

October 24, 2018

Dear Family and Friends of First Church of Winsted,

I am honored to have been chosen to serve as your Interim Pastor. As Interim, I pledge to stand with you and the Search Committee as we forge ahead through the deliberate and conscientious process of calling the next under-shepherd of First Church.

I'm guessing that you are like many other churches who need an ideal Interim to prepare you for the ideal Pastor, and I want you to tone down some of your expectations. Comically, here's what many are hoping for:

"The ideal pastor preaches exactly twenty minutes with an hour's content. He condemns sin, but never offends anyone. He works from 8 am to midnight, and also serves as the church janitor. He makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, and donates \$30 a week to the church...He is a strong leader, yet also follows everyone's advice. He can effectively relate to all teenagers and spends all of his time with the elderly...He makes 15 house calls a day, regularly visits the hospital, and is always in his office."<sup>1</sup>

All joking aside, I am different from Pastor Lisa Gustafson and Pastor Mike Wu in more ways than appearances and genders suggest, yet we are alike in that we all serve the same Lord who brought the Church to life, and has sustained it since the first century AD. Thus, my purpose as your interim is to continue meeting your congregational needs and to help prepare you for the next pastor and the changes that pastor will bring.

I hope to nurture and reinforce the unity that has brought you to this transitional point in your life as a congregation. I will be alert for any wounds that some may have been nursing that commonly develop after a pastoral departure. I'm also here to stimulate an air of enthusiasm to prepare you to receive your next pastor.

Finally, I will minister to you with the goal of reconditioning your muscles to continue doing the things that have formed your identity as a church.

The ultimate purpose of my role during this transition is to assure that a critical ingredient is kept active in your life, fellowship, and ministry together, which is **HOPE** for your future, as proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

So, as we launch out on our journey of faith, I encourage you to keep your eyes on the horizon full of expectation as depicted by the attached photograph that I shot in 2016 at sunrise near the Bahamas.

*Pastor Kap*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.epiphany-wels.org/sermons/2015/4/25/the-under-shepherd-of-the-good-shepherd>



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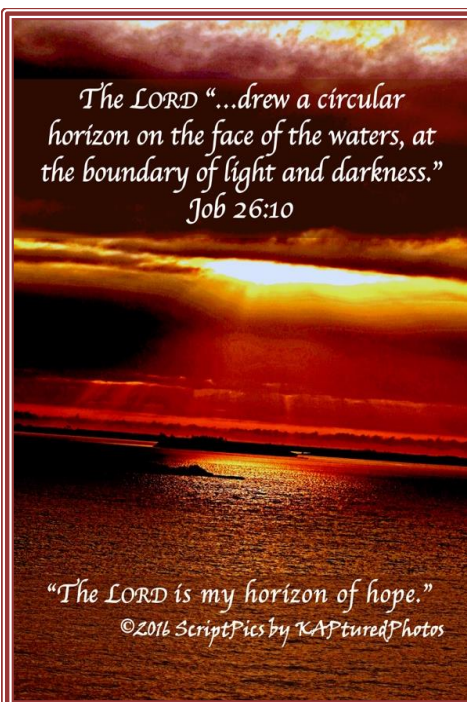
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## Church News...

### OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR



On October 28 the First Church of Winsted voted in **Pastor Kenric A. Prescott** as our new Interim Pastor. Praying for patience during times of change, as we get to know each other!

We look forward to our new journey with Pastor Kap with great anticipation that we will be better able to understand God's plan for this congregation and His continuing missions through us.

### Community Thanksgiving

Every year we do a community Thanksgiving Dinner for folks who might not get one. Last year alone we fed 150 people! In addition to 50 or 60 shut-ins, we will be preparing a dinner for folks in the shelter.

**MONETARY DONATIONS** are requested as we are buying food items in bulk, 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, let Denise know.*

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NEWS...

**Fall Clean Up Day** has been scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>! **8 AM until noon**, come for an hour...or more if you can!

