

## Word From The Pastor, October 2019



I write to encourage all members and friends of First Church to complete the Congregational Assessment Tool (whether online or on paper). So far, we have received less than 25 surveys. Without these surveys, our work will be impeded. Surveys and the results are produced by a nationally reputable firm.

Some have wondered about the use of the term, "Holy Cow!" Holy Cow! Consulting Services describes their work this way, *"For over 25 years, we have been helping organizations determine where they are in order to help them get to where they need to be."*<sup>1</sup> "Holy Cow! Consulting," explains their name this way:

"We admit our name "Holy Cow! Consulting" is a bit different. Originally coined by baseball players in the early 1900s...The phrase means "Wow!" implying that there has just been an amazing event or that "Eureka!" moment – which we hope is the experience our clients have when they work with our tools."<sup>2</sup>

The Pulpit Committee desperately seeks your cooperation in completing the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), to help learn the needs, hopes, and concerns of our church. The CAT can be accessed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/firstchurchwinsted>, printed copies of the CAT survey can also be received at church. Envelopes with individual copies of the CAT are in the Gathering Room, beside a sealed box where all completed surveys may be confidentially returned, all surveys will be handled with strictest privacy & confidentiality. We have entered into a covenant relationship with Holy Cow, and are assured that all surveys submitted in sealed envelopes will be processed solely by the staff of Holy Cow! Consulting. When all surveys are processed and evaluated, First Church will receive coded responses, that a trained Holy Cow consultant will guide us interpreting and taking next steps.

If we don't understand ALL needs, hopes, and concerns, we will be challenged in our work to seek the next "settled Pastor" of First Church, who will guide the future steps of our congregation. Your observations and comments will help the Pulpit Committee to identify the next pastor, and together, we can all able to shout, *"Holy Cow!"*

As your Interim Pastor, I personally look forward to joining you in shouting:



First Church, we need your full participation to help select our next pastor; then, we will not only say, *"Holy Cow!"*, but our neighbors will peak their ears to understand the loud shouting exiting each of our open windows and doors as they hear us shouting other phrases like:

*"Praise The Lord!", "Hallelujah!", "To God Be The Glory!", "Amen!", "Thank You, Lord!", and "Praise God!"* and, finally, *"Holy Cow! We have a new Pastor!"*

Let's get those Congregational Assessment survey Tools completed,

### Pastor Kap

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*Worship Services  
Begin at 10:00 AM*

<sup>1</sup> <https://holycowconsulting.com>

<sup>2</sup> <https://holycowconsulting.com/whats-in-our-name/>

# Church News...

## PUMPKIN FEST!

Sunday, October 27

At the First Church of Winsted

Noon – 2 p.m.

Public Welcome!



### Menu for the day:

ALL ABOUT  
PUMPKIN!!!

#### \*Pumpkin Cookies

(Vote for your fave)!

#### \*Pumpkin pie

#### \*Pumpkin coffee!

### FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG AT HEART!

#### FREE crafts and games:

- Pumpkin decorating -
- Pumpkin coloring
- Pin the face on the pumpkin
- Pumpkin pie eating contest
- ....and lots more!

*Children are encouraged to wear  
Halloween Costumes!*



### Christmas Families

First Church will once again be helping area families in need this Christmas Season! We will have a weekly donation bin with suggested donations for that week. Christmas Blessings are best shared!

## Reverse Thanksgiving Calendar



- Collect items on list weekly as you shop
- Add them to a box to be donated to the food bank before Thanksgiving!

