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Come...be uplifted by the Spirit and strive to follow God's path for you!

Word from the Pastor

We have a doorbell at the parking lot entrance to the church. When I first came to the church it wasn't working and it made it hard to know someone was waiting there to come in. Not very welcoming or hospitable. But the problem was solved. Our door bell works GREAT!

As I listened to the doorbell announce a visitor the other day I thought about all the people of scripture we have met since Easter. These witnesses have been helping us answer the question: How do we live an Easter Life? They have helped us open doors of understanding. From Thomas we learned how important for us to trust in our faith and to seek answers for ourselves. From Saul and Ananias we learned that we need, not new eyes, but look through God's eyes, to see the world around us and the people we encounter the way God sees. Another answer came from Revelation where we learned that we have God's Spirit in us. It is a Spirit of love, righteousness & mercy. Not just a NEW SPIRIT but, God's own Spirit!

We go in and out of doors all day long. We don't give them too much thought unless they are locked or stuck and we can't get through them. The doors that were closed for our Easter witnesses were not physical doors of wood. They were the doors to their hearts that led to GOD. In this Easter season, as we live out beyond the season of Easter, I put a question before us to think about: What kind of door is the door of your heart? Does this door assist or hinder your path to GOD? Think about it in your private devotion time and join us each Sunday in worship where we will continue to consider the doors we keep closed. What will we discover about the doors to our hearts?

A door is truly an amazing thing.

Closed it is an agent of separation.

But swing it open and it becomes an invitation

uniting what before was separate.

~ Drew Leder

May you find ways to open the door,

Pastor Lisa



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Church News!



Pastor Lisa's Installation

On Sunday, April 24th First Church of Winsted Installed the Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson as permanent pastor. Several members of the clergy were in attendance, and took part in the installation. Rev. Michelle Madsen Bibeau, Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Stonington, did a sort of "This is Your Life" themed version of the Charge to the Pastor. Seems Pastor Lisa is a real camper...at Camp Wightman, and due to our dual affiliation, will now be able to attend Silver Lake as well! She was given some mementos to remember her journey...and prepare for the next leg.

Rev. Michael Wu, former pastor at First Church in Winsted made the Charge to the Congregation, asking us to support Pastor Lisa in her ministry. He noted that the congregation never did anything he asked us before, and it seemed funny to him that he would be the one performing this task.

The Service of Installation was led by Rev. Jacqueline Hall, as the representative of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Litchfield North Association.

. She also serves as pastor to the Winchester Center Congregational Church.

Finally the Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee, Executive Minister of ABCCONN performed the Declaration of Installation.

All of the choirs shared musical selections, the Worship Choir, Muddy Boots Praise Choir, and the newly formed "Puddle Jumpers" youth choir.

A reception followed immediately, and Pastor Lisa received a purple stole (her favorite color if all the decorations were any clue...!).

Thanks to all who helped plan, set-up, clean-up, decorate and donate food for the reception. It was a wonderful day indeed!

Welcome!!

Photos courtesy of Deb Storrs, John Eggering & Kim Janak



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Note of Thanks!

Dear First Church,

I am so overwhelmed by the glorious celebrationj for my installation as your pastor. It was a perfect day. A special thanks for the beautiful stole. I will wear it proudly. And...to my friends at Friday Fund Night! Awsome prayer blanket.

Thanks to you all, I feel so warmly welcomed. Blessings,

Pastor Lisa





CDC News...

Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 PM. Wednesday, May 18th at 9:30 rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary.



Save the Date

The 40th Year Celebration will be held on June 12 at 12:30 following the Church picnic.

We have secured musician Evan Gottfried to perform for the celebration.

All alumni: students, teachers and past directors from Children's Discovery Center as well as our First Church family are invited to attend this special celebration.

More info will be forthcoming.

Board of Christian Education News...

First Church of Winsted encourages you to try out a bible study. Here are two opportunities:

Bible Study every Sunday Morning at 9:00AM, for all adults: We are finishing up our look at Paul's letter to the Philippians. April 24th we will begin our study of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Each unit includes questions that guide our conversations as we discover the word, apply the word and respond in prayer. "Colossians is Paul's strongest declaration of the uniqueness and sufficiency of Christ, his full authority over all powers and the fullness of life he gives." All are welcome to join in this discussion in the parlor on Sunday mornings.

