

## Word From The Pastor

Last month, First Church was engaged in reaching members and friends to participate in the **Holy Cow** survey process. Thankfully, we received 44 or more responses to the Holy Cow surveys. On behalf of the Pulpit Committee, I thank all who completed a survey.

Today, I want to suggest a new thought as we wend our way to on our search for the next settled pastor. Welcome to "**Wholly Church!**" To appreciate **Wholly Church**, consider the verses printed below from Paul's letters to the Philippians and to the Ephesians.

**"My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God."** Philippians 4:1, 4-5 (The Message).

**"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."** Ephesians 4:15 (The Message).

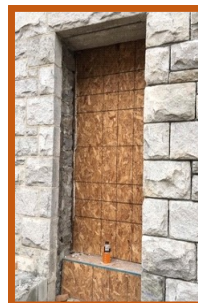
In the verses from Philippians, Paul writes to the congregation that he loved dearly. He loved them for several reasons, including their faithfulness to the gospel, their commitment to the church, the spread of the gospel, and their care for one another. I also confess my personal love for you as a congregation, for your faithful care for one another, your demonstrated love for one another, your dedication to worship, your commitment to service, and your determination to maintain the life and wellbeing of First Church. That describes a **Wholly Church**; a church that is all about being whole and complete in the things of Christ. It also describes the effort to be utterly, unconditionally committed to stay the course as a living organism determined to thrive.

If First Church is to achieve the goal of securing a settled pastor, and of fulfilling your goal of numeric growth, spiritual growth, meeting the financial needs of the church, and to lengthening your years as a congregation, then more of you need to be committed to being **Wholly Church**. We recognize that some of you have taken leave from the fellowship, we hope temporarily; but if it is permanent, we hope that you are being fed with the word and empowered to serve the Lord. If your absence is temporary, we miss you all, and hope that you'll return soon.

Beyond that, **Wholly Church** is also an invitation for all members and friends of First Church to look closely at ourselves, our families, fellow members, and friends and realize as Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:15 **"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."** In other words, Paul wants us to grow and mature in him.

Paul wants us to recognize that each individual in the church is part of the body, as such, in order to be **Wholly Church**, we need to join together and be held together, with the love of Christ serving as our binding agent. Pictured on this page is part of the new outer wall of the church. None of those stones are the same as the others. Each stone could represent individual members, the point being that now, they are joined to other stones and have become a wall. The stones are each different, regardless of their size, length of membership years, or spiritual gifts, but when we join together, each stone supports and strengthens the whole wall, and we can build ourselves up in love, as each part does its work. **You** are needed to help First Church rebuild and strengthen the rest of the congregation. You are needed to help us become **Wholly Church**.

*Pastor Kap*



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**Worship Services  
Begin at 10:00 am**

## Church News...



### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS!**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2nd!**



### **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.



***Psalms 92:1- "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High"***

### **Fall Clean Up Day**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Volunteers needed**

Opportunities will be available for inside clean-up. Lots of 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**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 AM – 3 PM**

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

#### **COOKIE WALK**

**Bakers needed:** Come on down and make two dozen of your favorite cookie recipes for the Cookie Walk Table! Proceeds will benefit the Fellowship Fund. Baking nights to be announced.

#### **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!



#### **Reverse**

#### **Thanksgiving Calendar**

- Nov 1 – box of cereal
- Nov 2 – peanut butter
- Nov 3 – stuffing mix
- Nov 4 – boxed potatoes
- Nov 5 – macaroni & cheese
- Nov 6 – canned fruit
- Nov 7 – canned tomatoes
- Nov 8 – canned tuna
- Nov 9 – dessert mix
- Nov 10 – jar of applesauce
- Nov 11 – can sweet potatoes
- Nov 12 – cranberry sauce
- Nov 13 – canned beans
- Nov 14 – box of crackers
- Nov 15 – package of rice
- Nov 16 – package of oatmeal
- Nov 17 – package of pasta
- Nov 18 – spaghetti sauce
- Nov 19 – chicken noodle soup
- Nov 20 – tomato soup
- Nov 21 – canned corn
- Nov 22 – can mixed vegetables
- Nov 23 – can carrots
- Nov 24 – can green beans

*Collect these items and bring in on Sunday, Nov 24 for delivery to the Food Bank. Collection Bins in the Narthex!*

*Drop off weekly if you wish? Do what you can if you can't do it all...!*

*Helping our Neighbors in Need!*





November 9th

**Featured Performers**

- 6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event
- 7:00 – Robert C Fullerton
- 7:30 – Silk-n-Steel
- 8:00 – Bill Benson
- 8:30 – Joel Blumert
- 9:00 – Breathless Charm



**Soup, Grilled Cheese & Salad Night**

In the Café \*\*\* 6-8 PM

*Assorted Home-made Soups and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches served with choice of salad, desserts & beverages . . . \$10.00*

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 Nordwest Corner while raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.

