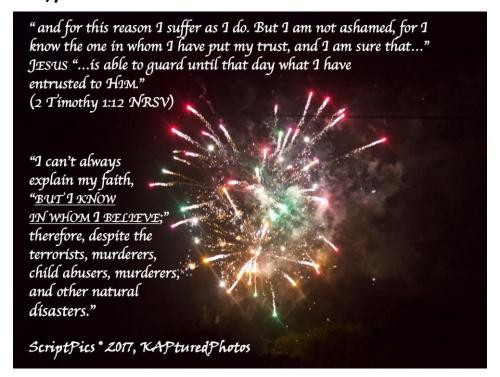
# BELLRINGER

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?1



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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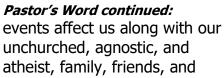


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## Church News...



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 quard until that day what I have entrusted to him."

Pastor Kap

Theodicy definition adapted from "Definition of Theodicy: God and Suffering" http://bibleseo.com/christianlife/theodicy-definition-godproblem-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

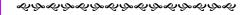
Harmony for Hunger Concert 2<sup>nd</sup> Church Sunday, May 19 at 2:00

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 nationwide observance 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

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**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.

PHYLICIA RASHAD





## Two Mischievous Boys...

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.

**Photo: Deb Storrs** 

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?"

They 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



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



## 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

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## 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

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# **H**ARMONY 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

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.









	Upcom	ing Events		
Gelebrate With Uls		Rooking Forward		
Sunday - 10:00 am Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 7:30 pm Thursday - 6:00 pm	Worship Rehearsal~Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	May 11 May 12 May 16 & 17 May 18 May 19 – 2:00 pm May 31 June 1 June 2 – 4:00 pm June 9 June 28	Steam Vent Mother's Day Tag Sale Drop Off Tag Sale Harmony for Hunger-2 <sup>nd</sup> Church Community Dinner Steam Vent LCS Concert – Culinary Cabaret Children's Day Family Faith & Fun Night	
The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to seeing them that we call them ordinary things.	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	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 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 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	I AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	2 National Day of Prayer Service 2 <sup>nd</sup> Church 6 pm LCS 7:00 pm	3	4  Jay Nanni
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	Yoga 4:45 pm  ▼ Bonnie & Ryan	7 Worship Choir 5:30 pm  Deacons & BOCE Combined 7 pm	8 AA/Alanon 8:00 pm	9 LCS 7:00 pm	10	Lia Nanni  11  STEAM VENT  Coffee House 6-10 PM  Debby Kane Lina Smith
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Artist: Karen Delton

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