

## Word from the Pastor

Greeting to you all,

Life is complicated. Or at least I think the simplest things in my life require complex analysis.

With each passing morning, it is darker and darker when my alarm goes off. My brain makes a note that autumn is here and that I need to wear a light jacket outside. Yet as I am getting into the car, my brain hesitates (more than the usual) and tells me that I will be too warm in the car unless I open the windows or take off the jacket. So now my poor little brain has to decide whether I'd rather listen to the radio or enjoy the nice fresh air. A memory scan points out that last fall and winter the radio in that car would not work when the temperature dropped below 45 degrees. So my brain decides I better to listen to the radio while I know it will work as opposed to trusting BMW to have truly fixed the computer glitch in the radio's microchip. As I shed my coat I wonder if I should drive the Chevy to work. It doesn't look as classy, but the radio plays whenever I push the button. It's no wonder that I have to get a cup of coffee as soon as I arrive to the office. My brain is already tired and needs a boost to be able to do anything productive.

Nothing is simple! And because of that, we often take comfort in patterns. Whenever I am home, breakfast is always 3/4 of a cup of oatmeal with a half cup of water heated in the microwave for 55 seconds. If the microwave is ever replaced and it takes 60 seconds to cook the oatmeal, I'll probably need to be institutionalized. With all the variables and complications of life, I need something that doesn't change, like the morning bowl of oatmeal that has been cooked the same way for years.

As we navigate life's ups and downs, we should make a mental note and remember that one of the tenants of our Christian faith is that the world will change by the moment but God's love is something that does not change. It is always there. We are always forgiven whether we keep making the same mistake or new mistakes. And God will be there with us and help us find a way to navigate through all the change and turmoil.

During this time when the weather is changing almost daily, I also hope you'll realize that in addition to God, there is another constant in life. Sunday mornings, when we gather to worship and share fellowship. Yes, it happens every 7 days no matter what!!! It's something God has given to us to help us through the good and the bad. It's a pattern that will give us comfort and stability. Hope to see you soon.

Blessings,

*Mike*



**OCTOBER 2011**

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# Church News...

## ♫ Cherub Choir Youth Choir

Cherub Choir rehearses **from 6-6:30 PM on Wednesday** evenings...note our new night! We look forward to a harmonious year singing God's praises!

There has been some interest in a Youth Choir, but the problem has been finding a rehearsal time. As a result, we will see if Sunday, either before or after worship service might work.

If you are interested in either choir, please call Debbie Storrs 860-482-3491.

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**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
7 AM - 3 PM  
CAR WASH - BAKE SALE  
GRACE GRILL  
SEE BELOW** ↓

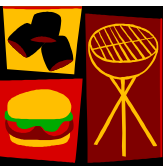
Drop off items in the Gathering Room Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Nite!  
**Volunteers Needed at 5:30 AM** to set things up outside on the day of the sale...come one down...we'll have the coffee on and maybe some donuts!  
Left over items-to be donated to the Salvation Army!

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**Youth Car Wash  
9:00 - 1:00  
Church Parking Lot**

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**Youth "Grace Grille"  
Hot Dog, Hamburg Sales  
At the Tag Sale  
With "master chef"  
Pastor Wu  
flippin' burgers!**

## First Church Youth Meeting - Mission Trip 2012 - Sunday, October 16

All interested youth, parents, and adults are invited to attend this meeting with Pastor Mike following worship service on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Join in the planning - share your ideas and opinions about a youth mission trip for 2012. Now is the time to get on board, and create the vision for summer 2012!

\*\*\* Youth who are unable to attend the meeting, are welcome to e-mail Pastor Mike ([michael.wu@otis.com](mailto:michael.wu@otis.com)) with your Mission Trip thoughts or ideas!



### CDC UPDATE...

Karen and Pam have been busy preparing for school...with newly painted building...inside and out! Gardens have been planted and the stone re-facing on the front steps is done. Looking pretty nice!  
5 openings are available in the T/TH class, with an option of 1 ½ hour program...or extended.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHURCH FAIR IS COMING!

Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Would you like to sign up for a basket of goodies to donate for the basket raffle? (See Barbara Mazzei)

Do you run a business or have a special craft to sell at the fair?

Be a part of the fun: help the kitchen chili cook off staff or help with set up/clean up.

See Laura McCaw/Lisa Nanni for vendor/volunteer info.

