

## Word from Pastor Kap

Lent; have you thought about why the Church ever needed to celebrate Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Resurrection Sunday? I have often thought about it.

Only one thing has caused us to add these events to the Christian calendar; *sin*. In fact, there might not have been a need for the Law, Prophets, Forgiveness, the Virgin Birth, Passion Week, the brutal scourging of the LORD JESUS, the old rugged Cross, Repentance, Baptisms, Church, or Denominations. The only reasons these things came to be is because of the sin of Adam and humanity. Which is why, the Bible tells us that the LORD, knows *"how we were made; HE remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field..."* Psalm 103:14-15. Further, the LORD reminds us that *"All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again"* Ecclesiastes 3:20.

It is thus my belief, that if there had been no Adamic sin, we would all be what the theologian, H. Richard Niebuhr, described as "Radical Monotheism," which is consistent with what we read in Deuteronomy 6:4, *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our GOD, the LORD is one."* We believe in the Trinity, but we also believe that the LORD is ONE! While we worship the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT, GOD is still ONE GOD, hence we are ultimately Monotheists.

And what, pray tell is a Monotheist? A Monotheist is a person who's ONLY faith is *"...in the GOD who is the source and sustenance of all being..."*<sup>1</sup> So, what is a Radical Monotheist? He/she is a person who has a sense of GOD as being vital, essential, and fundamental to all of their values, beliefs, and behaviors.

And if we were all be Radical Monotheists, we would all be living in perfect love and harmony with the LORD of glory in the lush, opulently verdant, environmentally sound Garden of Eden that would be completely absent of global warming.

So, Lent, here we are; a flawed, sinful, selfish people who haven't fully figured out what it really means to *"Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."* The second is this: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* (Mark 12:30-31a).

*FATHER, as we enter Lent, we welcome you into our lives; help us to become determined Radical Monotheists, for we pray in JESUS' name, and in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT we pray, Amen*



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**EASTER APPROACHES!**  
April 14 - Palm Sunday 10:00 AM  
April 18 - Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM  
April 19 - Good Friday  
April 21 - EASTER!! 6:00 & 10:00 AM



<sup>1</sup> <http://homebrewedchristianity.com/2013/07/10/radical-monotheism-as-true-faith/>

# Church News...

## Mexico Mission Presentation...

On March 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a special presentation after worship about our Mexico Mission. During coffee hour we will have a running slide show of the 2018 trip.

Come and sample some Mexican pastries for coffee hour. Since it is the day after coffee house the tables will be set up in the Gathering Room for your viewing and snacking pleasure.

At the end of coffee hour Mike will be presenting information about the mission and what will be happening this year.



The Mission Trip for 2019 is tentatively planned for July 6-14.

## Property Maintenance Board News...

Our Property Maintenance Board has been busy...! They are seeking grants improve handicap access not only to the building but are looking at the feasibility of turning the "Library" just off of the Gathering Room into a Handicap Rest Room. We have a \$1,000 donation for this, and Debby Kane joked about it being a \$1,000 toilet!




During some of our windy weather, shingles blew off the ridge vent on the roof and were found on the lawn. This has been corrected.

"No Trespassing!" Signs will soon go up on the fence by Memorial Hall. The old playground equipment has become unsafe, and plans are underway to remove it and the pea stone and replace with topsoil and sod. The fencing will also be removed and replaced with something more attractive. It will be nice to have a space for picnics or outdoor events.

Berkshire Fire Alarm will be in shortly to inspect the system. The lights that are out in the Sanctuary will be replaced...and God said, "Let there be light!"

## Pastoral Search...

As we begin the process to search for a new settled pastor, we ask you all to prayerfully consider who we are as a church in each of these three areas:

-  Theologically
-  Biblically
-  Spirituality

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Pastoral Search Committee...please let Moderator Frank Artruc know! There are limited spaces available, and the Cabinet will be appointing the committee soon. The time commitment can be up to 18 months with approximately 2 meetings monthly to go through the steps required to build our profile and contemplate the type of leadership we will require in the future.

Check us out online!

[www.firstchurchofwinsted.org](http://www.firstchurchofwinsted.org)

Like us on Facebook!