#### Volunteers needed

Opportunities will be available for inside and outside clean-up. Pew, altar furniture and brass polishing, vacuuming under pew cushions, refrigerator cleaning & defrosting, kitchenette organizing are some of the available choices. There is usually a list of things to do, you can sign up for your favorites! You may also help during the week prior!

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

#### COOKIE WALK

**Bakers needed:** Sunday 11/25 after service and/or Monday and Tuesday, 11/26 & 11/27 from 6-8PM 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 Chairperson Lisa Nanni (860) 751-2575 with any questions or to volunteer!



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS!

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 3rd! If you forget...we'll see you for coffee!**





**November 10, 2018**

**Featured Performers**

6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event  
 6:30 Bill Buttner  
 7:00 Addy Punkin  
 7:30 Bill Benson  
 8:00 Paula Ryan  
 8:30 Melanie Michaud  
 9:00 Joel Blumert  
 9:30 Klerks – Sam Guglielmino

*Free Will Offering  
 in support of  
 Children's Mission*

**Soup & Salad Night**

**In the Café \*\*\* 6-8 PM**

*Assorted Home-made Soups and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
 served with Salad, Desserts and Beverages!*

*Steam Vent Coffee House – giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place 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 raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.*

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Here's the schedule for remainder of this year 2018.

November 4 No Sunday School children stay for communion. Barbara will take the Nursery, so the teachers can take communion.

November 11 & 18 regular Sunday School  
 November 25 and Dec 2 No Sunday School (Barbara take Nursery ONLY)

December 9 & 16 regular Sunday School  
 December 23 Christmas Pageant  
 December 30 and January 6. No Sunday School (Barbara take Nursery ONLY)

Thanks to our teachers for all you do to teach our kids the word of the Lord!

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**Silver Lake Award Celebration Honors Rev. Davida Crabtree**

*By Brian Lapis*

The Silver Lake community spent the afternoon of October 14th celebrating The Rev. Davida Crabtree and supporting UCC outdoor ministry at Silver Lake Conference Center.

The Silver Lake Award Celebration lifted up the (ongoing) life's work and ministry of the Rev. Crabtree, the recipient of the 2nd Annual Silver Lake Award. The Silver Lake Award honors someone who has been shaped by the mission of Silver Lake and has gone on to do great things in the world beyond camp.

Davida's camp experience goes all the way back to Silver Lake's first summer, in 1957. In her remarks, she recalled the "kitchen table" chat with her parents and pastor, convincing her to give summer camp at Silver Lake a try. That "trial run" became decades of trailblazing ministry and service for the United Church of Christ.

"We are here to recognize a leader among leaders, a fierce advocate of justice for all God's children, a person who is a legend among us," said The Rev. Kent Siladi, Connecticut Conference Minister. "Silver Lake is in Davida's blood. She brings it up in so many conversations. She is an advocate and ambassador for the transformative power of outdoor ministries."

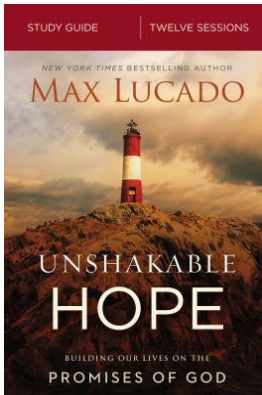
"I am simply overwhelmed by the honor of receiving the Silver Lake Award, all the over-the-top words of affirmation and the presence and gifts of so many," Crabtree said. "Keeping SLCC strong is a mission that belongs to all of us. I'm grateful that I have been able to help further that mission. Lives are transformed at SLCC all year long and throughout people's lives - that's why we do it!"



**Christmas  
Trees**

**will be  
available  
at the**

**Church  
Fair!**



## Bible Study - Sunday 9:15 in the Parlor

A 12 week study on how to restore HOPE in YOUR life and in YOUR church. Be open to share stories and dive into this beautiful series to restore your path. Max Lucado point out heroes in the Bible who put their faith in God's promises.

"There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God." "When we choose to be people of the Promise, we choose to build our lives on promises of God no the circumstances of life."

