

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

ALLELUIA! He is RISEN!

On Easter Sunday, the Alleluias rang out from First Church. In fact, we shouted and sang and proclaimed ALLELUIA over 57 times during our celebration of resurrection. Yup. We counted them!

Now we are living in the glorious season of Easter. Not just a day! It is the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. And so, this year we are celebrating every single Sunday! I hope you join us.

Then came the weekend after Easter. All the members of cabinet, boards and committees came together Friday night and Saturday, April 21-22, for a retreat. We were challenged and inspired by Chris Trout, a facilitator, trainer and life changer that I have been working with for over 10 years. From his own description, Chris works to inspire "people and organizations to see strengths differently." And he did just that for us here at First Church. Over the weekend, we worked with six questions. We took time to name who we are as a church family, what we believe to be true about our church and our work here. Having done that, we got to the one questions I want to share with you right now, the one that really flipped a switch and got us moving and thinking in a new direction. **What is our WHY?** Why do we come together and worship and work and do all the things we do? You might call it our purpose. Chris pointed us toward Jesus and his WHY. He went about teaching and preaching and healing and in the end, he showed us our purpose. **TO LOVE WELL...**Our family at home, our family at church, the people outside the walls of our church: ergo **EVERYONE!**

So now, you are expecting to see the list of things to do, our 5-year master plan. We can't share that because we don't have one! What we do have is a renewed energy to live the life Jesus calls us to Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and, well, every single day. And we are starting in church on Sunday mornings. We are going to greet everyone with love and joy when you enter. When the bells toll each week, we are going to start worship with a quiet time to center ourselves. We are also working on creating a "Picture Wall" with names and photos of members and friends. Whether you have been a part of First church for 1 minute or 100 years, knowing names is important. This wall is to help with the names. These things are simple, first steps. More with come. The next step will lead to the next. Stay tuned!

Spring has finally come to Winsted. The spirit of First Church is alive and moving in these 50 days after Resurrection. Come and join the celebration.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST HAS RISEN!



MAY 2017

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Church News!



Spring Action Weekend at Silver Lake May 5-7, 2017 *High schoolers (\$45) and adults (by donation)*

Give something back to Silver Lake! Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and work hard to prepare YOUR conference center for the summer camp season.

From mulching the garden to repairing buildings, moving picnic tables to raking leaves, there's a project for everyone, high schoolers through adult. The special project this spring will be an enclosure for the compost pile.

Join us Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m., to get your hands dirty and camp clean! Work ends Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

Young people in grades 9-12 [register online](#).
Adult volunteers RSVP to jenncc@ctucc.org.

Can't wait to see you at the Lake!



Sandra Bengé was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honors society at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, with a GPA of 3.8.

The induction ceremony included several speakers, a candle lighting ceremony and receiving a rose and handshake. It took place from 6 pm to nearly 8 pm April 21st. Don't forget to congratulate her when you see her!



Calling all Graduates!

If you know of someone who is a recent graduate, please send the details including photos to:

info@firstchurchofwinsted.org

We would love to include pictures and details in the June Edition of the newsletter! If you there are plans to continue your education, please include those too!



Save the Date!
June 4th Children's Day,
Confirmation, Communion
and Church Picnic!!



Injured Carrier Pigeon...at Easter Sunrise Service. It was found, caught and brought to an area breeder who was going to contact owner in Rhode Island. Matthew 25:40

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

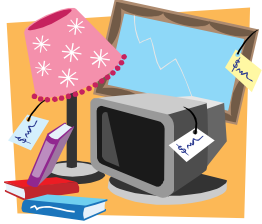


New Arrival! After much anticipation, we welcomed the latest addition to the Balla family on Palm Sunday!



Steve Roys became a Master Mason in 1977. April 26th, he was recognized at Frederick Franklin Lodge in Plainville for 40 years of service, and received his 40 Year pin! Congratulations Steve!!