March 9, 2019

**Featured Performers:**

6:00 – 6:30 Open Mic  
 6:30 – Jim Paradis (New Album)  
 7:00 – Jim Moore  
 7:30 – Bill Benson (New Album)  
 8:00 – Dave Kenna  
 8:30 – Breathless Charm  
 9:00 – Roger & Lenny  
 9:30 – Tom Sheely

*Free Will Offering  
 to support  
 Children's Mission*

**Italian Night!**

**In the Café from 6-8 PM**

*Pasta with Meatballs and/or Sausage choice of Sauces  
 served with salad and garlic bread ..... \$8.00*  
*Desserts ..... \$1.00-\$2.00*  
*Beverages ..... \$1.00*  
*Open Mic performers (2 song limit) may sign up in advance at:  
 info@firstchurchofwinsted.org*

**FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED 95 N MAIN STREET**

**DON'T  
 GO  
 TO CHURCH.  
 BE THE CHURCH.**



**Choir  
 Schedule**

**For the month of March:**

**Worship Choir - Tricia Wu, Director**

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, at 5:30pm  
 Sundays, March 3, 17, 31 warm-ups @ 9:30 am

**Muddy Boots - Dan Jones, Director**

Muddy Boots will be singing March 10,  
 Rehearsing at 9:30

**Puddle Jumpers**

**Rehearsals:** after Sunday services.  
 Singing on March 24; warm-ups @ 9:30



*Photo: Deb Storrs*

**"Late Lament"**

**Poetry of the Moody Blues**

Breathe deep the gathering gloom,  
 Watch lights fade from every room.  
 Bedsitter people look back and lament,  
 Another day's useless energy spent.  
 Impassioned lovers wrestle as one,  
 Lonely man cries for love and has none.  
 New mother picks up and suckles her son,  
 Senior citizens wish they were young.  
 Cold hearted orb that rules the night,  
 Removes the colours from our sight.  
 Red is grey and yellow white.  
 But we decide which is right.  
 And which is an illusion?

Pancake Breakfast  
this Sunday before worship

March 3rd

8:30a.m. - 9:30a.m.

Join us as we prepare for the lenten season



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6<sup>th</sup>  
at  
7:00 PM

Sunday's Sermon is "Are You Ash Ready?"  
and it will focus on the origins of the ritual and its  
potential benefits to our faith.

Ash Wednesday will be a service to contemplate our  
mutual culpability as sinners and an invitation to be  
penitent and contemplative about our faith and the  
promise of forgiveness and eternal life that the  
Lord offers to all who believe.

FAITH!



Fun Nite

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30!

See Kim Janak or Lisa Nanni for details!

Comfort  
Food



Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM

For more information see  
Lisa Nanni or Kim Janak

## Annual Meeting...

Our Electronic Voting after the Annual Meeting has  
been completed...and the results are in!!

*The Ayes have it...!* The Budget was passed, the  
slate of officers were accepted, and the reports will  
stand with some minor corrections.

Thank you all for helping to get this done.

*Ah...technology! Gotta love it!*



We have 4 confirmands who will be attending  
confirmation classes. Parental meetings are being  
planned.

Confirmands:  
Morgan Blische  
Erik Janak  
Karl Janak  
Riley Storrs

For more information contact Barbara Mazzei or  
Ashley Fontanez.



## Still I Rise BY MAYA ANGELOU

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may tread me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.  
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.  
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.



## Celebrating Black History Month...



Pastor Kap, Dr. Ruth, Elder Deborah and Dan Jones



## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us... Weekly!</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9:00 am	Bible Study	March 3	Pancake Breakfast 8:30
Sunday - 10:00 am	Worship	March 9 – 6-10 PM	Steam Vent
Sunday - after service	Rehearsal ~ Puddle Jumpers	March 10	Mexico Mission Presentation
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	March 16	UCC Super Saturday Workshop
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	March 17	Happy Birthday First Church
Thursday - 7:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	March 17	St. Patrick's Day
		March 20	Spring Begins
		March 29	Faith and Fun Night
		May 18	Tag Sale
<b>Happy Birthday First Church!</b>	<i>Board Meetings...</i>		<b>Happy Birthday First Church!</b>
	Meets as needed	PM Board	
	No March Meeting	Board of Christian Ed.	
	March 03	Deacons	
	March 28	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 Sollitto  
26 - Justin Takeman  
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**

## FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



*241 Years Old!*

*March 17, 1778 - 2019*

*Still in His Service!*

### *Caring for Folks...*

**Bob Miles** is home from the hospital...! Praise God!

**Cinde Soldan** is recovering from foot surgery...! Praise God!

**Jay Nanni** is recovering from eye surgery...! Praise God!



Helen Denver, a resident of Chestnut Grove sent a Thank You note for the Thanksgiving Meal Delivery, and reminisced about meals she had shared with her parents! So thankful for the caring folks at First Church!

