

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

Yesterday, I found myself in the waiting room of the Cancer Center on Kennedy Drive in Torrington. I had taken someone there for their regular appointment. You know me, as I sat there I struck up a conversation with a lovely lady. We started talking about all kinds of ordinary, everyday things and then she shared about why she was at the Cancer Center. As we were talking about doctors and holistic approaches a couple of women chimed in. I found myself in a sort of ad hoc support group.

This was one of those life changing conversations. Here were three very strong, very brave, very intelligent women who were long time battlers of cancer. They were frank and forthright in their comments and started to network with each other about resources and websites. They were also women of great faith and we ended up on each other's prayer lists.

I get caught up in my daily life, like we all do. I complain and worry about my over-busy schedule and how tired I am. And then God pulls me into His presence. Yesterday it was in the waiting room of the Cancer Center. HOPE and MERCY gushed out and surrounded us. God was clearly in that place.

I was reminded of the privilege God has given me to be a listener. I get to listen to such powerful stories of faith. There is no pretense or drama; just the simplicity of living as a follower.

It's Thanksgiving. I am always thankful and glad for the blessings in my life.

But this year I am counting them differently. In the face of all the tragedy and violence and just plain raw meanness that has shown its ugly face in our world this year, I am grateful that God continually is present, showing me how to live with grace and mercy and hope.

What's on your blessing list this year? Listing God's blessings in your life pulls you into His presence, and in the process you just might catch a glimpse of His love, care, and compassion. I guarantee you will be amazed at what you find.

Blessings

Pastor Lisa



NOVEMBER 2016

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Church News...

Judy Allbee Retires

Judy Allbee, retired on September 30th as Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of CT. She joined us at worship services on October 2nd. When asked how her retirement was going so far, she replied by saying that it was only the 2nd day, but she did manage to take a nap!

Cake was enjoyed by all...it's always about the food, now isn't it? John managed to get a shot of the cake before it was served to the hungry throngs!



Assuming the roll of Interim Executive Minister of ABCCONN is The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams We pray for Judy as her adventures continue on this new chapter of her life, and also for Ken as he takes on his begins his new journey.

The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams



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Property Maintenance News...

Fall Clean Up Day has been scheduled for November 5th. Volunteers needed for raking, sweeping and other outside cleanup measures. Opportunities will also be available for inside clean-up. Pew, altar furniture and brass polishing, vacuuming under pew cushions, refrigerator cleaning and defrosting, 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!

Repairs have been made to the sand box for the parking lot and the fire extinguishers have all been inspected, recharged and tagged. First Aid Kits are required in all classrooms and kitchens, which is being addressed.

Plastic window coverings will be used to try to help seal out some drafts this winter.



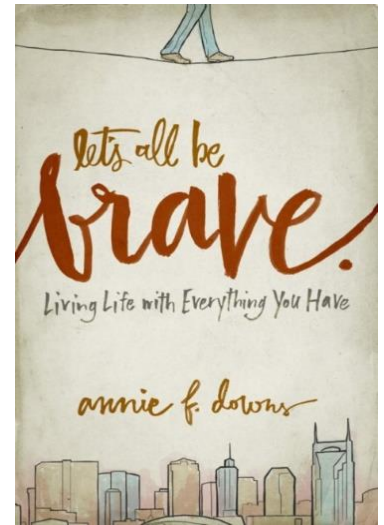
Something New... First Church of Winsted Midweek WRAP!

Join us as we explore Christian Contemporary with a new Service, to begin Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30pm.

What is Midweek WRAP?

We Rejoice And Praise!

Come join us!



The Women's Bible Study Mondays from 5 -6 At Pastor Lisa's

New Study begins Monday,
November 14th

Our Next Book:

Let's All Be Brave by Annie F. Downs

In Let's All Be Brave, Annie calls you to grab hold of the brave life you desperately desire. Using honest and often humorous illustrations from her own life, contemporary real-life examples, and fascinating biblical stories, she challenges you to step into those places that require courage and gives you the help you need to take the next step forward . . . even when it's scary.

You can purchase Let's All Be Brave at your local bookstore or any of these online retailers: Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Christian Book Distributors, Day Spring, or Zondervan.



Come let us give thanks!

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 20th after the worship service.

Join us for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with all the fixins! Yum! Then come to the concert afterwards!

