

Word from the Pastor

I offer the piece below for your reflection this Thanksgiving. It is written by one of my mentors in faith and spiritual practice, Joyce Rupp. It has helped me look beyond what goes on in my daily life, to see the deeper activity that moves me to greater faith.

May you have a Blessed Thanksgiving.
Pastor Lisa

A Closer Look at Thanksgiving

If you sit on the bank of a river,
You see only a small part of its surface
And yet, the water before your eyes
Is proof of unknowable depths
-- Anita Diamant, *The Red Tent*

If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight
If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendor of stars.

If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.
If you look beneath, you may see it as a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.

If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.
If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.

If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappoint and doubt.
If you look beneath, you may see the stuff new dreams contain.

If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.
If you look beneath, you may see that love lives on forever in the heart.

If you look at the planet's pain and creature's woe, you might see only despair.
If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in the compassionate care of many.

If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.
If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.

If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.
If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of divine love.

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

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Church News...

Pastor's word continued

Thanksgiving is a time to look beneath our external lives for the unwavering love, the ceaseless peace, and the enduring strength that lies in the deep waters of our soul. The more we trust the "unknowable depths" of our existence, the more the power of gratitude becomes a song we daily sing. With what do you struggle today? What might lie beneath that struggle for which you can give thanks?

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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 860-309-5313.

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

Property Maintenance News...

Fall Clean Up Day has been scheduled for November 18th!

Volunteers needed

Opportunities will 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. **8 AM until noon**, come for an hour...or more if you can!



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Many hands are needed to make the Christmas Fair a success!

COOKIE WALK

Bakers needed: Monday and Tuesday, November 27 & 28 have been set aside as baking days! Come on down and make two dozen of your favorite cookie recipes for the Cookie Walk Table! Proceeds will benefit the Fellowship Fund.

Guaranteed Winner Jar Fest

We have 100+ jars that need to be filled for this fun event! We have the jars...but need the **CONTENTS!** Please donate candy, small toys, mittens, small stuffed animals, cards anything that will fit in a small or large mason jar! OR you can fill your own and drop them off!

BOOK NOOK

We need your gently used/new books for the Book Nook. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines! Books make great gifts!

VOLUNTEERS

We need some of YOUR TIME! Please consider donating an hour or two to manage a table. Book Nook, Gramma's Attic, Jar Fest, Themed Baskets...or help to greet our visitors, help in the kitchen with our fabulous luncheon!

Please call Christmas Fair Co-Chairs Laura McCaw (860) 480-1565 or Lisa Nanni (860) 751-2575 with any questions or to volunteer!



Boar's Head Festival CAST CALL!

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Room so that you can claim your part in the 2018 Boar's Head Festival! 29th YEAR! Please don't everyone sign up for shepherds! We are limiting to 8! We also need help with the dinner between Saturday performances, lighting, greeting and seating! We are going back to 3 performances, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. The third performance is the one that makes the profit. Help celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Medieval style.



Little Punkin' Painters...and Puddle Jumpers!



STEAM VENT

Coffee House

First Church of Winsted



Silk-n-Steel Photo: Deb Storrs

STEAM VENT Café

*Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts
and Beverages from 6-8 PM*

NOV 11th – Hearty Soup & Salad Night

Menu Subject to Change

**Sign up for Open Mic slots
Night of the Event!**

Final Event of the Season!!



Deb & Eric

Photo: Shaw Israel Izkson

*Steam Vent Coffee House – providing a relaxed and friendly place for
musicians to share their talents with friends and neighbors. Our extended
mission is to promote and encourage local musicians and provide
entertainment to the Northwest Corner while supporting our mission activities*

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

November 11th PERFORMERS

Open Mic 6-6:30

6:30 - AXE Factory

7:00 - Bill Morrell

7:30 - Eric Paradine

8:00 - Bill Benson

8:30 - Mike Lovallo & Edie
Mallick

9:00 - Jean Stokes Recchia

9:30 - Stephen Haskell



**Hearty Soup and Salad!
& Grilled Cheese**

~ Menu ~

Choice of:

Turkey Sausage Minestrone

Corn Chowder

Chili

Butternut Squash Soup
(Vegetarian)

Served with

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

(choice of cheeses)

and Salad!

Beverages and Desserts too!

Full Meal \$10.00

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CultureMAX Awards honor:

Adam Atkins - *arts educator*

Susan Aziz - *artist*

Mark McEachern - *history
professional*

Ellen Paul - *volunteer*

Theatre Works New Milford

- *cultural organization*

Torrington Savings Bank

- *culture-loving business*

Tim Prentice - *life-time
achievement award*

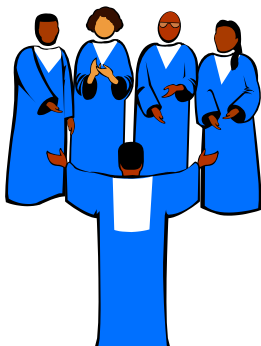
Plan on attending Tuesday.

November 14th at 5:30 PM

Warner Theatre, Torrington

Tickets: (860) 618-0075

Choir Rehearsals



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Worship Choir rehearsals @ 5:30 pm

Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28; sings on Nov 5 & 19, 9:30
warm up

Muddy Boots rehearses Nov 5 at 11:30; sings on
Nov 12, 9:30 warm up.