Sessions include: You are Stamped with God's Image, God Will Win the Victory, You are an Heir of God, Your Prayers Have Power, God Gives Grace to the Humble, God Gets You, Jesus is Praying for You, There is No Condemnation in Christ, Death has been Deleted, Joy is Coming Soon, You Will Have Power, God Will Right All Wrongs..



## HOSPICE NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in a rewarding, unique volunteer experience? Do you have some time that you could give to others in an unusually meaningful way? If so, then you probably would be a perfect volunteer for Foothills Visiting Nurse and Home Care Hospice Program.

Hospice volunteers offer a special kind of care designed to provide help and support to patients and their family members who are coping with terminal illness. They are a necessary part of a team that provides the care and support that enables a terminally ill person to remain at home with their loved ones during their illness.

Hospice staff will provide all necessary training in Hospice philosophy and care. Hospice care is based in the home; treats the whole person, not just the disease; focuses on the whole family and emphasizes the quality of life, not just the length.

To learn more about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, please call Martha Babbitt at 860-379-8561.

OR email [mbabbitt@foothillsVNA.org](mailto:mbabbitt@foothillsVNA.org).



Joyful Carolers from last year! Don't miss out on this year's fun as we musically share the hope of the season!

We will be Caroling at Valerie Manor at 2PM on December 2nd after church! Carpooling will be available.



## PLEDGE SUNDAY!

November 11th  
is Pledge Sunday!

*Please prayerfully consider your  
support for our church and its missions!*

Pledge Cards like the one below will be sent out and will also be available at the church on that Sunday!



### A Commitment to the Church

We thank you for your generous acceptance of stewardship and pray you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per months or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like numbered offering envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_





YES, WE NEED A LITTLE  
**CHRISTMAS  
 CONCERT**  
 RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE!

*Laurel City Singers*   
 Under the Direction of

**ADAM ATKINS**



**Saturday  
 DECEMBER 8 at 2 PM**

Tickets: \$12 Adult/\$10 Senior/\$20 Family  
 First Church of Winsted 95 N. Main Street

## *Come let us Give Thanks!*

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18th after the worship service.

Join us for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with all the fixin's! Yum! We only need your finishing touches...please bring dessert to share!



## **JUNIOR DEACONS**

There will be training sessions for Junior Deacons who will be greeters and collection takers under the supervision of the Deacons. Communion Sundays the Junior Deacons will take on these rolls. Interested youth should see Kathy Garneau.

## **MEMORIAL HALL** (Formerly known as CDC)

The lease has been signed, King & King will be renting the upstairs in the building and as soon as some wiring, painting is finished the carpets will be installed and they will be moving in! First Church will maintain ownership of the basement and is currently using it as Tag Sale Storage!

## **Christmas Fair**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 8 AM until 3 PM



VENDORS  
 WREATHES  
 LUNCHEON  
 COOKIE WALK  
 POINSETTIAS  
 CHRISTMAS JARS  
 CHRISTMAS TREES  
 LETTERS TO SANTA  
 THEMED BASKET RAFFLE  
 CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS

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 FREE ADMISSION**

## *'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) 733-5200

## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9:15 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Nov 10	Steam Vent - Final Event of Season
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Nov 17	Church Clean Up Day
Monday - 4:45 pm	Yoga	Nov 18	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 22	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Dec 01	Christmas Fair 8 am-3pm
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Dec 01	Medieval Caroling
		Dec 2	Caroling at Valarie Manor 2 pm
		Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
		Dec 25	Christmas Day
	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	PM Board Deacons Cabinet Meeting Board of Christian Ed	Nov 04 – 11:30 am Nov 25 – 11:15 am Nov 27 – 7:00 pm Meets as needed	

LORD "...they rejoice...as people rejoice at the harvest..." Isa. 9:3 NIV

## ★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  
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)

## You Tube

First Church of Winsted has a YouTube Channel...!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2zenlICU73lhaxeefJlo1A>

Anthems and Sermons will be available on this channel.

For more information see Ashley Fontanez.