*Helping our neighbors in need!!*

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

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

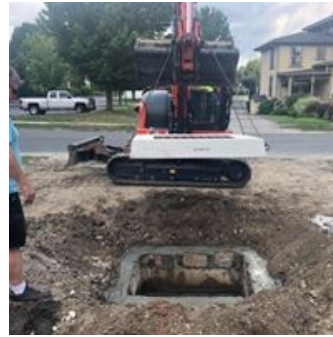


# Pathways Capital Project!

## Handicap Ramp Starting to take Shape!



*Stones from the original façade and from the old chimney being used to surface new part of structure...such a blessing!  
Many thanks to the Geddes construction family!!*



*New sidewalks, new drainage in the parking lot. All sidewalks will be replaced and parking lot repaved and relined with a couple of handicap parking spaces.*



*Handicapped restroom access beginning stages.*

*Many Pathways to access our Sanctuary and Gathering room...years in the making - Faith!*





DOING THE MOST GOOD

716 Main Street  
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*Holiday Sign-up  
Thanksgiving & Christmas Food  
Baskets  
Children's Toys*

**October 15<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**During Food Pantry Hours ONLY**

Documentation needed (if not already on record):

- Photo ID or parent/guardian
- Proof of Residency for all Adults
- Proof of Children (Social Security Cards or Birth Certificates)

**Holiday Toys for children requirements:**

- Children ages birth - 14 yrs.
- Children must be living in the home of and in the care of the person signing up for the gifts. If other than parent, guardian must bring proof of guardianship.

**Distribution Notice:**

- On Sign-up day, you will be given appointments; date and time.
- This will be your one opportunity to pick up for each holiday food basket and children's toys.
- The person who signed up for the holiday assistance must be present at this appointment and will be required to show photo identification in order to receive the holiday food baskets and/or toys for the children.

**Distribution – Thanksgiving food: November 25 & 26**

**Distribution – Christmas food: December 20 & 23**

***The food pantry will be closed during the days of distribution and on the holidays. Please see the calendar for further information. Please plan accordingly.***

Please be sure to keep your appointment. We want EVERYONE to receive their food baskets and have a happy, blessed holiday season!

**PANTRY HOURS**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>2:00 pm to 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>2:00 pm to 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>10:00 am to Noon</b>

Patrons may access the food pantry two times per month:  
Once before the 15<sup>th</sup> and once after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



*Of course there was food (above) Backpacks and contents (below)*



***Backpacks  
for the  
Bahamas!***

*On very short notice Karl Janak, with the help of his mom and Carmen Barry, was able to rally the troops and stuff backpack with essentials for kid victims of the Bahama Hurricane! Kids ROCK!!*

*The movement was started by Cade Frye, 11 of Jupiter Florida and there was such a huge response! Some backpacks were donated to Border children!*

# tag sale

**OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 8 AM until 4 PM**  
*Rain or Shine!*

Volunteers are needed to sort on drop off days and during the day of the Tag Sale. Please see any deacon. 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***  
***10/10-10/11***  
***from 5 - 8pm***

***In the Church Dining Room!***



**October 19th**

## **Featured Performers**

6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event  
7:00 – Juan DeGuzman  
7:30 – Melanie Michaud  
8:00 – Eric Paradine  
8:30 – Blue Yonder  
9:00 – Carl D & Co.



## **Mexican Night!**

In the Café \*\*\* 6-8 PM

*Choice of Flour or Corn Tortilla with choice of fillings and fixings served with Spanish Rice, salad and nachos (Vegetarian Options)*  
*Full meal with choice of beverages and desserts . . . \$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 Northwest Corner while raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.*

**FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED**

**95 NORTH MAIN STREET**

## **Rally Day...**



***Honoring Miss Barbara for her years of service!***

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**December 7th**  
**8:00am - 3:00pm**





**Vendors**  
**Wreathes**  
**Luncheon**  
**Poinsettias**  
**Christmas Trees**  
**Themed Basket Raffle**  
**Christmas Arts & Crafts**  
**First Church**  
**Of Winsted**

