

**First Church of Winsted**

Come as you are...

Leave transformed!

# BELL RINGER

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

## Word from the Pastor



*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)*

These encouraging words from the apostle Paul are truly words of blessing. God is able to do far more in abundance than anything we could ask for or even think about asking for. And you know something that is even more amazing? God chooses to work through **us** to accomplish more than **we** can imagine.

### FEARLESS GENEROSITY

**November is the kick-off a year-long Stewardship theme.**

We will be exploring how to become more faithful stewards as we explore what it means to practice:

- Fearless Living
- Fearless Service
- Fearless Sowing
- Fearless Giving

Each week we will focus on one of these concepts during worship in creative and inviting ways.

**I hope you will be present each week in worship.**

You will receive weekly emails sharing a brief message on the week's topic.

**I hope you will read, reflect and prayerfully consider each message.**

On **Sunday, November 22**, on our annual **Thanksgiving Feast Day**, we will join together to present our commitments/pledges of giving in support of the ministry and mission to which we are called as the First Church of Winsted for the coming year. What a great day of celebration and feasting it will be!

We are about to begin an exciting journey together. It will be a time of exploring how God is calling us to fearless living as we become fearless givers and fearless stewards—as individuals and as a community of faith. As we strive to practice fearless generosity, may Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus be our prayer as well.

Blessings to us all as we accept God's call.

Pastor Lisa



**NOVEMBER 2015**

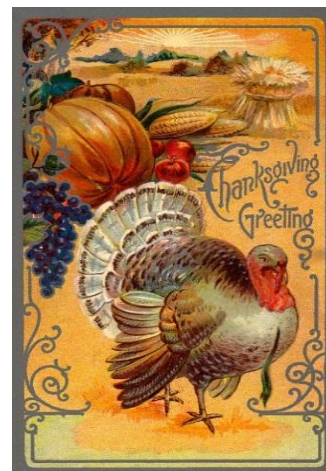
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**Worship Services  
Begin at 10:00 AM  
Bible Study at 9:00 AM**

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# Church News...



## CDC News

### Melissa Lillie, Director

It's been a busy and eventful month at CDC! We had a wonderful time talking about Fall and all that comes with it...the children love seeing all of the leaves falling in our play yard. Pumpkins and Halloween filled the rest of our month. We enjoyed our annual trip to Ruwet Farm! It's always a pleasure when we get a visit from local firefighters (see picture below).



## Check us out on Facebook!

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

## OR on the web:

<http://www.childrensdiscoverywinsted.org>



*Children are the living  
messages we send to a  
time we will not see.*

**John W. Whitehead**



## Property Maintenance News...

### Fall Clean Up!

**SATURDAY 11/7/15 8am-noon**  
**Many hands make light work!**

OR: if you can't come then, but want to help, the job list is in the gathering room. There are outside jobs, building jobs and general cleaning at all levels and time commitments.

You can come any time during the next two weeks to choose any jobs and do them. Please cross off and write your name next to any jobs you complete.

Please let Scott and Allison Graboski know if you need a key to get in the building or if you have any questions about cleaning supplies or how to do any jobs.

Scott and Allison: 860-238-7484  
Call or text: 860-294-6790  
Email: athall37@yahoo.com  
Facebook too!



## 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.



## Christian Education News...

**Sunday School:** Youth class will again teach one class one Sunday a month starting with the Preschool-1 st grade class, beginning on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. We still need two teachers for Sunday School.

50 Tickets have been reserved for the **Great Pumpkin Blaze** for November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BOCE Scholarship Fund:** the Ziti Supper raised \$548.00 in September and will be held again in May, on the Same Saturday as the Pet Parade, to raise funds for the college & post-high school scholarships.

**Children's Discovery Center:** eleven students are attending. John Eggering is willing to update the website. A medical consultant has been hired to verify medical forms and submit medical forms to the State. A field trip to Rewets cornfield is planned this month. The staff needs refresher courses for pediatric First Aid and CPR.

**Children's Choir:** BOCE purchased a CD and music book set for children's choir. They have not started to practice for the season.

**Christmas Fair:** shopping room for children, in nursery room, \$1 gifts for children to purchase. Gift donations, wrapping paper, gift bags, and tags needed. Contact Barbara Mazzei.



## Celebrations of Infant Baptism

On October 18 there were 2 Infant baptisms:

Lucas Ryan Leger, parents Rachael Cardillo and Eric Leger, godparents Donald Cardillo and Ashley Soldan and

Wyatt Ryan Pfeffer, parents- Cheryl Heins and Richard Pfeffer, godparents Brenda Dubrule, Scott Debrule and Karen Toth.