Website:

[www.firstchurchofwinsted.org](http://www.firstchurchofwinsted.org)

Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/joy2praise/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/joy2praise/posts/?ref=page_internal)



## Medieval Caroling

**December 1 & 2**

Whiting Mills, Winsted, CT

AND at our Church Fair

Approximately 1 ½ hours each day

Times to be determined

between 11 am and 5 pm

Come join in a good old fashioned

Medieval Caroling!

Period dress will be supplied!

Rehearsal 6:30 PM Thursday evenings,

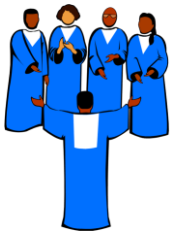
before Laurel City Singers or after

service on Sundays!

All ages welcome!!

Info: call Deb Storrs 860-482-3491

## Choir Rehearsals



### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

**Worship Choir** rehearsals @ 5:30 pm

Nov 6, 13, 20 & 27; sings on Nov 4 & 18,  
9:30 warm up

**Muddy Boots** sings on Nov 11, 9:30 warm up.

**Puddle Jumpers** Youth Choir rehearses Nov 4 &

11 at 11:15 and sings on Nov 25

9:30 warm up.

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICES RETURNING

On January 27, our Contemporary Blended Services will resume with planning sessions Dec 16 & 30 after worship. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please see Dan Jones.





# November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Artist: Karen Delton</b>  <i>November Birthday</i> <i>Kim Janak</i>	<b>November Birthstone: Topaz</b> 	<b>November Flower: Chrysanthemum</b> 	 <b>Bible Study</b> <i>every Sunday at 9:15 am</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:00 pm</i> <i>Laurel City Singers 6:30 pm</i>  <i>Chris Relihan</i> ♥ <i>Rob &amp; Martha Rein</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>FALL Clean-Up Day!</i> <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> <b>Turn Clocks Back!</b>
<b>4</b> <i>Worship Service 10:00 am</i> <i>Worship Choir 9:30 am</i> <i>Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am</i> <i>PM Board 11:15am</i>  <i>Steven Roys</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Yoga 4:45 pm</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Worship Choir 5:30 pm</i>  <b>Election Day VOTE!</b>	<b>7</b> <i>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</i>  <i>Lisa Nanni</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:00 pm</i> <i>Laurel City Singers 6:30 pm</i>  <i>Robert O'Connor</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>STEAM VENT</b> <i>Coffee House 6-10 PM</i>
<b>11</b> <i>Worship Service 10:00 am</i> <b>Pledge Sunday</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <i>Worship Choir 9:30 am</i> <i>Puddle Jumpers 11:15 am</i>  <i>Tia Mongitore</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Yoga 4:45 pm</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Worship Choir 5:30 pm</i>	<b>14</b> <i>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:00 pm</i> <i>Laurel City Singers 6:30 pm</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>FALL Clean-Up Day!</i>  <i>Aaron Schames</i>
<b>18</b> <i>Worship Service 10:00 am</i> <i>Worship Choir 9:30 am</i> <i>Hunter Bentley Baptism</i>  <b>All Church Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner</b> <i>Ayriana Marie Jarboe</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Yoga 4:45 pm</i>  <i>F Michael Artruc</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Worship Choir 5:30 pm</i>	<b>21</b> <i>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>No LCS</i>  <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <i>Gregory Martin</i>	<b>23</b>  ♥ <i>Noreen &amp; Peter Marchand</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Worship Service 10:00 am</i> <b>Celebration of Pledges</b> <i>Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am</i> <i>Deacons Meeting 11:30 am</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Yoga 4:45 pm</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Worship Choir 5:30 pm</i> <i>Cabinet 6:30 pm</i>  <i>Bob Miles</i> <i>Lisa Whipple</i>	<b>28</b> <u><b>Bellringer Deadline</b></u>	<b>29</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:00 pm</i> <i>Laurel City Singers 6:30 pm</i>  <i>Abigail Beaulieu</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Scorpio:</b> <i>Nov 23- Nov 21</i> <b>Sagittarius:</b> <i>Nov 22 – Dec 21</i>

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



Artist: Karen Delton

**Interim Pastor - Elder Kenric Austin Prescott, M.S.W., M.Div.**

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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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