A Second Bible Study--specifically for Women, will be starting Monday May 9th, and continue on Mondays at 4:45pm. This one hour study will be held at Pastor Lisa's apartment in The Mill's 101 Whiting St. Winsted, First Floor, left past the elevator. We will be discussing the book "Through Her Eyes" by Deborah Winters chapter by chapter

each week. The book can be ordered via Amazon in various formats, and also directly from Judson Press: judsonpress.com. Participants should come having read the chapter and considering the questions prior to the group discussion.

We hope to greet you there!

Scholarship Applications are available for those interested. Please see Barbara Mazzei. All Applications must be returned by May 8, 2016

Children's Day is June 7 at 10:00. Scholarships will be awarded. We will have our annual picnic immediately following the service. *All are invited to attend and bring a side dish to share*.

Diaconate Board News...

On May 1st we will have a guest speaker. **Kristy Engel**, the Global Consultant for Health International Ministries, ABCUSA, will be joining us for worship. Kristy is a pediatric nurse practitioner with a special interest in nutrition issues facing children. After 12 years of working in La Romano, Dominican Republic with medical mission teams.

On May 8th we will once again celebrate **Mother's Day** with a Brunch immediately following the worship service. The Deacons will provide some brunch items, but please feel free to bring a dish to share. All moms will receive a carnation!

In Memory...



Gloria J. Lee, wife of Melvin Lee, mother of Rob, Randy and Reed Corey. Grandmother and great-grandmother passed from this life on April 24th with family at her side. Her life will be celebrated on Sat. April 30th at 11:00 AM at the First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main St. Winsted CT. Picture: Gloria Lee, Chelsea Swanson and Melvin Lee.

Tag Sale



Tag Sale to be held on May 7th 8 AM - 3 PM

Time to clean out your attics and cellars! We're happy to take your old junk...please consider donating it to the church's Tag Sale.

> Drop offs will be accepted Thursday and Friday 5 - 8 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Anyone willing to help organize the items are invited to come to the church on these nights and many hands will be needed to help the day of the sale. Baked items also needed! See a Deacon! **Contact:**

Lisa 860-751-2575 or Laura 860-480-1565

∞Mother's Day Brunch ∞

Sunday, May 8th Immediately Following Worship Service CRESCRESCORESS)

Kindly bring a dish to share!

See Lisa Nanni or Laura McCaw for details.

The beauty of a woman isn't in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because that's where love resides. The true beauty of a woman is reflected by her soul. It's the caring that she gives and the passion that she shows. And the beauty of a woman, with passing years, only grows!



First Church of Winsted



STEAM VENT CAFE

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

March 12th - Celtic Theme to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day April 9th - Fooled You...Foods that look like something else! May 14th - Mexican Night - Cinco de Mayo Celebration! June 11th - Picnic Season Starter - Picnic favorites menu (Menu Themes are subject to change)

Sign up for Open Mic night of Event!

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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

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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

Laurel City Sin



May 22nd at 2 PM

Tickets: First Church of Winsted \$10 Adult/\$8 Senior/\$20 Family 95 North Main Street

	Upcom	ing Events		
Celebrate With Uls		Rooking Forward		
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	May 1	Guest Speaker: Kristy Engel	
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	May 7 – 8 AM until 3 PM	Tag Sale	
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	May 8 after service May 14 – 6 PM until 10 PM	Mother's Day Brunch Steam Vent Coffee House	
Thursday — 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	May 19 – 6:30 PM May 22 – 11:30 am May 30 June 5 June 12 June 12	CDC Graduation Mexico Mission Meeting Memorial Day Laurel Parade Children's Sunday & Picnic CDC Celebration of 40 Years	
UCC Upcoming Events	Board Meetings		REMEMBERING OUR LOST Memorial Day is observed annually on	
http://www.ctucc.org/events/	May 1 May 10 May 15	PM Board Board of Christian Ed. Deacons	the last Monday of May. Formerly know as Decoration Day , it originated after	
ABC of CT Events www.abcconn.org	May 24	Cabinet Meeting	the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans	

