

## Pastor's Word

Greetings in the name of our Lord,

You may have heard that the leadership of your Church has been seeking opinions and ideas about the Church building. Over the years, the Property Maintenance Board has done an admirable making sure that the building enabled the Church to do its ministries: from a nursery school to the Boar's Head Festival to Sunday School to Laurel City Singers to allowing other non-profit organizations to meet in our facilities. In the last few years, we have replaced the furnaces, replaced the carpeting, restored the narthex, and dozens of other projects to maintain and repair the building.

As with any historical building, there will be a constant stream of necessary repairs and upkeep to the building. And as times change, the building must be adapted to those changes. We wish we had handicap access, the restrooms will need upgrading at some point, and as you may have noticed, the front steps and the concrete holding the stones of the tower are in need of repair.

We have decided that it is time to create a long-range plan for maintaining and upgrading our building. This will entail a lot of work, and at the last Cabinet meeting it was decided to divide the work into two phases. In phase one, the "information gathering team" (IGT) will obtain ideas from a number of sources on things that now need to be done or will need to be done in the future or which should be done to the building.

The most important source of that information is you, the members and friends of First Church. For that reason, we are asking you to complete the following short survey and return it to the Church. You can either place your response in the offering plate on any Sunday, or you can drop it off or mail it to the Church. You are also welcome to include your name or make your submission anonymous. While we are not going to be able to do everything everyone wants to do with the building, we want to hear your thoughts, ideas and dreams.

While that information is being collected, the IGT will also be obtaining input from church restoration companies and consultants on the things they think should be done to the Church building. Once all that information is obtained, it will be presented to the Cabinet. The Cabinet will then form a "Ministry Equipment Team" to prioritize the projects and ideas based on the ministry of the Church and also taking into consideration the financial realities that we face.

This is an exciting time in the life of our Church. The congregation is growing and our use of the building is increasing. To continue that growth and to ensure that we can effectively respond to God's call to do ministry, we need a long-range plan for building repairs and improvement.

Please take a few moments to complete the following survey and return it to the Church as soon as possible.

God Bless,

*Mike*



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**Check us out online!**  
[www.firstchurchofwinsted.org](http://www.firstchurchofwinsted.org)

### Building Needs Survey

If we didn't have to worry about costs or feasibility, I suggest we consider doing the following to the current Church building (for example, handicap access, protect stained glass windows, lower steps in the front of the building, etc.):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 10.

If you'd like us to contact you to discuss your ideas, please check: \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to serve on the Information Gathering Team or the Ministry Equipment Team, please check: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please take time to fill out our survey and return to church as soon as possible. You may put them in the collection plate during service or mail to:

First Church of Winsted IGT  
95 N Main St, Winsted, CT 06098



John Eggering at the Renaissance Faire, Hebron, CT



Victoria McAllister's Baptism



Pastor Mike's Birthday...2 cakes are better than one!



## Upcoming Events



**Youth Group Trip to Haunted Graveyard at Lake Compounce** Friday, **October 22nd**. Cost \$10 meet in the church parking lot at 4:30. Must sign up ahead by October 7th on sign-up sheet in the gathering room. Rated PG – Pretty Ghoulish!



Dave Godding at the Big-E with Natalie Roys



Oct 19th  
Not yet  
Confirmed!

**Destiny Africa is the Children's Choir of Kampala Children Centre**

**Kampala Children Centre (KCC)** rescues children from war-torn areas, streets and orphaned situations to offer them love, education, a family environment and nurturing them to become agents of transformation.

With the support and encouragement of Arnold Muwonge the Director and founder of Kampala Children Centre the choir started with the housemother and children of the first house at KCC! Now Destiny Africa has become a voice for millions of suffering children in Africa and the world over, a channel that brings healing, joy and hope to a desperate world. Through their music and art, they are influencing church leaders, leaders of nations, the corporate world and inspiring fellow children.

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

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BUNCO!!**  
Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
The First Church of Winsted  
Donation \$15.00 per person



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED, YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!

- SNACKS AND BEVERAGES SERVED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP
- PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE END OF THE GAME
- DESSERT AND COFFEE DURING PRIZE DRAWINGS
- TWO TO THREE ROUNDS OF PLAY
- PENNY AUCTION
- A GREAT NIGHT OUT!!!