## The Plight of Syrian Refugees

Lesvos, Greece by David Eric Paradine

Waiting on the shore of Skala Sikamineas for an incoming boat.

I've been working with a few different refugee relief organizations as their photographer documenting the work that's being done here. The commitment and humanity of everyone here is humbling and inspiring.

After arriving in Greece via crossing the Mediterranean a system of camps leads to processing and registration. All camps are overcrowded and under supplied. Sometimes lines leading in can take days where the refugees are forced to wait in line with little food, water, or warmth.



Moria camp is the registration area for those arriving in Greece. In order to get the papers that allow travel further into Europe people wait for days, sometimes over a week with little or no food, sleep, or shelter. Riots are frequent and violence in the lines occurs daily. Recently Greece has been receiving rain and there is little shelter. Fires are made of anything flammable usually plastic. After the first night I worked in Moria I had a cough from the fumes that I've yet to get rid of. Parents hold their children close to these toxic fires because it's the only source of warmth. Children are left in the rain, crying and cold at Moria Camp. Hypothermia, pneumonia, and death are very real concerns. Teargas was used on the crowds.



Looking Back and Looking Ahead. It's so natural for adults to look back and youth to look ahead!



All photos are the copywritten property of David Eric Paradine...!

Sound familiar? It should, David is Eric Paradine's son, and Eric is a favorite at our own Steam Vent Coffee House.

You can get more information following this link:  
[https://www.facebook.com/InternationalRescueCommittee?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/InternationalRescueCommittee?hc_location=ufi)



*Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.* - Rabindranath Tagore





*Come let us give thanks!*

Our youth will be preparing Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 15 and serving a on Sunday, November 22nd after the worship service. Contact Tanya Mongitore to help.

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

***Then come to the Laurel City Rocks Concert. Dinner and a Concert!***



Wanda West ♥



## Christmas Fair

December 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
First Church

### Worship Choir Rehearsals



#### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Tuesday's, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17  
Worship Choir Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 11/24 NO WORSHIP  
CHOIR REHEARSAL

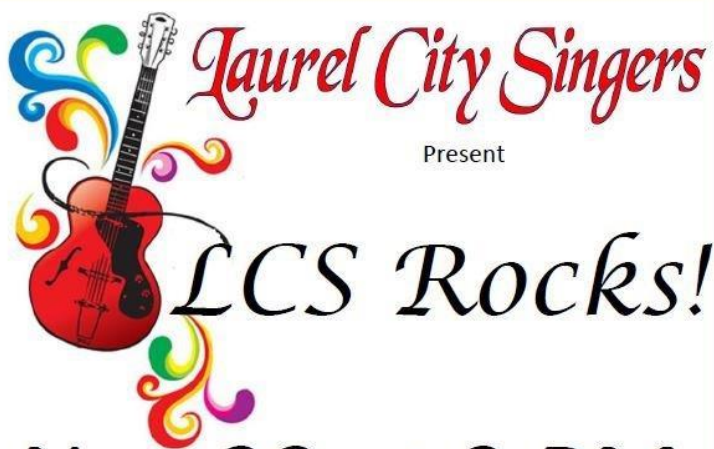
Sunday's, 11/1, 11/15 and 11/29  
Worship Choir @ 9:20 am

## T'is the Season for Giving!

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

**For more information  
Please contact  
Barbara Mazzei  
860-379-2900**





Present

# LCS Rocks!

## Nov 22 at 2 PM

With Special Guests

*Conrad Doty, Eric Paradine, Ken Storrs,  
Patti Wilton and Matt Campbell*

Classic Hits by:

The Beatles, Eagles, Beach Boys, Billy Joel,  
Edgar Winter, Turtles, The Mamas and The Papas,  
Simon & Garfunkel, Phillip Phillips and more!

Tickets:

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

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## STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted

SATURDAY, NOV 14th

6 – 10 PM

Music is Free...!  
Donations gladly accepted  
to benefit Children's Missions!  
Fully Tax Deductible

### SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

6:00 Open Mic  
6:30 Jim Cable  
7:00 Howie B. Baldwin  
7:30 Joel Blumert  
8:00 Silk-n-Steel  
8:30 Jeanne Stokes Recchia  
9:00 Nancy Johnson  
9:30 Open Mic



### Steam Vent Café Hearty Soup & Salad Night

Served with choice of  
salads!