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.



Laurel City Singers



NOVEMBER 20th at 2 PM

Post Halloween Spook-tacular!

The Monster Mash, Double Trouble, The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Moon and Me, Jabberwocky, The Addams Family Theme, A Duet for 2 Cats, Stray Cat Strut, Little Shop of Horrors...and more!

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

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



Tis the Season For Giving!

To help our children and youth to remember it is better to give than to receive, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School will sponsor a "Santa's Helper Gift Shoppe" at the Christmas Fair on December 3rd. The shoppe will have small items for sale for \$2.00 for children to purchase for their families of others: mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent.

For more information contact

Barbara Mazzei

860-379-2900

Christmas Fair

First Church of Winsted

95 North Main Street

December 3rd 8am - 3pm

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| Vendors | Crafters |
| Poinsettias | Cookie Table |
| Jars for a \$1 | Rada Cutlery |
| Themed Baskets | Christmas Trees |
| Handmade Queen Size Quilt Raffle | |
| Santa's Helper Gift Shoppe "For kids only" | |
| Gramma's Attic Gently Used Books | |
| Boar's Head Festival Tickets | |
| Luncheon | |



Cookie Baking!

We will be gathering at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 28th and Wednesday, November 30th to bake cookies to sell at the Christmas Fair.

Join us for some good old fashioned fun!

Please bring your ingredients and recipe!



BOOK SALE



New for the Christmas Fair this year: A gently used book sale!

We are looking for donations. Please see Lisa Nanni or Laura McCaw.

Thank you!



Muddy Boots and the Puddle Jumpers taking us "Higher!"

Here is a link to the video!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iosfu05WYGk

Or check it out on Facebook!



At the right, Matchstick Architects at Steam Vent.
Rock & Roll Night at the Vent!

QUILT RAFFLE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

Sponsored by Board of Christian
Education

Benefit Scholarship Funds



Cost: \$5.00/per ticket

Drawing December 3, 2016, 3:00 pm
Benefit Millard and Smith Scholarship Funds

Quilt hand made by Ann Jones
Machine quilted by: Susan Cane

STEAM VENT Coffee House



SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

7:00 Mariah Roberto

7:30 Juan Deguzman

8:00 Blue Yonder

8:30 Howie Baldwin

9:00 Michael Lovallo

9:30 Muddy Boots

6:00 – 7:00 Open Mic

SATURDAY, Nov 12th

Steam Vent Café
Hearty Soup & Salad Night

Serving 6-8 PM

Choice of Chili, Corn Chowder or Butternut Squash Soup

Served with: Salad and a Roll

Scrumptious desserts, coffee, and other soft drinks sold separately.

Adult portions \$7 ~ Child Portions \$5

Music is Free...Donations Accepted for Children's Missions!

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED

95 NORTH MAIN STREET

The Value of ONE Member...

Have you ever noticed a charcoal fire? It cooks your hotdogs and hamburgers, maybe even your steak. The fire gives off heat by many individual briquettes burning (working) together. Each adds its own warmth and brightness to the fire. If a piece should fall away from the pile, the lump of charcoal (briquette) quickly grows cold.

Our church is like a charcoal fire. Each person, each man, woman, child, adds faith and personal warmth. Through each and every individual in the church, God causes love and blessings to burn brightly. That's why our church, your church, needs you.

Another fact holds true: you need God's church. Because you spend some time each week with others who believe that God is important, your faith and love grow stronger. Their faith helps build your faith – at the same time your faith is helping to build their faith.

You do everybody a favor by coming to church regularly – especially yourself.

Ten church members all in a line, one dropped out and there were **nine**.

Nine church members working very late, one got tired and then there were **eight**.

Eight church members on their way to heaven, one took a detour and there were **seven**.

Seven church members got into a fix, one lost the argument then there were **six**.

Six church members united in a drive, one moved away and then there were **five**.

Five church members wished there were more; one became indifferent and then there were **four**.

Four church members, cheerful as can be, one got discouraged and then there were **three**.

Three church members, what could they do? One quit meeting and then there were **two**.

Two church members, not having any fun, one joined a club and then there was **one**.

One church member, feeling rather blue, invited a friend and then there were **two**.

Two church members each enrolled one more, doubling their number then there were **four**.

