes I get excited. Each season brings its own traditions and music, scripture lessons and worship experiences. Lent brings one more thing that I anticipate with fervor. Lent gives me permission to sit still and be in the presence of GOD every one of its 40 days. I can sit in my meditation spot and read scripture, write in my journal and take the time to sit quietly with God.

Now you may be sitting there reading this and saying to yourself, "She's the pastor. She gets to do that all the time, right?" I must admit as the season of confession and reconciliation arrives, that I do not take the time every day. Not the time I really need. Too much to do, places to go, people to see, worship to plan. The list goes on. I know you understand because you have your list too.

I am making a covenant with God and with Jesus to take the time each day to be in their presence. To read, reflect, write, study. Every day. Here is my plan:

I am going to use the 40 Bible Study Challenge with the book of John. Come Easter, I will have read and reflected on the entire Gospel.

I will read and discuss the Broken Way by Ann Voscamp with the Women's Bible Study group each Wednesday.

I will attend the midweek WRAP worship service with other members and friends of First Church.

I am going to read and reflect on the writing of Christoph Blumhardt who, in the late 1800s, looked at the church and the world and proclaimed "A comfortable Christianity will never change the world."

Our worship during Lent is inspired by the passage from Amos 5 that says that God's justice will fall down like waters and the writing of Christophe Blumhardt.

What is your plan for this Lenten Season?
It all begins on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, at 7 pm.
I hope you will join me.

Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Lisa



MARCH 2017

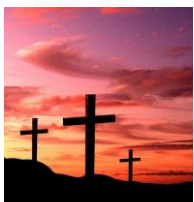
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EASTER APPROACHES!
March 5 - We kick out the Allelujah Ball!
April 9 - Palm Sunday
April 13 - Maundy Thursday
April 16 - EASTER!! Alleluiah!



Church News...

Worship with Us! *During Lent*

Roll Down Justice

Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world.

This Lenten season our worship is inspired by the prophet Amos whose message is: God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters."

This year we are offered an opportunity to reflect and renew, to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel – proclaiming God's love for all people. What prejudices are we challenged to "give up"?

How are we willing to give of ourselves for the sake of the world?

Ash Wednesday, March 1st
"Make Me an Instrument of Peace"
Amos 5: 21-24

The First Week of Lent, March 5th
Communion
"Child of God: Naming Each One"
Romans 8:31-39

The Second Week of Lent, March 12th
"How Long?"
Psalms 13

The Third Week of Lent, March 19th
"Christ's Representatives"
Matthew 25: 31-40

The Fourth Week of Lent, March 26th
"Communities of Forgiveness"
Luke 23: 32-43

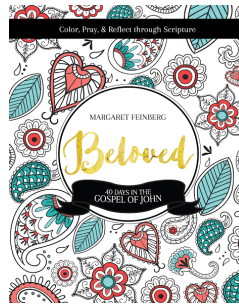
The Fifth Week of Lent, April 2nd
Communion
"God Has Work for Us To Do"
Isaiah 58: 6-12

40 Days in the Gospel of John **A Guided Reading for the Lenten** **Season**

Take the challenge to read through the Gospel of John during LENT. The study guide breaks the gospel into 40 segments, with a Sabbath day each week. The guide is available at church.

Are you someone who likes to underline, circle, star, add exclamation marks and take notes? Margaret Feinberg, author and Bible Study leader, is organizing the Lent readings into a printed booklet, [Beloved: 40-Days in the Gospel of John](#).

This workbook contains the whole text of the Gospel of John in various translations so you can read, reflect, color, and doodle along the way.



This will be an extremely limited edition. You can secure your pre-order copy at **Margaret Feinberg's webstore:**

<http://www.margaretfleinbergstore.com>

Cost of this book is \$14.99

The Women's Bible Study Group will be using the Gospel of John as their study during Lent. You can join us every Monday during Lent, beginning March 6 @ 5 pm. We meet at Pastor Lisa's home on Whiting Street. All women are welcome and invited to bring a friend.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has NOT overcome it!" John 1:1-5



All church outing!