Tag Sale



**Tag Sale
to be held on
May 6th
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 14th Immediately Following Worship Service



**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!

AN EVENING OF PATRIOTIC PRAYER AND SONG

**THURSDAY - MAY 4
6:00 PM**

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
800 MAIN ST, WINSTED CT**

Join us for this evening of Christian prayer and traditional
hymns as we pray for our government officials,
communities, churches, families, military, vets and
emergency personnel.

For more information: (860) 379-4766

www.sccwinsted.org

www.nationaldayofbprayer.org

STEAM VENT Coffee House



May 13th Featured Performers

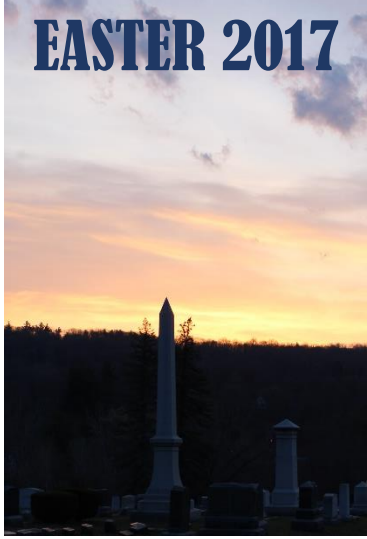
6:00 – Open Mic
7:00 – Robert Alan Scala
7:30 – Bill Benson
8:00 – Melanie Michaud
8:30 – Nothin' But Blue
9:00 – Morning Star Rising – Darlene Fullerton
9:30 – The Lone Piper – Ken Storrs

Chinese Nite!

In the Café

Boneless Spare Ribs and Chicken Fingers \$7.00
Served with choice of: Vegetarian Dumplings, Roast Pork
Lo Mein, Stir-fried Vegetables, Vegetable Lo Mein and
Salad.

EASTER 2017





Acts 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all...

May God's grace continue to powerfully work in us all TODAY!!

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	May 7	Deacons meet with Confirmants
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	May 14 after service	Mother's Day Brunch
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	May 13 – 6 PM until 10 PM	Steam Vent Coffee House
Thursday – 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	May 20 – 8 AM until 3 PM	Tag Sale
		May 30	Memorial Day
		June 4	Children's Sunday & Picnic
		June 4 – 2 P	Sacred Spring Concert – LCS
		June 10	Steam Vent
UCC Upcoming Events http://www.ctucc.org/events/ ABC of CT Events www.abcconn.org		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
	May 7	PM Board	REMEMBERING OUR LOST Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day , it originated after 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 who have died in all wars.
	May 9	Board of Christian Ed.	
	May 21	Deacons	
	May 23	Cabinet Meeting	

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

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
 26 - Eliana Gaspar-Wu
 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

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 - Courtney Kane
 06 - Ronda LeKang
 06 - Alexandra Artruc
 08 - Paul Richards
 10 - Paul Richards, Jr.
 10 - Samuel Stover
 11 - Cat Wu
 12 - Patty McAllister
 14 - Martha Rein
 16 - Bruce Sherman
 22 - Sarah Stover
 22 - Brittaney Gilbert
 25 - Amethyst Steele
 27 - Alannah Callahan
 28 - Robin Hassig
 29 - Penelope Rein

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 03 - Charles & Laura McCaw
 ♥ 12 - Bud & Lynda Roberts
 ♥ 22 - Dan & Denise Jones
 ♥ 23 - Cindy & Steve Roys
 ♥ 26 - MaryPat & Skip Fredericksen



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



On April 29, Laurel City Singers participated in the benefit concert at the Second Congregational Church.

Over \$900 was raised and split between the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Open Door Soup Kitchen. Non-perishable food items were



Excited to announce that DJ Sherman (back row 2nd from the left) was offered a position at Baystate as a member of their collegiate SNAP program!