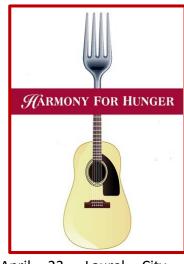


MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Jay Nanni
- 04 Lia Nanni
- 05 Frank Artruc
- 05 Makenna Blische
- 05 Jeff Whipple
- 08 Joan Eggering
- 09 Christina Wu
- 11 Debby Kane
- 11 Lina Smith
- 13 Sarah Martin
- 13 Philip Smith
- 14 Brianna Smyth
- 16 Skip Fredericksen 19 - Michael Doyle
- 22 Peter Marchand
- 25 Butch Eggering
- 25 Rose Stover
- 25 Russ Stover
- 25 Chelsea Swanson
- 26 David LeKang
- 30 Emily Michelle Wu

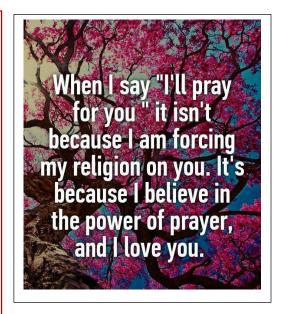
MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- ♥ 06 Bonnie & Ryan Geddes
- ▼ 12 Brenda & Bruce Sherman
- ♥ 12 Korie & Gary Valickis
- ♥ 16 Lorraine & Joe Tatar ♥ 17 - Samantha & Rick Rice
- ♥ 21 Christine & Kelvin Smith
- ♥ 25 Kathy & Don Garneau
- ♥ 26 Christina Wu & David Ryu



On April 23, Laurel City participated in the benefit concert at the Second Congregational Church, along with many talented area musicians. Director Adam Atkins was away and the choir did their set self-directed! It was a true exercise in listening...which they passed with flying colors! Jessica Stenman, who just recently broke her knee, still performed crutches and all!

A total of \$910 was raised and split between the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Open Door Soup Kitchen. Nonperishable food items were also collected.



who have died in all wars.



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



May 2016





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Artist: Karen Delton	May Birthstone: Emerald	May Flower: Lily of the Valley	Astrological Signs Taurus: April 19 - May 20 Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20	belongs to you.	It's exciting a t't cheat your	out there for you. I and stimulating an selves out of thi
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Worship Service 10:00 am		Worship Choir 5:30 pm	AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm	Victory in Europe Day	TAG SALE 8-3 PM
Worship Choir 9:30 am Property Maintenance		National Teacher Day	Jay Nanni Lia Nanni	Frank Artruc MaKenna Blische Jeff Whipple	♥ Ryan& Bonnie Geddes	
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Mother's Day Brunch Joan Eggering	Christina Wu	ovio piii	Debby Kane Lina Smith	♥ Bruce & Brenda Sherman ♥ Gary & Korie Valickis	Sarah Martin Philip Smith	STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Armed Forces Day Brianna Smyth
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship Service 10:00 am Deacons after service Mexico Mission		Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm	AA/Alanon 7:30 pm			Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon
11:30 am LCS Concert BROADWAY 2:00 PM Peter Marchand			Butch Eggering Rose Stover Russ Stover Chelsea Swanson Don & Kathy Garneau	David LeKang ♥ David Ryu& Christina Wu		
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Worship Service 10:00 am	Memorial Day		Prince 1958-2016 "Only with the heart can one see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."			
Worship Choir 9:30 am	Emily Michelle Wu		"Dearly beloved, we are gathered her today to get through this thing called Life!"			



June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Birthstone: Alexandrite	June Flower: Rose	Astrological Signs Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20 Cancer: Jun 20 - Jul 22	AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	2 Courtney Kane	3 ▼ Charles & Laura McCaw	4 Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang
5 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Property Maint Laurel Parade 2 pm	D Day	7 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm	8 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	9	10 Paul Richards, Jr.	STEAM VENT Coffee House Serving 6-8 PM
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12 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots Praise Choir 9:30 am Children's Day & Picnic CDC Celebration ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts	13	14 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Flag Day	AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	16	<i>17</i>	18
Patty McAllister		Martha Rein		Bruce Sherman		
19 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice	21 Worship Choir 5:30 pm	AA/Alanon 8:00 pm ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	23 ▼ Steve & Cindi Rovs	24	25 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon Amethyst Steele
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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

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Youth Choir Director - Katherine Timmenev

Webmaster - John Eggering

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