

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

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Our Sunday worship services are a very visible and important part of our Church family. It is a time when we reconnect with God and with each other. It is our opportunity to be together to pray, praise God, share our joys and concerns, and to recharge ourselves as we begin another week. Undoubtedly, Sunday worship is central to the life of our Church family. However, what grows from our worshipping together also central to our faith.

When we leave the time of worship, we then go forth and minister to the world. Strangely enough, our ministries sometimes counterintuitive. For example, over the last five or so years, we have worked together with Robert Adkins. After hearing about Bob's life, faith journey and call to Ministry, an Ordination Council unanimously recommended that First Church proceed with the ordination of Bob to the Christian Ministry.

We thank God for the opportunity to have shared and to have worked with Bob. But the irony of it all is that after his ordination, Bob will leave our midst. The bottom line is that our time together was to prepare him to leave us and share God's love with others.

The same is true of our programs for children and youth. Everything from our Sunday School classes to the many activities offered and the trips to distant places like Los Angeles, Puerto Rico, and Montreal are intended to prepare our children and youth for the future. More often than not, they move on to new places.

After having an important place in the life of our Church, many adults have moved to different parts of the country. We cannot place chains around their legs and prevent them from moving. Rather, we hope and pray that they will worship and minister in their new communities.

We don't just do ministry to keep our members and friends to ourselves. God also calls us to minister to those outside our Church. So we don't support First Church financially so that only First Church benefits. A high percentage of our resources are dedicated to ministering to people outside of our Church. Our building is used by community groups and we support national and international ministries through the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches. We directly support many other organizations that minister to those in need.

So as we begin our annual stewardship campaign, I hope you'll remember that your support impacts far more people than you might think. We are sharing God's love both here and around the world.

*Blessings,
Mike*



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**Worship Services
Begin at 10:00 AM
Bible Study at 9:00 AM**



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Church News...



CDC News

Melissa Lillie, Director

It's been a busy month at CDC! We had a wonderful field trip to Ruwet Farm. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who made this trip possible. We also had some special guests teaching us about fire safety. The children were able to sit inside the fire truck... which is always a big hit! It's always a fun day when we have firefighters in. Our enrollment is still growing which is very exciting! We do still have availability in our Tuesday/Thursday program. Help spread the word!



Check us out on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Childrens-Discovery-Center/112035955474363>

OR on the web:

<http://www.childrensdiscoverywinsted.org>



BELLS of HOPE

Sunday November 2nd Bells of Hope All Church Family Event!

6:00 pm--Special Bell Ringing for CT
Adoptive Foster Kids

More Info:

Bells of Hope is one of Connecticut's statewide National Adoption Month initiatives. It is a weekend where faith communities partner with the Child Welfare System by raising their voices in prayer and ringing bells, when available, for all the Connecticut children waiting for permanent homes. We will participate by ringing our Church bell at 6p.m.

Our bell will ring one time for each Connecticut child in need of a permanent home. Last year that number was 28. We will know this year's number a few days before the events. In the past three years this event has grown to include over 160 faith communities throughout the state. Your participation is truly appreciated.

Why should we support this effort? Nationally, there are over 104,000 children in the foster care system awaiting a family. Some of these children will never be adopted and will "age out". Of those who age out, approximately 50 percent of them eventually experience homelessness or become incarcerated. Most will never finish high school and many of the girls will end up becoming single mothers, repeating the cycle of poverty, abuse and addiction that brought them into care.



"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." - Joshua J. Marine



Property Maintenance News...

Fall Clean Up Day has been scheduled for November 1. Volunteers needed for raking, sweeping and other outside cleanup measures. Work will also be done on the foundation at CDC. Opportunities will also be available for inside clean-up. Pew, altar furniture and brass polishing, vacuuming under pew cushions, refrigerator cleaning, kitchenette organizing are some of the available choices. There is usually a list of things to do. So plan to spend a Saturday morning helping out...if you can! 8 AM until noon, come for an hour...or more if you can!



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

Every year we do a community Thanksgiving Dinner for folks who might not get one...

In addition to 50 or 60 shut-ins, we will be preparing a dinner for folks in the shelter.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room for food donations, and drivers will also be needed to deliver the meals.

For more information, please contact Denise Jones 860-379-6332.

If you are aware of someone who needs a meal...please let Denise know.



Come let us give thanks!

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23rd after the worship service.

Join us for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with all the fixins! Yum!



Christmas Fair

December 6th 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Vendors
Wreathes
Luncheon
Poinsettias
Christmas Trees
Themed Basket Raffle
Christmas Arts & Crafts
Boar's Head Festival Tickets



Worship Choir Rehearsals



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Tuesday's, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Worship Choir Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 11/25 NO WORSHIP
CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday's, 11/2, 11/16 and 11/30
Worship Choir @ 9:20 am



Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



Class at St. Anthony's School gets a visit from the Winsted Volunteer Ambulance.



Tis the Season

for Giving!

To help our children and youth to remember it is better to give than receive the BOCE and Sunday School will sponsor a "Santa's Helper Gift Shoppe" at the Christmas Fair on December 5th. The shoppe will have small items for sale for \$1.00 for children to purchase for their families or others; (mother, father, sister, brother, or grandparent.)

For more information
Contact
Barbara Mazzei
860-379-2900



Great Jack-o-Lantern Blaze Youth Trip – October 25th 41 youth and adults attended. Thanks Tanya!