May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Mental Health Awareness Month	1 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm	2 Worship Choir 5:30 pm National Teacher Day	3 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	4 National Day of Prayer Service 2 nd Church 6:00 pm Overeaters Anon 10:00 am Jay Nanni Lia Nanni	5 Cinco de Mayo Frank Artruc MaKenna Blische Jeff Whipple	6 ♥ Ryan & Bonnie Geddes
7 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Choir 9:30 am Property Maintenance	8 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm VE Day Joan Eggering	9 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm Christina Wu	10 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm Debby Kane Lina Smith	12 ♥ Bruce & Brenda Sherman ♥ Gary & Korie Valickis	13  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Sarah Martin Philip Smith
14 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots PC 9:30 am Mother's Day Brunch Brianna Smyth	15 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm	16 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Skip Fredericksen ♥ Joe & Lorraine Tatar	17 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm ♥ Rick & Samantha Rice	18 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am	19 Michael Doyle	20 TAG SALE 8-3 PM Pet Parade 2:00 pm Armed Forces Day
21 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Deacons 11:30 am ♥ Kelvin & Christine Smith	22 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Peter Marchand	23 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm	24 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	25 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Ascension Butch Eggering Rose Stover Russ Stover Chelsea Swanson ♥ Don & Kathy Garneau	26 David LeKang Eliana Gaspar-Wu ♥ David Ryu & Christina Wu	27 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon
28 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am National Burger Day	29 Memorial Day	30 World NO Tobacco Day Emily Michelle Wu	 Artist: Karen Delton	May Birthstone: Emerald 	May Flower: Lily of the Valley 	Astrological Signs Taurus: April 19 - May 20 Gemini: May 20 - Jun 21



June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Birthstone: Alexandrite 	June Flower: Rose 	Astrological Signs Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20 Cancer: Jun 20 - Jul 21	 Artist: Karen Delton	1 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Courtney Kane	2	3 Ab-Salute Tasting 5:00 pm Scholarship Fundraiser ♥ Charles & Laura McCaw
4 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Property Maint Pentecost Children's Day & Picnic Sacred Spring Concert 2:00 pm Alexandra Artruc Rhonda LeKang	5 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm World Environment Day	6 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm VE Day	7 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	8 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am World Oceans Day Paul Richards	9	10  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Paul Richards, Jr. Samuel Stover
11 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am Trinity Sunday Lularoe Fundraiser Noon - 2:00 pm Laurel Parade 2:00 pm Cat Wu	12 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm ♥ Bud & Lynda Roberts Patty McAllister	13 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Flag Day	14 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Martha Rein	15 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am	16 Bruce Sherman	17
18 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 Father's Day	19 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Juneteenth Day	20 Worship Choir 5:30 pm World Refugee Day	21 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Summer Solstice	22 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am ♥ Dan & Denise Jones Brittaney Gilbert Sarah Stover	23 ♥ Steve & Cindi Roys	24 Prayer Shall Ministry 10 am - noon
25 Bible Study 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 am Deacons 11:30 am Amethyst Steele	26 Women's Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm ♥ Duane & Brandy Blische ♥ Skip & MaryPat Fredericksen	27 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm Alannah Callahan	28 Robin Hassig	29 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 am Penelope Rein	30	

Laurel City Singers

In Concert

A Sacred Spring

Celebrating our Arts Hero
ADAM ATKINS



Photo: Amy Wynn, Executive Director – Northwest Connecticut Arts Council,
Adam Atkins, Music and Chorus Teacher – The Gilbert School, State Representative Jay Case,
Sue Sojka, Associate Principal – The Gilbert School, State Representative John Piscopo.

Sunday, June 4th at 2 PM

Tickets: 860-379-8966

Adult \$12 / Senior \$10 / Child 12 & under \$5 / Family \$20

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95 NORTH MAIN STREET

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by the Spirit and
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Artist: Karen Delton

The Reverend Lisabeth Gustafson

Moderator - Dan Jones ~ Vice-Moderator - Frank Artruc
Clerk - Laura McCaw
Treasurer - Debby Kane ~ Associate Treasurer - John Eggering
Financial Secretary - Joan Eggering
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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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