

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

Greetings in the name of Christ!

As the leaves change color and the evenings get cooler with each passing day, I find our side yard and basement in a state of chaos. Our 1,000 gallon in-ground oil tank was taken out today. And if you know how much stock I put into a nice lawn, you can imagine how I feel about the heavy equipment tearing up the yard. But no matter how I feel about it, the tank was in the ground for 25 years, and it had to be removed. And while that was being done, it seemed best to also replace the 25 year old heating and air conditioning system.

What's happening at our home is not much different from the rest of lives. Although we get accustomed to what we have, nothing lasts forever. Sooner or later, things wear out and have to be replaced or changed. If they don't wear out, technology changes and what we have is no longer compatible and become obsolete. Or like the seasons, Summer gives way to Fall, which then leads to Winter. But the good news is that God is with us no matter what the season we are in and no matter what is going on in our lives.

We sometimes overlook God's presence, as it usually takes the form of other people who help us through things. As you know, my timing is always off. Without thinking about the need to remove the tank, I had it filled in the Spring. Fine, it was because I had a fixed price contract, and I wanted every gallon I could get at the lower price... So when we began preparing to remove the tank, I found that I had nearly 800 gallons in it. I looked for companies who would take the oil, thinking that I would be generous and not make them pay me anything for the "black gold." Instead, what I learned was that I had to PAY them to take the oil. Just another dumb move on my part.

But God's grace was manifested through someone who could use the oil and had the proper equipment to remove it from the tank. We both were blessed. I didn't have to pay a huge sum of money to have the oil removed, and the other person had a use for it.

So there is no need to fear the inevitable changes that will take place in our lives. God will always be there with us, and more often than not through the many people who share life with us.

Blessings,

Mike



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

Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Church News...



CDC News

Melissa Lillie, Director

We have had a wonderful start to our 2013-2014 school year! We have spent the past few weeks getting familiar with our new friends and teachers. Everyone has adjusted so nicely. The year started with an "All About Me" theme and the children were able to share their similarities as well as their differences. They also created beautiful self-portraits. We had a lot of fun! The MWF class also took a field trip across the street to The Center for Dance Arts II. The class participated in a preschool movement/dance class- fun was had by all!

We just started our Fall 2013 fundraiser. We have chosen Genevieve's because of the variety of products offered. If you would like to purchase items or just take a look please feel free to stop by the school for a brochure. Or you may search the website www.genevieves.com.

You may also purchase directly from the website using our School Account # 4718.

A very special thanks to the Board of Christian Education and The Liaison committee for all your help getting me prepared for the school year- it was very much appreciated! Also, thanks to all the people who volunteered their time getting our building ready, it looks great!

Check us out on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Childrens-Discovery-Center/112035955474363>



BACK to the 20's DINNER

October 12 at 5 PM

*Hors d'oeuvres / Seasonal Green Salad
Roast Tenderloin of Beef / Baked Potatoes
And Dessert*

Limited Seating - \$15.00

First Church of Winsted 95 North Main St.
To Benefit Youth Ministries

So tell me...Was there life before facebook, text messages, twitter and the Internet?

Step back for a moment to the time when jazz was the most popular music being played, radio just became the mass broadcasting media, and "talkies" were created (in case you didn't know, "talkies" were the first motion pictures with sound!). America thought that it reached the highest standard of living in the world because indoor plumbing was finally commonplace throughout our nation, and telephone lines were strung across the continent.

Join us at the BACK TO THE '20's DINNER on Saturday, October 12th at 5:00pm.

Enjoy a Gatsby like meal consisting of delectable Hors d'oeuvres, seasonal greens salad, roast tenderloin of beef with baked potatoes and accoutrements, and a dessert that will make your cardiologist smirk. Each course of the meal will be prepared by a different "chef" from our congregation who will be serving you while wearing 1920's era clothing.

After the meal, you are invited to listen to talented artists perform at the Steam Vent Coffeehouse.

