

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

No matter how often we tell someone or are told, **"Have a good day!"** Our days are often obstructed with news that interrupts our day with horrors that assault our lives. We repeatedly see headlines like: **"Security boosted at mosques, synagogues after shooting; emotional rabbi lauds congregation's bravery,"** and **"Police Increasing Security Around Houses of Worship After New Zealand Terror Attack,"** and **"11 dead in shooting at Pittsburgh synagogue, suspect in custody."** Then; closer to home, terrorism gets very personal when it affects our loved ones. How do we respond to headlines like these? **"Boyfriend of Waterbury Homicide Victim Charged With Murder: Police."** or **"Evil Next Door: Siblings Allegedly Suffered Heinous Abuse — Until Teen's Escape Put Parents in Jail."**

As Christians we are placed in the troubling conundrum of "theodicy." Theodicy is a term from the disciplines of philosophy and theology that raises questions about our beliefs in the Triune God whom we serve. So, what is theodicy? ***Theodicy is the branch of theology that deals with the problem of evil in the world. It attempts to explain the reasons for the presence of evil. It raises the question of "why does perfectly good, all-powerful God allow/permit evil?"***

"and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that..."
JESUS "...is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to Him."
(2 Timothy 1:12 NRSV)

"I can't always
explain my faith,
"BUT I KNOW
IN WHOM I BELIEVE,"
therefore, despite the
terrorists, murderers,
child abusers, murderers,
and other natural
disasters."

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How will we explain the constant barrage of evil events and people participating in evil acts throughout the world? These human and natural evil



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Church News...

Pastor's Word continued:

events affect us along with our unchurched, agnostic, and atheist, family, friends, and associates? How do we maintain our own faith, when other believers are also starting to join the crowd of faith-deniers? How do we witness or share our faith with others, when they've been listening to the faith-deniers around us? How do we affirm our beliefs with fellow Christians?

I remind you that Christians are Resurrection People who believe that JESUS suffered at the hands of evil men, was brutally crucified, HE died on an old rugged cross, and then HE busted out of HIS loaner tomb on the third day? (Remember my Resurrection Sunday sermon, *"HE Wouldn't Be Caught Dead In That?"*) Next time you are challenged about your faith in the midst of so many theodicies, tell them, ***"and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that..." Jesus "...is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him."***

Pastor Kap

1 Theodicy definition adapted from "Definition of Theodicy: God and Suffering"
<http://bibleseo.com/christian-life/theodicy-definition-god-problem-evil/>

MORE UPCOMING DATES!

Pulpit Search with Dr. Harry Riggs (ABCONN) will be Sunday, May 5 at 11:30

Diaconate Meeting –
Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm

Mexico Mission Meeting –
Monday, May 13 at 6:30

Annual Spring Tag Sale – 8am
Pet Parade – 2pm
Saturday, May 18

In Reach –
Sunday, May 19 at 11:30

Harmony for Hunger Concert
2nd Church
Sunday, May 19 at 2:00

Pulpit Search –
Sunday, May 26 at 11:30

Cabinet Meeting –
Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm

Community Meal –
Friday, May 31 (5pm – 7pm)

Possible vacation bible school –
adults and children (Week of July 22 – evenings)

About Mother's Day

Mother's Day is intended to be a day to celebrate motherhood. Many churches and families in the United States recognize the second Sunday in May to honor mothers.

Many years ago, England observed a day to honor mothers in mid-Lent that

was called *Mothering Sunday*. In the United Kingdom, Mothers' Day is celebrated in March.

The first known suggestion of Mother's Day in the United States was in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe. She suggested that people observe the day on June 2 as a day dedicated to peace. Others around the country campaigned for a Mother's Day including Mary Towles Sasseen, Frank E. Hering, and Anna Jarvis. In 1908, Anna Jarvis of West Virginia began a campaign for a nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She chose the second Sunday in May and started the custom of wearing a carnation. If a person wears a colored carnation, their mother is living. A white carnation signifies that their mother has passed away.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress recommending that Congress and the executive branch of government recognize the observance of Mother's Day.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com>

Some Mom Humor...

Mom had a small decorative windmill in her yard. A storm broke one of the blades, causing the windmill to shake violently. Dad announced that he would "take care of it" and rebalanced the windmill by snapping off the opposing blade. Watching him, Mom remarked, "I hope I never break a leg." —*Gerald Loffredo*



MAY 18th
from 8 AM until 3 PM

Volunteers are needed to sort on drop off days and during the day of the Tag Sale. Please see Lisa Nanni. We would really appreciate if you could donate an hour or two of your time.

Many hands make light work!

DROP OFF TIMES: Thurs & Fri
5/16 and 5/17
from 5 - 8pm

In Memorial Hall Basement
(former CDC building)



Choir
Notes

May Choir Schedule

May 5 Worship Choir
May 12 Muddy Boots (Mother's Day)
May 19 Worship Choir
May 26 Puddle Js (Memorial Sunday)

**Before a child talks
they sing. Before they
write they draw. As
soon as they stand they
dance. Art is
fundamental to human
expression.**

PHYLCIA RASHAD





Two Mischievous Boys...

Photo: Deb Storrs

Author unknown

A couple had two little mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys' mother heard that a pastor in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The pastor agreed and asked to see them individually.

So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the pastor in the afternoon.

The pastor, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open.

The pastor repeated the question, "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

So, the pastor raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied: "We are in real BIG trouble this time!

God is missing, and they think we did it!"