Four church members just couldn't wait, each brought another and then there were **eight**.

Eight church members soon found eight more; in six more verses **1024**.

Think about it. Invite a friend to church.

Upcoming Events

| <i>Celebrate With Us...</i> | | <i>Looking Forward</i> | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday - 9 am | Bible Study in the Parlor | Nov 05 | Church Clean Up Day |
| Sunday - 10 am | Worship | Nov 12 | Steam Vent - Final Event of Season |
| Monday - 5 pm | Women's Bible Study | Nov 20 | All Church Thanksgiving Dinner |
| Tuesday - 5:30 pm | Rehearsal~Worship Choir | Nov 20 | Nightmare Before Boar's Head |
| Wednesday - 7:30 pm | AA / Alanon Meetings | Nov 22 | Thanksgiving Service |
| Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers | Dec 03 8 am – 3 pm | Christmas Fair |
| | | Dec 10 3 pm – 4 pm | Victoria Caroling - Soldiers Monument |
| | | Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service |
| | | Dec 25 | Christmas Day |
| | | Jan 7 & 8 | Boar's Head Festival |
|  | | <i>Board Meetings</i> | |
| | | Board of Christian Ed | Nov 08 |
| | | PM Board | Nov 06 |
| | | Deacons | Nov 13 |
| | | Cabinet Meeting | Nov 29 |
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★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kim Janak

01 - Chris Relihan
 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 - Kennedi 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



Victorian Caroling

December 10, 2016

3pm-4pm

Soldier's Monument, Winsted, CT

**Come join in a good old fashioned
Victorian Caroling!**

Period dress if desired!

Music provided!

FREE!

Installation of the Rev. Robert Adkins

On October 15th at 3pm there was a service of installation for Bob Adkins, at Stratford Baptist Church.

Rev. Bob Adkins
 Stratford Baptist Church
 203-558-8308

Confirmation Classes

Classes originally
scheduled for
November 13th
will be rescheduled.
Date and time to be
announced, stay tuned!



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



Worship Choir Rehearsals



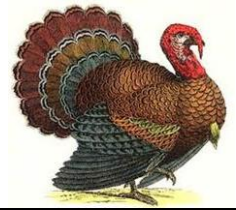
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Tuesday's, Nov 1, 8, 15 & 29
 Worship Choir Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

Sunday's, Nov 6, 20 & 27
 Worship Choir @ 9:30 am



November 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
|  Artist: Karen Delton | November Birthstone: Topaz  | November Flower: Chrysanthemum  | Astrological Signs Scorpio: Nov 23- Nov 21 Sagittarius: Nov 22 – Dec 21 | If you don't paddle your own canoe, you don't move. Katharine Hepburn | |  |
| November Birthday Kim Janak | | 1 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Chris Relihan ♥ Rob & Martha Rein | 2 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm | 3 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm | 4 Steven Roys | 5 FALL Clean-UP Day! |
| 6 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Property Maint Board Meeting After Service | 7 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Lisa Nanni | 8 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm Robert O'Connor | 9 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm | 10 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm | 11 Veterans Day Tia Mongitore | 12 STEAM VENT  Coffee House 6-10 PM |
| 13 Worship Service 10:00 am Praise Choir 9:30 am Deacons Meeting After service | 14 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm | 15 Worship Choir 5:30 pm | 16 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm | 17 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm Aaron Schames | 18 Ayriana Marie Jarboe | 19 F Michael Artruc |
| 20 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am All Church Thanksgiving Dinner LCS NIGHTMARE Before Boar's Head 2:00 pm Kennedy Graboski | 21 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm | 22 Worship Choir No Rehearsal Thanksgiving Service at 7 pm St. John's in Pine Meadow Gregory Martin | 23 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm TyraMaggi ♥ Noreen & Peter Marchand | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Advent Begins Bob Miles Lisa Whipple | 28 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Cookie Baking 6:00 pm | 29 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 7:00 pm Abigail Beaulieu | 30 Cookie Baking 6:00 pm | Today's Quote: "The biggest communication problem is that we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply." Unknown | | |

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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - The Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

Moderator - Dan Jones Vice-Moderator - Tom Mazzei
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
Muddy Boots Praise Choir - Dan Jones
Puddle Jumpers - Kat Timmeney
Webmaster - John 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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