**YEE HAW
COUNTRY MUSIC
SHOW**

Laurel City Singers

**Saturday
Nov 22nd – 4 pm**

With Special Guests
THE TUMBLEWEEDS

TICKETS:
\$8 Senior
\$10 Adult
\$20 FAMILY

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED 95 NORTH MAIN STREET

Service of Ordination November 30th

Last month, an Ordination Council of the Hartford Association of American Baptist Churches met and unanimously voted to recommend that First Church of Winsted proceed with the ordination of Robert Adkins.

A Service of Ordination is a very special (and not very common) celebration in the life of a church. It is the culmination of a very comprehensive process.

In the Baptist and Congregational tradition, a local church works closely with someone who feels called to serve in the Christian Ministry. When the local church discerns that the candidate is called by the Holy Spirit and possesses the gifts to be a Minister, the congregation licenses the candidate to preach (which we did over a year ago). When the candidate has met all the training requirements for Ministry (a Master of Divinity degree, Clinical Pastoral Education at a local hospital, etc.), the local church, jointly with the Commission on the Ministry of our State organization (in Bob's case, the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut), reports to sister churches of the Area Association that we feel that Bob is called to be an ordained Minister. The sister churches then meet and examine Bob. This was the Ordination Council that took place last month.

With the unanimous support of our sister American Baptist Churches of the Hartford Association, we are now ready to have the actual service of ordination. Following Biblical tradition, one part of the Ordination Service is the laying on of hands by the ordained ministers in attendance. Representatives of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, the Hartford Association, members of Bob's family, and the members of our congregation will join in this service which is a public demonstration of our confidence that God has called Bob to be a Minister of the Gospel. At the Service of Ordination, we also send Bob forth into the world to do God's work as a professional church leader.

We hope that you all will be able to attend this very special and important service!

upper gatehouse at the Saville Dam



Barkhamsted Historical Society has several items relating to the Saville Dam, and one is this picture of The Maplestead Church built in 1335 in Essex, England. It may be safe to bet that the design of the gatehouse was influenced by this old church.



Ashley Sarajane & Jenna Rose Baptism

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Nov 1	Church Clean Up Day
Sunday - 9:15 am	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	Nov 8	Steam Vent – Final Event of Season
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Nov 23	Pledge Sunday
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 23	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Dec 6 8 am – 3 pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
		Dec 25	Christmas Day
		Jan 10 & 11	Boar's Head Festival
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
			
	PM Board	Nov 2	
	Board of Christian Ed	Nov 5	
	Deacons	Nov 12	
	Cabinet Meeting	Nov 19	
	CDC Liason Meeting	Nov 20	



November Birthdays

Kim Janak

03 - Gloria Lee
 04 - Steve Roys
 07 - Lisa Nanni
 08 - Robert O'Connor
 11 - Tia Mongitore
 17 - Aaron Schames
 18 - Ayriana Marie Jarboe
 19 - F Michael Artruc
 20 - Kennedi Graboski
 22 - Gregory Martin
 23 - Tyra Maggi
 27 - Lisa Whipple
 27 - Bob Miles
 29 - Abigail Beaulieu

November Anniversaries

♥ Noreen & Peter Marchand

To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at dstorrs@snet.net



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

The Boar's Head Festival

January 10th at 2 & 5 PM

January 11th at 4 PM

Sign-up for the Boar's Head Festival!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room, or you can email Debbie Storrs at dstorrs@snet.net or call 860-482-3491.

Please volunteer in whatever way you are able...so we can once again tell the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Discounted Tickets available at the Christmas Fair!

COSTUME FITTINGS

Dates to be announced!

STEAM VENT Performers NOV 8th

Performers

6:00 - Open Mic
 6:30 - Robert Alan Scalla
 7:00 - Conrad Doty
 7:30 - Shine - Bill Benson
 & Deborah Gillespie
 8:00 - 43 - John Cooke
 8:30 - Abby Lappen
 9:00 - Blue Yonder
 Jeanne MacMillan
 9:30 - Open Mic

STEAM VENT CAFÉ

Saucy Italian Night!

Pasta & Meatballs or Sausage
 Served with choice of sauces!

Salad & Bread

Meal including beverage & dessert

Adult \$10 Child \$5

A la carte also available!



November 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	<p>November Birthstone: Topaz</p> 	<p>November Flower: Chrysanthemum</p> 	<p>Astrological Signs</p> <p>Scorpio: Nov 23- Nov 21</p> <p>Sagittarius: Nov 22 – Dec 21</p>	 November Birthday Kim Janak November Anniversary Noreen & Peter Marchand	<p>1</p> <p>Fall Clean Up Day</p>  <p>Set your Clocks back!</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p>Worship Choir 9:20 am</p> <p>Rock Star 9:15 am</p> <p>PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> 					

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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Michael Wu

Moderator - Dan Jones

Vice-Moderator - Robert Adkins

Clerk - Allison Graboski

Board of Deacons - Co-chairs - Laura McCaw & Lisa Nanni

Property Maintenance - Frank Artruc

Treasurer - Debby Kane / Associate Treasurer - Joan Eggering

Financial Secretary - Tanya Mongitore

Christian Education Chair/Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Youth Choir Director - Debbie Storrs

Webmaster - John Eggering

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95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT



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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