*RESERVE A SPOT TODAY; BRING A FRIEND OR TWO TO JOIN IN THE FUN!!*

Call Glenell Morris, 860-480-0233 or email [glenellm@earthlink.net](mailto:glenellm@earthlink.net)  
Or sign up in the gathering room at the First Church of Winsted

*SEE YOU THERE!!  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

### STEAM VENT COFFEE HOUSE & CAFÉ

**Saturday, October 9th ~ 6-9 PM**

*Featured Performers:*

**6:30 – DARK HORSE**

**Guitars, Banjo, Mandolin**

**(need I say more?)**

**Brad DuBow, Lisa Clarke &**

**7:00 – RIVERTONES**

**Vocal Harmonies – 30's – 70's**

**Karl Galmeyer, Will Minton,**

**Cindy Rines & Debbie Storrs**

**8:00 – Open**

**8:30 – Open**

*Steam Vent Café will serve light supper, desserts and beverages for the evening from 6 until 8 PM.*

*Steam Vent Coffee Houses will run every 2nd Saturday through November. If you would like a chance to perform, please call Debbie at 860-605-4742 or email [info@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:info@firstchurchofwinsted.org)*

*Benefit: Mission Activities*

*Free Will Offering*

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>	<i>Board Meetings...etc.</i>	
<p><i>May your thoughts and memories flow Like a ribbon blowing in a breeze. May they wrap you in Hope, Faith And the Love of God</i></p> <p><i>~Author Unknown</i></p>	October 5 7:00 pm	Property Maintenance
	October 9 6:00 – 9:30 pm	Coffee House
	October 11	Columbus Day
	October 12 6:45 pm	Board of Chris Ed
	October 15	National Boss Day
	October 19 7:00 pm	Deacons
	<b>October 19</b>	<b>Destiny Africa Concert</b>
	October 22 4:30 pm	Trip to Haunted Graveyard
	<b>October 22 &amp; 23</b>	<b>Photo Sessions</b>
	October 26 7:00 pm	Cabinet
	October 31	Halloween

## Birthdays AND Anniversaries

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 - Jean Richards  
11 - Steven Roberts  
18 - Amy Bensle  
18 - Richard Mazzei  
21 - Warren Hughes  
22 - Rebecca Allen  
22 - Amanda McCaw  
26 - Griffin Roberts  
27 - Fred Storrs  
29 - Lynda Roberts  
31 - Natalie Roys

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 01 - Butch & Joan Eggering  
♥ 20 - Perry & Margaret Green



No need to fight...plenty of rolls still open in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Boar's Head Festival.

Sign-up starting Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Pick something, before King Richard the Last chooses for you!



**First Church Family Directory Photos with  
Life Touch Photography  
Each family will receive a  
Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory  
for participating.**

**Photo sessions at First Church October 22 & 23rd  
Photo's ready before Christmas!**



Artist: Karen Delton

# October 2010



Artist: Debbie Storrs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Cabinet Retreat</i>	2 <i>Cabinet Retreat</i>
3 Worship Service 10:00 am Judy Allbee Senior Choir 9:30 <i>Cabinet Retreat</i> <i>Boar's Head Sign-up</i>	4 Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:00	5 Property Maint 7:00	6 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	7 Laurel City Singers 7:00	8	9  Coffee House 6-9 PM <i>Riverton Fair</i>
10 Worship Service 10:00 am Cherub Choir 9:45 <i>Riverton Fair</i>	11 Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:00 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12 Cherub Choir 6:00 Chris Ed 6:45	13 AA/Alanon 7:30	14 Laurel City Singers 7:00	15 <i>Riverton Fair</i>	16 <i>TAG SALE</i> <i>National Boss Day</i>
17 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:30	18 Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:00	19 Cherub Choir 6:00 Deacons 7:00 <i>Destiny Africa Concert</i>	20 AA/Alanon 7:30	21 Laurel City Singers 7:00	22 <i>Church Directory Photo Sessions</i>	23 <i>Church Directory Photo Sessions</i>
24 Worship Service 10:00 am <i>Open Mic Sunday</i>	25 Senior Choir Rehearsal 6:00	26 Cherub Choir 6:00 <i>Cabinet</i> 7:00	27 AA/Alanon 7:30	28 Laurel City Singers 7:00	29	30
31 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:30 <i>HALLOWEEN BOO!</i>	Nov 1 Senior Choir Rehearsal 6:00	Nov 2 Cherub Choir 6:00	Nov 3 AA/Alanon 7:30	Nov 4 Laurel City Singers 7:00	Nov 5	Nov 6