

Word from the Pastor

I begin this month's note with some material I found online looking back at the history of the Reformation. I will conclude with my own reflection looking ahead and how God is calling us forward.

Looking Back



This year marks 500 years since Martin Luther, published his 95 theses or complaints against the Catholic Church and launched the Protestant **Reformation**, a religious revolution whose consequences we still live with today.

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth of the Gospel. This is still true for today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ.

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther published 95 criticisms of the Catholic Church practice of selling Indulgences. An **indulgence** was a payment to the Catholic Church that purchased an exemption from punishment. It was penance for some types of sins. Although he intended to reform Catholicism, not break it apart, he accomplished both. On the 500th anniversary of his act of conscientious defiance, it is important to review how that moment changed the world religiously, economically, politically, socially, and intellectually. The upheaval stretched into every fabric of society, exceeding anything Martin Luther could anticipate.

Although the Reformation of Christianity began a half-millennium ago, it has not completed its destiny. When it began the movement was caused by the abuses of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Reformers shared a common experience that included a conviction that Catholicism was different from New Testament Christianity and failed to either practice or preach Christ's Gospel.

Called Forward

This year as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I find myself looking around at the contemporary church through the lens of the Reformation. I have been surprised to find it encouraging, convicting, informing, and inspiring me.

As the writer of the first part of this note reminds us, Martin Luther wasn't looking to make something new but to reform something old. He loved the church, and just wanted to reform it. He loved doctrine (especially justification by faith alone) and wanted it recovered. I have to admit that as



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Worship Services
Begin at 10:00 AM

Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Church News...

Pastor's Message Continued:

I look around at the church today, there seems to be less of this attitude. The present trend seems to be: old is bad while new is generally good. You have heard me talk about holding up a vision for what God wants First Church to be. For over a year now we have been meeting and talking about what types of new things our church can do to be relevant. There is an itch in our church, and in the wider church, to make or do something new. The Reformers were looking back to something old instead of something new, even amid the ashes and doctrinal perversion of 16th-century Roman Catholicism. It's a good word to us.

We are a church family built on the traditions and history of the past. It is a rich history and much to be savored and celebrated. We are also a part of a dynamic Biblical tradition that calls us to look to our world and see where God is still speaking and calling us to action.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we turn to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Jesus Christ and His love.

It's *still* all about Jesus.



☒ **Leadership Retreat....**

☒ **Reaching People Workshop....**

The Next Step?

Forming The Vitality Team!!

And that is just what we have done!

The team will meet each month on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Our next meeting is: October 18th downstairs in Christian Ed Wing

Autumn Blessings

*Autumn brings to the soul relief, as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts to restore, repair and mend.*

-Deborah Ann

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Angels Among Us
#DONOTBEAFRAID

Plans are underway for the Advent season at First Church.



Would you be willing to share a nativity set with us? We would like to place them on our sanctuary window sills so that we can be surrounded by the visual image of this wonderful story.

Whether it is for one week or more, if you are willing to bring your nativity set to church, please see one of the deacons on Sunday to sign up!

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

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

Introducing...Mr & Mrs Sean Storrs and family!



Love was in the air...and the two became six! The sand painting had seven contributors...one was the beach! For more pics:

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10212623369173021&set=t.1648662540&type=3&theater>



We truly appreciate your attendance at our first High Tea event!

It was a fun afternoon and we are so glad you joined us.

Thank you for making our fundraiser a wonderful success!

~ Blessings ~

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education and First Church





OCTOBER 7th
from 8 AM until 3 PM

Volunteers are needed to sort on drop off days and during the day of the Tag Sale. Please or see Lisa Nanni or Laura McCaw. We would really appreciate if you could donate an hour or two of your time.

Many hands make light work! ☺

DROP OFF TIMES: Thurs & Fri
10/5-10/6
from 5 - 8pm

In the Church Dining Room!

STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted



Silk-n-Steel Photo: Deb Storms

STEAM VENT Café

Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts

and Beverages from 6-8 PM

SEPT 9th – Pizza Night

OCT 14th – Mexican Night

NOV 11th – Fall Soup & Salad Night

Menu Subject to Change



Photo: Shaw Israel (2/20/08)

Sign up for Open Mic slots
Night of the Event!