March 25th ~ 7:00 p.m.

@ The XL Center. Hartford, CT

Sign-up sheet in the gathering room

Or

Contact Ashley Fontanez |

ashlevlooiones@gmail.com

DEADLINE March 12th

Drivers Needed!



First Church
Contemporary
Service

March Theme:
Forgiveness



March 21st 2017

7 p.m.

We Rejoice And Praise!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Mentors Chosen:

Dan & Denise Jones

John Eggering

Justin Takeman

CONFIRMATION/ YOUTH CLASS

CONCERT OUTING



SUNDAY . APRIL 2ND 2017

6:30 PM . XL CENTER . HARTFORD



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

Check us out online!

www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Like us on Facebook!

STEAM VENT Performers March 11th



STEAM VENT



Coffee House



March 11, 2017

Featured Performers

6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event

7:00 – Betsy Glassman

7:30 – Bill Morrell

8:00 – Blue Yonder

8:30 – Eric Paradine

9:00 – Jim Moore

9:30 – Divided by Glass

*Free Will Offering
to support
Children's Mission Activities!*

Italian Night!

In the Café

Choice of:

Baked Ziti with Meatballs or Sausage, or Lasagna

served with salad and garlic bread \$7.00

Desserts \$1.00-\$2.00

Beverages \$1.00

Steam Vent Coffee House – giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talents with friends and neighbors. Our extended mission is to promote and encourage local musicians and provide entertainment to the Northwest Corner while raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 NORTH MAIN STREET

STEAM VENT

Coffee House & Café

Steam Vent will begin its spring season on March 11 from 6 until 10 PM at First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main Street. Featured performers will include: Betsy Glassman, Bill Morrell, Blue Yonder, Eric Paradine, Jim Moore and Divided by Glass! Open Mic time slots are available from 6-7PM with sign-up the night of the event. Steam Vent Café will serve up a meal with an Italian Theme including pasta choices, meatballs, sausage or lasagna, served with salad and garlic bread. Various Home-made desserts will also be available.

For more information, please email

info@firstchurchofwinsted.org or call 860-482-3491.

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent!

-Victor Hugo

Music is to the soul what words are to the mind.

-Modest Mouse

The Earth has music for those who listen.

-Shakespeare

40 DAYS OF JOHN

Week One

Day 1 John 1:1-18
Day 2 John 1:19-34
Day 3 John 1:35-51
Day 4 John 2:1-12

Week Two

Day 5 John 2:13-25
Day 6 John 3:1-21
Day 7 John 3:22-36
Day 8 John 4
Day 9 John 5:1-17
Day 10 John 5:18-47

Week Three

Day 11 John 6:1-14
Day 12 John 6:15-25
Day 13 John 6:26-71
Day 14 John 7:1-39
Day 15 John 7:40-53
Day 16 John 8:1-11

Week Four

Day 17 John 8:12-59
Day 18 John 9
Day 19 John 10:1-21
Day 20 John 10:22-42
Day 21 John 11
Day 22 John 12:1-11

Week Five

Day 23 John 12:12-50
Day 24 John 13
Day 25 John 14:1-15
Day 26 John 14:16-31
Day 27 John 15:1-11

Week Six

Day 28 John 15:12-27
Day 29 John 16:1-15
Day 30 John 16:16-33
Day 31 John 17
Day 32 John 18:1-11
Day 33 John 18:12-40

Week Seven

Day 34 John 19:1-15
Day 35 John 19:16-30
Day 36 John 19:31-42
Day 37 John 20:1-18
Day 38 John 20:19-31
Day 39 John 21:1-14
Day 40 John 21:15-25

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

JOHN C. MAXWELL



Scholarship Applications

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



For the month of March:

Worship Choir
Tricia Wu, Director
Rehearsals:

Tuesdays, at 5:30pm
Sundays, 5th and 19th at
9:30

**Muddy Boots Praise
Choir**

Dan Jones, Director
Muddy Boots will be
singing March 12th,
Rehearsing at 9:00

Laurel City Singers



Celebrate

A Sacred Spring

With Special Guest

Theresa Thomason



Sunday, June 4th at 2 PM

Laurel City Singers is OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, March 2nd, 7:00 pm at First Church of Winsted for "A Sacred Spring" concert. Special Guest, Theresa Thomason will be joining us for "A City Called Heaven, Come Thou Fount and Praise His Holy Name."