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

STEAM VENT



Coffee House



May 11, 2019

Featured Performers

Open Mic from 6:00-6:40

6:40 - Don Jones

7:00 - Dark Horse Brad DuBow

7:30 - Michael Lovallo & Edie Mallick

8:00 - Juan DeGuzman

8:30 - Julian Sherwood

9:00 - Bill Buttner

9:30 - Stephen Prout

*Free Will Offering
to support
Children's Mission*

Mexican Night!

In the Café from 6-8 PM

Build your own Burrito!! Choice of Tortillas and Fillings!

Vegetarian Options! Mexican Side Dishes and

Traditional Toppings - Hot or Not!

Salad Option plus deserts and beverage

Steam Vent Coffee House giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talent 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.

Open Mic performers (2 song limit) may sign up in advance: svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 NORTH MAIN STREET

Culinary CABARET

FOOD
Musical
FOOD



Laurel City Singers

June 2nd at 4 PM

*Here's a concert that you can really sink your teeth into!
It encompasses a wide range of pieces
that mention food or drink.*

Be our Guest ~ Food Glorious Food ~ Chili con Carne
It's Raining Tacos ~ Honey in the Rock ~ Purple People Eater
Strawberry Fields Forever ~ Green Eggs & Ham
If Music be the Food of Love ~ Lime in 'de Coconut

Tickets: \$10 Adult / \$8 Senior / \$20 Family

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 NORTH MAIN STREET

May 19, 2019
2:00 pm



For tickets, call
860-379-4766

HARMONY FOR HUNGER

Second Congregational
Church of Winsted
800 Main St.
Winsted

Featuring a
wide variety
of music
performed
by your
friends &
neighbors

Refreshments
following concert



All proceeds to
be donated to
the Open Door
Soup Kitchen &
Salvation Army
Food Bank

Adults: \$10
**Children &
Seniors: \$5**
Family: \$20

Non-perishable
food items will
also be collected

Sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of Winsted Music Committee

FAITH AND FUN NIGHT

5:30-8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH DINING HALL

April 26

June 28

August 23

Sept. 27

October 25

Nov. 29

Dec. 27



PIZZA!



Parents: this is a drop off
event for your children!

\$5 fee per child.

Night includes a biblical
reading, movie, craft and
games for children to play.
Please see Lisa Nanni or Kim
Janak to sign up your child.



Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10:00 am	Worship	May 11	Steam Vent
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	May 12	Mother's Day
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	May 16 & 17	Tag Sale Drop Off
Thursday - 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	May 18	Tag Sale
		May 19 – 2:00 pm	Harmony for Hunger-2 nd Church
		May 31	Community Dinner
		June 1	Steam Vent
		June 2 – 4:00 pm	LCS Concert – Culinary Cabaret
		June 9	Children's Day
		June 28	Family Faith & Fun Night
<p>“The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to seeing them that we call them ordinary things.”</p> <p><small>— Hans Christian Andersen —</small></p>	<i>Board Meetings</i>		REMEMBERING OUR LOST
	Combined with Deacons May 5 May 7 May 28 May 5 & May 26	Board of Christian Ed. PM Board Deacons/ Board of Chris Ed Cabinet Meeting Pulpit Search	<i>Memorial Day</i> 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.

★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 Frederickson
 19 - Michael Doyle
 22 - Tino Gaspar
 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
 ♥ 13 - Natalie & Chaz McCaw
 ♥ 16 - Lorraine & Joe Tatar
 ♥ 17 - Samantha & Rick Rice
 ♥ 21 - Christine & Kelvin Smith
 ♥ 21 - Chris & Bob Steele
 ♥ 25 - Kathy & Don Garneau
 ♥ 26 - Christina Wu & David Ryu



June 9th

**Family Picnic after
Worship
Help us Celebrate
Children's Day!**

Children
are not things
to be moulded,
but people
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair

To a Child

*The greatest poem ever known
Is one all poets have outgrown:
The poetry, innate, untold,
Of being only four years old.*

~Christopher Morley





May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	May Birthstone: Emerald 	May Flower: Lily of the Valley 	1 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	2 National Day of Prayer Service 2nd Church 6 pm LCS 7:00 pm	3	4 Jay Nanni Lia Nanni
5 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Property Maint. 11:30 am Pulpit Search 11:30 am Frank Artruc MaKenna Blische Jeff Whipple	6 Yoga 4:45 pm ♥ Bonnie & Ryan Geddes	7 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Deacons & BOCE Combined 7 pm	8 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Joan Eggering	9 LCS 7:00 pm Christina Wu	10	11  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Debby Kane Lina Smith
12 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am Mother's Day ♥ Brenda & Bruce Sherman ♥ Korie & Gary Valickis	13 Yoga 4:45 pm Mexico Mission Meeting 6:30 pm ♥ Natalie & Chaz McCaw	14 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Brianna Smyth	15 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	16 LCS 7:00 pm Skip Fredericksen ♥ Joe & Lorraine Tatar	17 ♥ Rick & Samantha Rice	18 TAG SALE 8am – 3pm Armed Forces Day
19 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Michael Doyle	20 Yoga 4:45 pm	21 Worship Choir 5:30 pm ♥ Christine & Kelvin Smith ♥ Chris & Bob Steel	22 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Tino Gaspar Peter Marchand	23 LCS 7:00 pm	24	25 Butch Eggering Rose Stover Russ Stover Chelsea Swanson ♥ Don & Kathy Garneau
26 Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am Pulpit Search 11:30 am David LeKang Eliana Gaspar-Wu ♥ David Ryu & Christina Wu	27 Memorial Day	28 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm	29 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm Bellringer Deadline	30 LCS 7:00 pm Emily Michelle Wu	31 Community Meal 5-7 pm	Astrological Signs Taurus: April 19 - May 20 Gemini: May 20 - Jun 20

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Artist: Karen Delton

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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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