### **Silverlake**

<http://silverlakefamily.com/youth-programs/silverlake-academy/summer-camp/>



### **Camp Wightman**

<http://www.welovecamp.org/youth-camp-2018.html>



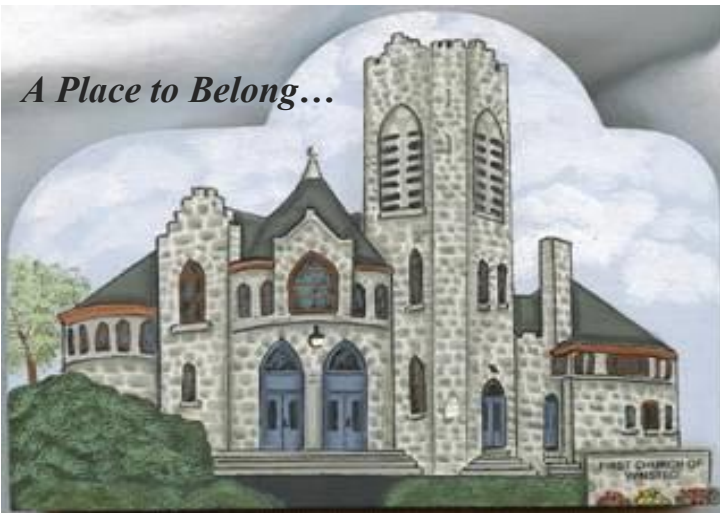
# March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Artist: Karen Delton</b>	<b>March Birthstone: Aquamarine</b> 	<b>March Flower: Daffodil</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b> <b>Mar 1-20 Pisces</b> <b>Mar 21-31 Aries</b>	<b>March Birthdays</b> <i>No Date Listed:</i> <i>Erik Janak</i> <i>Elisabeth Streeter</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Katherine Timmeney</i> <i>Peyton Storrs</i> <i>Stephen Vaill</i> <i>Pat Wood</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 am</i> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <i>Deacons Meeting</i> <i>After service</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Aedan McAllister</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Worship Choir</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>  <i>Christian Education</i> <i>No Meeting</i>  <i>Perry Green</i>	<b>6</b> <i>AA/Alanon</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Service 7:00 PM</b>  <i>Steve Cassaday</i> <i>Roger Hurlbut</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>LCS</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>  <i>Morgan Blische</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>STEAM VENT</b> <i>Coffee House</i> <i>6-10 pm</i> <i>Italian Night!</i>  <b>Turn Clocks Ahead!</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 am</i>  <b>Mexico Mission</b> <b>Presentation</b> <b>Mike Wu</b>  <b>Daylight Savings</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Worship Choir</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<b>13</b> <i>AA/Alanon</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>LCS</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>  <i>Brandy Blischi</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <i>UCC</i> <i>Super Saturday</i> <i>Workshop</i>
<b>17</b> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 am</i>  <b>St Patrick's Day</b>  <i>Henry Bengé</i> <i>Terence O'Neil</i> <i>Keith Rellihan</i> <b>First Church</b> <b>of Winsted</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Cabinet Meeting</i> <i>6:00 PM</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Worship Choir</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>  <i>Music Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM</i>	<b>20</b> <i>AA/Alanon</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>  <b>Spring Begins</b>  <i>Brittany Smyth</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>LCS</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Kurt Timmeney</i>	<b>23</b>  <b>Comfort Food</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Bingo</b> <b>5:30</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 am</i>  <i>Gretel Eddy</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Cabinet Meeting</i> <i>6:00 PM</i>  <i>Brianna Sollitto</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Worship Choir</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<b>27</b> <i>AA/Alanon</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>LCS</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>  <i>Laura McCaw</i> <i>Brigitte Gilbert-Corey</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Faith &amp; Fun</b> <b>Night</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 am</i>  <i>Tamsin Pizinger</i>	<i>Worship Choir</i> <i>9:30 am</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Sunday</i>	<i>Puddle Jumpers</i> <i>9:30 am</i> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> <b>Can You Hear</b>	<i>Muddy Boots</i> <i>9:30 am</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i> <b>Build My Life</b>	<b>"Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens...Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbral and DANCING, praise him with the strings and pipe,"</b> <b>Psalm 150:1-4 NIV</b>		



*A Place to Belong...*



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