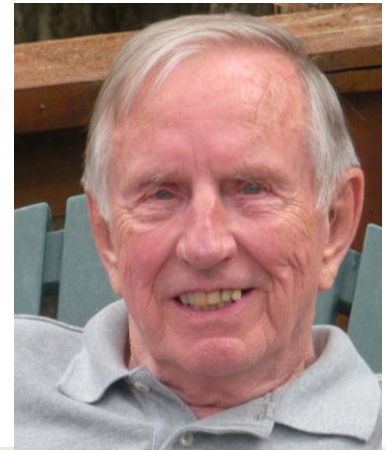
Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$15 each. We assure you that you'll never get a meal like this nor be served by a similar group of waiters/waitresses nor be able to listen to such talented musicians at this price. Gratuities are welcome. All the proceeds will be used for the children and youth ministries of our Church.

To purchase tickets please call Lisa 860-738-3656.

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Church-of-Winsted/189629511047827>

The Kickball Game...2013!



George Oliver Stickles (1931 - 2013)

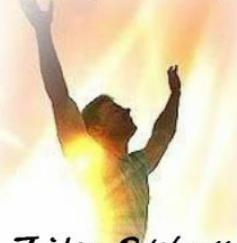
WINSTED >> George Oliver Stickles, 82, of Winsted, beloved husband of the late Gayeth Ellen (Spencer) Stickles, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 surrounded by his family. Born in Canton on Aug. 27, 1931, son of the late Clyde Rueben and Florence May (Colton) Stickles, he was raised in Canton and graduated from Canton High School with the Class of 1948. After high school, George was in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War until his honorable discharge as a corporal in 1954. After his time in the service, George returned to Connecticut and settled in Granby where he lived for over fifty years, before moving to Winsted seven years ago. George worked in the grocery business for many years at Finest in Simsbury and later at Stop & Shop Warehouse. While his son was growing up, George served as a Boy Scout leader in Granby for many years. He was an active member of the South Congregational Church in Granby and in recent years had been attending the First Church of Winsted.

He leaves two daughters, Cindy Sullivan and her husband Frank of Keene, New Hampshire and Christine Steele and her husband Robert of Winsted; a daughter-in-law, Jane Stickles of Hampstead, New Hampshire; three sisters, Gertrude Cifaldi of Port Charlotte, Florida, Betty Hart of Granby, and Judy McKay of New Hartford; six grandchildren, Kathy Rue, Michael Rue, Kyle Fox and his wife Joanabeth, Ashley Fox, Amethyst Steele, and Rebecca Stickles; a great granddaughter, Addyson Briggs; two brothers-in-law, James Spencer and his wife Ann of South Glastonbury and Gilbert Spencer of Glastonbury; his dear friend, Robert Froleiks; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey G. Stickles; and a brother, Edward Stickles.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 5 p.m., at the First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main St., Winsted. Burial will be private in Granby Cemetery, Granby. George's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Jeffrey G. Stickles Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Windsor Federal Savings, 250 Broad St., Windsor, CT 06095 or to Foothills VNA Hospice, 32 Union St., Winsted, CT 06098. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, Granby, has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



*A Night Of Prayer
Worship & Healing*



Friday, October 11

CHRIST CHURCH 16 Townline Rd. Wolcott, CT Doors open at 6:30pm.

Bring friends and family.
Worship led by the Spirit Song
regional worship team.

We're expecting miracles . . . and a great move of God!
Open microphone provided for sharing. Everyone is encouraged to use their gifts (prophetic word, revelation, testimony). Contact Peter O'Neill for more information (203) 525-6913. Visit us online @ the websites:

www.christchurch.cc or www.spiritsongministries.org.

Find Christ Church and Spirit Song Ministries on the Facebook social media network www.facebook.com/spiritsongworship
www.facebook.com/christchurchoutreach

First Church of Winsted Financial Information as of 9/30/13:

Income	
Contributions	\$10,227
Rental Income	\$15
Misc. Income	
Steam Vent Coffee House	\$332
Total Income	\$10,574
Expense	
Worship Ministry	
Adult Ministry	\$47
Children and Youth Ministry	
Communicating with Ourselves and Others	\$205
Providing a Place for God's Work	\$3,979
Supporting God's Ministry - Salaries	\$5,548
Supporting God's Work Nationally	
Supporting God's Work in Missions	\$5,600
Supporting God's Work Locally	
Total Expense	\$15,379
Overage/(shortage)	(\$4,805)
(Further information can be obtained from the church Treasurer, Debby Kane)	



Property Maintenance News...

Fall Clean Up Day has been scheduled for November 2. 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, 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!