Adult & Children's  
Portions Available

Serving 6-8 PM during



## Boar's Head Festival

### IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES:

#### Boar's Head Costume Fitting:

Sunday 11/15 after worship 11:15-11:45am

Thursday 12/17 6pm-9:30pm

Sunday 12/20 after worship 11:15-11:45am

\*Sunday 1/3 after worship 11:15-3:00pm

\*\*(warning—there are long lines and waiting  
this day.... Better to come to an earlier  
fitting!)

#### Important Cast Dates!

Sunday 1/3/16 --1:30pm Dress Rehearsal

Saturday 1/9—cast in costume ready to go  
by 12:30pm

Show #1: 1:00pm pre-show, 1:30 show

Cast Dinner (food donations needed contact  
Holly Cassidy)

Show #2: 4:00pm pre-show; 4:30 show—  
done approx. 6pm

Sunday 1/10—cast in costume ready to go by  
2:30pm

Show: 3:00pm pre-show, 3:30 show

Clean-up

#### Costume Questions? Concerns?

Allison Graboski—

Phone: 860-237-7484



Cell: 850-294-6790 call or text

Email: athall37@yahoo.com

Facebook

Dates TBA for set construction. Those  
interesting in helping please contact Dan  
Jones.

## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Nov 07	Church Clean Up Day
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Nov 07	Great Jack-o-Lantern Blaze
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 14	Steam Vent – Final Event of Season
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Nov 22	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Nov 22	LCS Rocks Concert at 2 PM
		Dec 5 8 am – 3 pm	Christmas Fair
		Dec 20	Christmas Pagent
		Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
		Dec 25	Christmas Day
		Jan 09 & 10	Boar's Head Festival
	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	PM Board	Nov 01	
	Board of Christian Ed	Nov 03	
	Deacons	Nov 12	
	Cabinet Meeting	Nov 17	
	CDC Liason Meeting	Nov 20	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kim Janak

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

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 01 - Rob & Martha Rein  
 ♥ 23 - Noreen & Peter Marchand

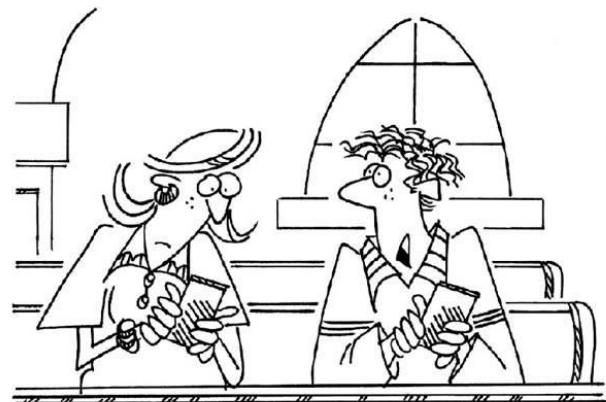
To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at [dstorrs@snet.net](mailto:dstorrs@snet.net)



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

"Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again. And in between the amazing and the awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary. That's just living heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life. And it's breathtakingly beautiful."

L.R. Knost



"The Pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

FLETCHER

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# November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	<b>November Birthstone: Topaz</b> 	<b>November Flower: Chrysanthemum</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Scorpio:</b> Nov 23- Nov 21 <b>Sagittarius:</b> Nov 22 – Dec 21		November Birthday Kim Janak  November Anniversary Noreen & Peter Marchand	 Don't Forget to turn your clocks back!
<b>1</b> Worship Service 10:00 am <b>All Saints Day</b> Worship Choir 9:30 am  PM Board Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm  Christian Ed 6:45 pm  Gloria Lee	<b>4</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  Steven Roys	<b>5</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>     Lisa Nanni
<b>8</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Praise Choir 9:30 am  Deacons 11:00 am  Robert O'Connor	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  <b>Veterans Day</b>  Tia Mongitore	<b>12</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> STEAM VENT  Coffee House 6-10 PM
<b>15</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm  Aaron Schames	<b>18</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  Ayriana Marie Jarboe	<b>19</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm  F Michael Artruc	<b>20</b>   Kennedy Graboski	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday <b>All Church Thanksgiving Dinner</b> LCS ROCKS 2:00 pm Gregory Martin	<b>23</b>   TyraMaggi	<b>24</b> Worship Choir No Rehearsal  CDC Liason 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>27</b>   Bob Miles Lisa Whipple	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Abilgail Beaulieu	<b>30</b>	When I hear people talk about juggling, or the sacrifices they make for their children, I look at them like they're crazy, because 'sacrifice' infers that there was something better to do than being with your children. Chris Rock				

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### **Pastor - Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson**

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Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month  
Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship  
Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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