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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FALL SEASON PERFORMERS

SEPTEMBER 9TH

Open Mic 6-7

7:00 – MRX

7:30 – Eric Paradine

8:00 – Joel Blumert

8:30 – Stephen Prout

9:00 – Silk-n-Steel

9:30 – Blue Yonder

OCTOBER 14TH

Open Mic 6-6:30

6:30 – Eric Paradine

7:00 – Adelaide Punkin Datzuk

7:30 – Juan DeGuzman

8:00 – Dave Kenna

8:30 – Melanie Michaud

9:00 – Corey Michael Rieman

9:30 – Danielle Emberly

NOVEMBER 11TH

Open Mic 6-7

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 2nd 8:00am - 3:00pm



Vendors

Wreathes

Luncheon

Poinsettias

Christmas Trees

Themed Basket Raffle

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Boar's Head Festival Tickets

First Church

Of Winsted


Never too early to plan your booth for the fair!

See Lisa or Laura

Hold this date!



Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am	Bible Study in the Parlor	Oct 01	World Wide Communion
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Oct 07	Church Fall Tag-sale 8AM - 3 PM
Monday - 5:00 pm	Bible Study at Pastor Lisa's	Oct 14	Steam Vent
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Nov 11	Steam Vent – Final Event of Season
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Nov 19	Church Thanksgiving
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Nov 19	Laurel City Singers Concert
		Dec 03	Christmas Fair
		Jan 06 & 07	Boar's Head Festival
	<i>Board Meetings</i>		
	PM Board Board of Christian Ed Deacons Vitality Team Cabinet Meeting	Oct 1 after service Oct 10 at 6:45 pm Oct at 15 11:30 pm Oct 18 at 7:00 pm Oct 24 at 7:00 pm	

★HAPPY BIRTHDAY!★

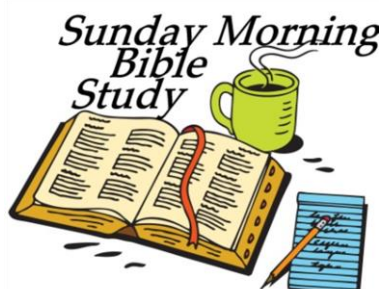
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 01 - Butch & Joan Eggering
♥ 01 - Mike & Dawn Cry
♥ 20 - Perry & Margaret Green
♥ 21 - Devin & Hannah McCaw
♥ 26 - Brett & Susan McAllister

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



**Join us this fall as we delve into
the Lectionary Scriptures!
We meet in the parlor at 9 a.m.**



Boar's Head Festival

2018

It's coming...
January 6 & 7



Let the Whole World Sing



The Crossroads Ecumenical Choir sponsored by First Congregational Church of Torrington, under the direction of Ken Beyer, will present the cantata, "Let the Whole World Sing" by Joel Raney and excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 17th at 3PM.

Interested singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the performance. Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 8th from 2:00PM to 3:30PM in the church sanctuary at 835 Riverside Avenue.

If interested contact:
Ken or Betsy Beyer
860-496-1289
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Meeting the 4th Saturday each month from 10 AM until Noon. Call Barb Mazzei for info: 860-379-2900



October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Worldwide Communion Day PM Board 11:30 Jean Richards ♥ Joan & Butch Eggering ♥ Mike & Dawn Cyr	2	3 Worship Choir 5:30	4 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	5 Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm Tag Sale Drop off 5-8 PM in Dining Room Full Moon	6 Tag Sale Drop off 5-8 PM in Dining Room	7  8 AM - 3 PM
8 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots	9 Columbus Day	10 Worship Choir 5:30 BOCE 6:45 PM	11 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Steven Roberts	12 Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm	13 Riverton Fair	14  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Riverton Fair
15 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Diaconate 11:30	16 National Bosses Day Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM At Pastor Lisa's	17 Worship Choir 5:30	18 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Vitality Team 7:00 PM Amy Bensle Richard Mazzei	19 Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm Michael Marsh	20 ♥ Perry & Margaret Green	21 ♥ Devin & Hannah McCaw
22 Worship Service 10:00 am Puddle Jumpers Rebecca Allen Amanda McCaw	23 Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM At Pastor Lisa's	24 United Nations Day Worship Choir 5:30 Cabinet 7:00 PM	25 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	26 Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm Bellringer Deadline Griffin Roberts ♥ Brett & Susan McAllister	27 Fred Storrs	28 Prayer Shall Ministry 10-Noon Trunk or Treat Rowley Park 4-5:30 PM
29 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Poinsettia Orders Due! Laura & Lisa Lynda Roberts	30 Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM At Pastor Lisa's	31  Natalie Roys	 Artist: Karen Delton	Oct Birthstone: Sapphire 	Oct Flower: Aster 	Astrological Signs Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 22 Scorpio: Oct 23 – Nov 21

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



Artist: Karen Delton

The Reverend Lisabeth Gustafson

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Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month
Sunday School - Nursery Care - During Worship
Coffee Hour - Following Worship

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