Theresa Thomason is an American Gospel singer, who reached the airwaves with *Fresh Enuff*, a popular club single and a winning performance at the Apollo Theater in New York City. She toured Europe for over 10 years, performing in over 150 European cities. She remains a featured artist with the Paul Winter Consort at the annual Solstice, Missa Gaia and Earth Mass celebrations at St. John the Divine, the world-renowned cathedral in New York City. Many of these performances were televised on PBS and NBC. Thomason has also performed live at the United Nations for the Dalai Lama and others.

Her career has spanned over two decades of performances and recordings with the Grammy Award-winning Paul Winter Consort, Pete Seeger, Dream Theater, renowned conductor John Rutter, actor and leader Ruby Dee, jazz group FRENS, and many others.

A Sacred Spring's musical selections will include *Notre Pere*, *Song for Athene*, *Kyrie* by John Leavitt, *Mbiri Kuna Mwari*, *Live a Humble*, *Gabi, Gabi*, *Ubi Caritas* and *Confutatis* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

If you wish to join us for A Sacred Spring, please contact Denise Torson at denisetorson@hotmail.com or call Deb Storrs at 860-482-3491.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us... Weekly!</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9:00 am	Bible Study with Cyndi Whipple	March 05	Kicking out Allelujah!
Sunday - 10:00 am	Worship	March 11 - 6-10 PM	Steam Vent
Monday - 5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study at Lisa's	March 17	Happy Birthday First Church
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	March 18	Beef Stew & Bingo
Thursday - 7:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	March 20	Spring Begins
		March 25	Wolfpack Hockey Game
		April 02 - Confirmation Class	Toby Mack Concert
		May 20	Ziti Supper
		June 4	Children's Day/Confirmation
		June 4 - 2 PM	A Sacred Spring Concert (LCS)
Happy Birthday First Church!	<i>Board Meetings...</i>		Happy Birthday First Church!
	March 05 No March Meeting March 19 March 28	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons 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
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: info@firstchurchofwinsted.org

Happy Birthday



239 Years! That's a lot of candles!

UCC News & Events

<http://www.ctucc.org/events/>



ABCCONN News & Events

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

Meet Your New Officers

CABINET

Moderator: Dan Jones
Vice-Moderator: Frank Artruc
Clerk: Laura McCaw
Treasurer: Deb Kane
Associate Treasurer: John Eggering
Financial Secretary: Joan Eggering
March Meeting: 28th @ 7:00pm

BOCE

Co-Chairs: Barbara Mazzei & Cyndi Whipple
Secretary: Ashly Fontanez
No BOCE March meeting

DEACONS

Chair: Kathy Garneau
Secretary: Joan Eggering
March Meeting: 16th @ 11:30am

PM BOARD

Chair: TBA
Secretary: TBA
March Meeting: 5th @ 11:15am

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Laura McCaw
Lisa Nanni





Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

Moderator - Dan Jones / Vice-Moderator - Frank Artruc

Clerk - Laura McCaw

Board of Deacons - Kathy Garneau

Property Maintenance - TBA

Treasurer - Debby Kane / Associate Treasurer - John Eggering

Financial Secretary - Joan Eggering

Christian Education Co-Chairs: Barbara Mazzei & Cyndi Whipple

Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Youth Choir - Katherine Timmeney / Praise Choir Director - Dan Jones

Webmaster - John Eggering / Editor - Debbie Storrs

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

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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