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**95 NORTH MAIN STREET**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

**All Church Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 27**

- Sunday School kids will participate in meal preparation. Must be at church at 8 AM. No Classes.

**Caroling Dec 8 at Valerie Manor**

- Leaving immediately following service to arrive by noon at Valerie Manor. Snacks will be provided.

**No classes on December 22 Christmas Pageant.**

- Ashley requests ideas for the pageant. Let her know if you have one!

No classes on the Sunday after Christmas, December 29th.

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**Poinsettia Order Form**



6" Pots (Single) Price \$10.00

Color	Quantity	Price
Marble	_____ @ \$10	\$ _____
Red	_____ @ \$10	\$ _____
White	_____ @ \$10	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

7" Pots (Double) Price \$15.00

Color	Quantity	Price
Red	_____ @ \$15	\$ _____
White	_____ @ \$15	\$ _____
Ice Punch	_____ @ \$15	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use one form per purchase (notice color choices in each size are different)!**

*Memorials may be left in sanctuary through Christmas Eve if you wish and will be included in the Christmas Services Bulletins.*



**Christmas  
Trees**

*will be  
available  
at the*

**Church  
Fair!**



## Pathways Capital Project Report:

- ❖ Sewer connection was completed outside because the it couldn't be connected to the interior plumbing. Project going very well.
- ❖ The shed has been removed, and the back wall will now be completed.
- ❖ The roof is being replaced now, not just the window over the bathroom area, but the entire roof.
- ❖ Write Way Sign will be making the windows to fill the window openings in the wall using pictures of some of our stained-glass. These windows will be filling in space where they didn't have enough stone. They will not be true windows and will not be seen from the inside. There will be sheet rock on the inside.
- ❖ Front Line Electric donated electric for the rest room.
- ❖ The ramp will be solid concrete with a black aluminum railing which will be added before the final concrete is poured.
- ❖ Paving will happen the following week.
- ❖ Front sidewalk will be done in December.



Above: New roof going on & ramp taking shape. Below: The shed is gone and initial stages of Handicap Restroom!







*Selection of Christmas and Holiday Favorites!*

**Sunday  
December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**

*Special Guests*

Eric Paradine, Ken Storrs & Andrew Thompson  
And The Jolly old Elf himself - Santa!

*Reception Immediately Following!*

**Tickets:**

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

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## ***Come let us Give Thanks!***

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 17th after the worship service.

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



## **Christmas Fair**

**December 7th  
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!

Gift wrapping will also be available!

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



## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Nov 09	Steam Vent - Final Event of Season
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 16 8 am - noon	Church Clean Up Day
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Nov 24	All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day
		Dec 07 8 am – 3 pm	Christmas Fair
		Dec 07 Whiting Mills	Medieval Caroling
		Dec 08 leaving after service	Caroling at Valerie Manor
		Dec 08 2 pm	Let it Snow – Christmas Concert
		Dec 15 2 pm	Steam Vent Christmas Party
		Dec 24 7 pm & 11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		Dec 25	Christmas Day
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		PM Board Deacons Cabinet Meeting Board of Christian Ed	
		Nov 03 – 11:30 am	
		Nov 24 – 11:15 am	
		Nov 26 – 7:00 pm	
		Meets as needed	

## ★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 - Lisa Whipple  
 29 - Abilgail Beaulieu

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### MEMORIALS

† Bob Miles



## Medieval Caroling December 7

Whiting Mills, Winsted, CT  
AND at our Church Fair

Approximately 1 ½ hours  
between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

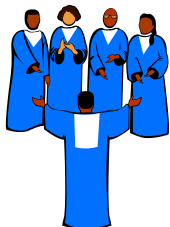
Come join in a good old fashioned  
Medieval Caroling!

Period dress will be supplied!

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

Call Deb Storrs for more info:  
 860-482-3491

## Choir Rehearsals



### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

**Worship Choir** rehearsals @ 5:30 pm  
 Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26; sings on Nov 10 & 24,  
 9:30 warm up

**Muddy Boots** sings on Nov 1, 9:00 warm up.

**Puddle Jumpers** Youth Choir rehearses after  
 worship services at 11:15 and sings on Nov 17  
 9:15 warm up.



# November 2019



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

**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.



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



Artist: Karen Delton

**Pastor - The Rev. Kenric Prescott**

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Puddle Jumpers - Deb Storrs

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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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