Puddle Jumpers Youth Choir rehearses Nov 5 &
12 at 11:15 and sings on Nov 26, 9:30 warm up.



under the direction of

ADAM ATKINS

**Sunday, November 19th
2:00 PM**

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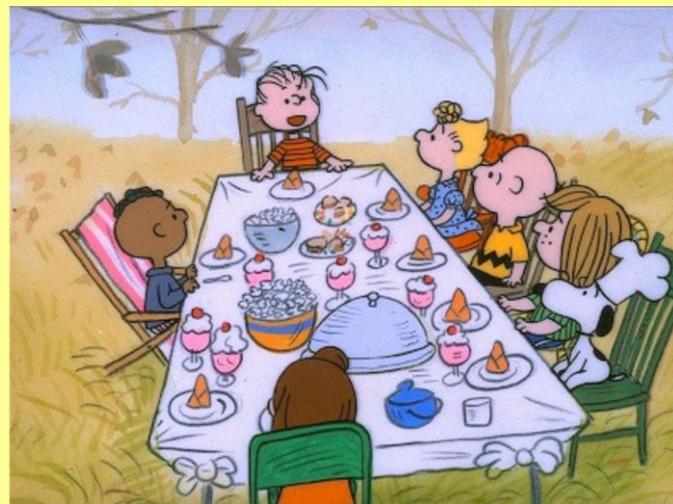
Tickets: 860-379-8966
\$10 Adult \$8 Senior \$20 Family

Come let us Give Thanks!

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19th after the worship service.

Join us for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with all the fixin's! Yum!

Then come to the concert afterwards!



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 2nd
8:00 AM- 3:00 PM



Jars

Vendors

Luncheon

Poinsettias

Rada Knives

Christmas Trees

Themed Basket Raffle

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Boar's Head Festival

Tickets

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Tis the Season for Giving




To help our children and youth remember that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive, we will once again sponsor

The Santa's Helper Gift Shoppe

The gift shop will have small items for \$1 available for children to purchase for mom and dad, grandma and grandpa or even siblings!

For more information contact Kim Janak
(860) 379-1778

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Nov 04	Church Clean Up Day
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Nov 11	Steam Vent - Final Event of Season
Monday - 5 pm	Women's Bible Study	Nov 19	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 19	Autumn Song
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Dec 02 8 am – 3 pm	Christmas Fair
		Dec 02	Medieval Caroling
		Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
		Dec 25	Christmas Day
		Jan 6 & 7	Boar's Head Festival
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		Nov 07 – 6:45 pm	
		Nov 05 – 11:30 am	
		Nov 12 – 11:15 am	
		Nov 13 – 7:00 pm	
		Nov 28 – 6:30 pm (speaker)	
		Nov 07 – 6:45 pm	
		Nov 05 – 11:30 am	
		Nov 12 – 11:15 am	
		Nov 13 – 7:00 pm	
		Nov 28 – 6:30 pm (speaker)	

★ 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
 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



Christmas Trees will be available at the Church Fair...



January 6th at 4 PM & 7 PM
January 7th at 4 PM



Tickets: 860 379-8966

Website: www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

\$15 Adult / \$12 Senior / \$9 Child 12 and under

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DECEMBER 13th at 7 PM

We Rejoice And Praise!

Medieval Caroling

December 2, 2016

Time to be determined!

Whiting Mills, Winsted, CT

AND at our Church Fair

Come join in a good old fashioned Medieval Caroling!

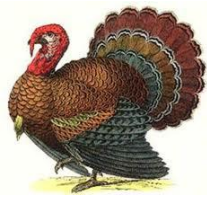
Period dress will be supplied!

Rehearsal 6:30 PM Thursday evenings, before Laurel City Singers or after service on Sundays!

All ages welcome!!


Call Deb Storrs for more info:

860-482-3491



November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton November Birthday Kim Janak	November Birthstone: Topaz 	November Flower: Chrysanthemum 	1 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Chris Relihan ♥ Rob & Martha Rein	2 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	3	4 FALL Clean-Up Day! Daylight Savings Ends Turn Clocks Back! Steven Roys
5 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am PM Board Meeting 11:15am Muddy Boots Rehearsal 11:30 am	6 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm	7 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:45 pm Lisa Nanni	8 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Robert O'Connor	9 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	10	11 Veterans Day STEAM  VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Tia Mongitore
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26 Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am	27 Women's Bible Study At Pastor Lisa's 5:00 pm Bob Miles Lisa Whipple	28 Worship Choir 5:30 pm Cabinet 6:30 pm	29 <u>Bellringer Deadline</u> Abilgail Beaulieu	30		Astrological Signs Scorpio: Nov 23- Nov 21 Sagittarius: Nov 22 – Dec 21

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



Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor – The Rev. Lisabeth Gustafson

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Property Maintenance - Frank Artruc

Treasurer - Debby Kane / Associate Treasurer - Joan Eggering

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Muddy Boots Praise Choir - Dan Jones

Puddle Jumpers - Dan Jones

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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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