***Never too early to plan  
your booth for the fair!***

***Hold this date!***



## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Oct 06	Worldwide Communion
Tuesday - 5:30 pm	Rehearsal ~ Worship Choir	Oct 12	Church Fall Tag-sale 8AM - 3 PM
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Oct 19	Steam Vent Coffee House
Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Oct 27	Pumpkin Fest
		Nov 9	Steam Vent Coffee House
		Nov 24	Church Thanksgiving Potluck
		Dec 07	Christmas Fair
		Dec 08	Laurel City Singers Concert
		Dec 15	Christmas Steam Vent 2PM
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		PM Board Board of Christian Ed Deacons Cabinet Meeting	
		Oct 6 after service Meeting with Deacons	
		Oct 20 at 11:30 am	
		Oct 22 at 7:00 pm	

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 - Jean Richards  
05 - Charlie McCaw  
11 - Steven Roberts  
13 - Isabelle Rein  
18 - Amy Bensle  
18 - Richard Mazzei  
21 - Warren Hughes (memorial)  
22 - Rebecca Allen  
22 - Amanda McCaw  
23 - Wayne Soldan  
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  
♥ 28 - Leanne & Matthew Marvin

To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at [dstorrs@snet.net](mailto:dstorrs@snet.net)

*"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are."*

-Carl Jung

### Blue and Gold cards are here!

Support the Gilbert School Marching Band and Chorus! \$5 from each \$10 card goes back to the kids for trips, events etc. If you'd like to purchase a card, you can contact Holly Cassaday [hollycassaday216@gmail.com](mailto:hollycassaday216@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting our town and local businesses, and our great kids.

**Discounts can be used over and over.**



'Welcome Back' Sundays!

**First Church**  
— A —  
**PLACE**  
TO  
**Belong**

**October 13th**  
**November 17th**  
**December 15th**

**Start with one Sunday a month if you've been away...**

**Welcome back to Church!!**

**OR**

**Welcome a new friend or family member to join you at worship!**

**New pathways to our Doors**  
**Open to all...find a home here!**  
**It's a great Place to Belong!**



# October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Astrological Signs</b>  <b>Libra:</b> <b>Sept 23 – Oct 22</b>  <b>Scorpio:</b> <b>Oct 23 –</b>	 Artist: Karen Delton	<b>1</b> <b>Worship Choir</b> 5:30  Jean Richards ♥ Joan & Butch Eggering ♥ Mike & Dawn Cyr	<b>2</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>   Charlie McCaw
<b>6</b> Worship Service 10:00 am  Worship Choir 9:30 am  <b>Worldwide Communion Day</b> No Sunday School  PM Board 11:30	<b>7</b>  <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Worship Choir</b> 5:30	<b>9</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm  Tag Sale Drop off 5-8 PM in Dining Room	<b>11</b> Tag Sale Drop off 5-8 PM in Dining Room  <b>Riverton Fair</b>  Steven Roberts	<b>12</b>  8 AM - 3 PM  Riverton Fair
<b>13</b> Worship Service 10:00 am  Muddy Boots 9:30 am  Isabelle Rein	<b>14</b>  <b>National Bosses Day</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Worship Choir</b> 5:30	<b>16</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>17</b> Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm	<b>18</b>   Amy Bensle Richard Mazzei	<b>19</b>  <b>STEAM VENT Coffee House</b> 6-10 PM
<b>20</b> Worship Service 10:00 am  Worship Choir 9:30 am  Deacons 11:30  ♥ Perry & Margaret Green	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>United Nations Day</b>  Worship Choir 5:30  Cabinet 7:00 PM  Rebecca Allen Amanda McCaw	<b>23</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  Wayne Soldan	<b>24</b> Laurel City Singers 6:00 pm	<b>25</b>   <b>Bellringer Deadline</b>	<b>26</b>   Griffin Roberts
<b>27</b> Worship Service 10:00 am  Puddle Jumpers   Noon – 2 pm  Fred Storrs	<b>28</b> Worship Service 10:00 am  Puddle Jumpers  ♥ Leanne & Matthew Marvin	<b>29</b>   Lynda Roberts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   Natalie Roys	<b>Oct Birthstone: Opal</b> 	<b>Oct Flower: Marigold</b> 

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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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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