Sierra Elizabeth McCaw - born 9-30-13, 4:49pm, 7lbs 10oz, 20 inches. Everyone is healthy! Congratulations Natalie & Chaz!





Baptism of SaraLee Isabella Relihan



Adventures in Applesauce making at Children's Discovery Center!

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Wednesday – 6:00 pm	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	Oct 5	Church Fall Tag-sale
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Oct 12	Back to the 20's Dinner
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Oct 12	Steam Vent
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 2	Church Clean Up Day
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Nov 9	Steam Vent – Final Event of Season
Thursday - 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Dec 7	Christmas Fair
		Jan 4 & 5	Boar's Head Festival
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
PM Board		Oct 6	
Board of Christian Ed		Oct 8	
Deacons		Oct 15	
Stewardship Meeting			
Cabinet Meeting		Oct 22	
CDC Liason Meeting			
Cabinet Security Meeting			
			

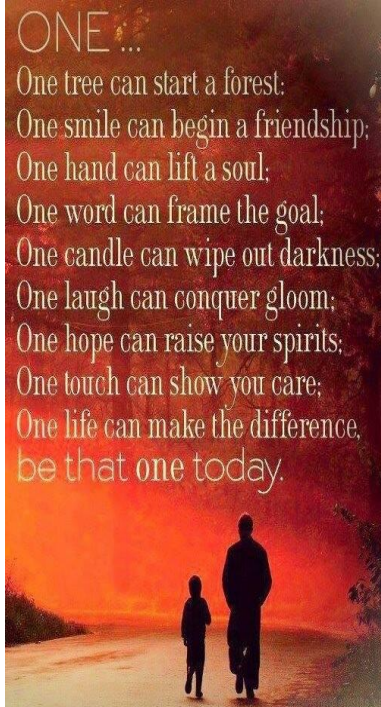
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

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

♥ 01 - Butch & Joan Eggering
 ♥ 20 - Perry & Margaret Green
 ♥ 26 - Brett & Susan McAllister

To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at dstorrs@snet.net



Hanna Bartlett & Devin McCaw wedding
 Sept 21st. Congratulations to the happy couple!



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

STEAM VENT Performers OCT 12th

Performers

6:00 - Open Mic
 6:30 - Bill Benson
 7:00 - Eric Paradine
 7:30 - Michael Orlen
 8:00 - Water2Wine
 8:30 - Lisa Martin
 9:00 - Chronic Rhythm
 9:30 - Open Mic

Free Will Offering to Benefit Missions

STEAM VENT CAFÉ

Soup & Salad Night

MENU:

Beef Stew or Corn Chowder
 With Sops & Salad \$7.00
 Child Portion \$3.50
 Deserts \$1 - \$2
 Beverages \$1.00



October 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	Oct Birthstone: Sapphire 	Oct Flower: Aster 	Astrological Signs Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 22			
		1 Worship Choir 5:30	2 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	3 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:20 am	7	8 Worship Choir 5:30 Christian Ed 7:00 pm	9 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	10 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	11	12 20'S DINNER At 5 PM  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM
13 Worship Service 10:00 am Rock Star 9:15 am Worship Choir 9:20 am	14	15 Worship Choir 5:30 Deacons 7:00 pm	16 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	17 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	18	19
20 Worship Service 10:00 am Rock Star 9:15 am Open Mic Sunday	21	22 Worship Choir 5:30 Cabinet 7:00 pm	23 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	24 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	25	26
27 Worship Service 10:00 am NO Rock Starz Worship Choir 9:20 am	28	29 Worship Choir 5:30	30 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	31 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm		

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Artist: Karen Delton

Pastor - Rev. Michael Wu

Moderator - Dan Jones

Vice-Moderator – Richard Mazzei

Clerk - Debbie Storrs

Board of Deacons - Co-chairs

Laura McCaw & Lisa Nanni

Treasurer – Debby Kane

Christian Education Chair - Allison Graboski

Sunday School Director - Barbara Mazzei

Organist/Worship Choir Director - Tricia Wu

Cherub Choir Director - Debbie Storrs

FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



95 North Main Street, Winsted, CT



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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The CT Conference of the UCC

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Still Speaking Site www.stillspeaking.com

UCC Web-Site www.ucc.org or ctuucc.org

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