## First Church of Winsted



## Harvest Dinner Sat. Oct. 15th 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult: \$10, Seniors: \$8  
Children ages 3-12: \$5  
Children under age 3 are free

Serving Ham Dinner, potatoes, squash, vegetables, rolls, coffee/tea, choice of delicious desserts.  
**DOOR PRIZES!**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT!

The Sunday School Halloween Party will be held after worship service on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Stay tuned for **spooky details!!**



Mark your calendars!  
Saturday, November 12  
8 AM - Noon!

## CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY!





Union Agricultural Society of  
Barkhamsted, Colebrook, & Hartland, Inc.

**Friday • Saturday • Sunday  
October 7 • 8 • 9, 2011**

#### Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibits may be brought in  
4:00 p.m. Exhibits must be in place

#### **Fair opens**

Midway is closed to vehicles

4:00 p.m. Judging of Rabbits

6:00 p.m. Garden Tractor Pulls

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Amusements open

#### Saturday

10:00 a.m. Wood Chopping, Sawing & Axe Throwing Contest

10:30 a.m. Judging of Exhibits Starts

Judging of Oxen and Steers

1:00 p.m. Drawing Contest of Working Oxen - larger classes

1:00 p.m. Old Tyme Fiddlers on the bandstand 'til 4:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (contingent on weather)

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Amusements open

#### **! NEW HOURS !**

**9:00 p.m. Fair closes for night**

#### Sunday

10:00 a.m. Wood Chopping, Sawing & Axe Throwing Contest

11:00 a.m. Judging of Junior Dairy Livestock

12:00 p.m. Dark Horse on the bandstand 'til 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Drawing Contest of Working Oxen - smaller classes

1:00 p.m. Mad River Crossing on the bandstand 'til 4:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (contingent on weather)

5:00 p.m. Removal of Exhibits



### **Simple things...just sayin' thanks!**

*Thanks to Tom Mazzei for repainting the lines in the parking lot!*

*Thanks to Bob Jones for mowing lawns!*

*Thanks to Bud Roberts for Narthex repair...and for taking on the project to repair the louvers in the bell tower!*

*Thanks to Bruce Sherman for taking on the project of replacing velvet in offering plates!*

*Thanks to Dawn and Tim for continuing to spiff things up around the church inside and out!*

*Thanks to Julie Davy & Cindy Roys for tending the CDC flower beds! And Dan and Kyle for trimming bushes!*

*Thanks to all of our volunteers...past & future...working together...in groups or individually! I wish I could name you all...but your efforts do not go un-noticed!*

*So Thanks! Just sayin'...*

## The Boar's Head Festival



**January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 & 7 PM  
January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**

**Sign-up for the Boar's Head Festival will begin  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room, or you can email Debbie Storrs at [dstorrs@snet.net](mailto:dstorrs@snet.net)

#### **Positions needed:**

Holy Family – 3 needed

Woodsmen – 4-6 needed

Log Rider – one per performance (small light child)

Family Gentry – Royal Court – many needed

Princes or Princesses

Beefeaters – 4 needed

Boar's Head Carriers – 2 needed

Shepherds – 5-8 needed

Gift-Bearers for the Kings – 3 needed

Costuming Crew

Set-up and Clean-up crew and Decorators!

Pooper-scoopers – lighting people

Greeters and Seaters

Kitchen Crew and folks willing to help with sandwiches, chips, cookies etc. for the dinner between Sat shows.

Program Ad Seekers...know anyone who might like an ad in the program?

Preshow shaping up! We have a "Tuba Christmas Celebration"...just some low down fun! Medieval Instrumental music courtesy of Ken Storrs & Joe Brazee...(guitar & guitaron) and of course our Carolers.

Saturday  
October 22, 2011

7:00 P.M.

## Harmony for Hunger

A concerted effort by  
community musicians  
to benefit  
the Winsted  
Soup Kitchen  
and Food Bank

\$10 Adults  
Seniors/Students \$8  
Kids under 12 \$5  
Families \$25

Second  
Congregational Church,  
800 Main St., Winsted, CT

For more  
Information  
Call Carol  
(860) 379-4766



Messiah Community Sing-a-long  
sponsored by  
Second Congregational Church  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Call 860-379-4766 for more info



**First Church Youth Event**  
**"The Haunted Graveyard"**  
**Lake Compounce**  
(Bristol, CT)

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**  
Meet in Church Lot @ 4:15pm  
Return to Church Lot @ approx 11:30pm

**Cost: \$10**  
**Sign Up by Oct 8**  
(youth may bring one guest)

Event is rated "PG" for Pretty  
Ghoulish. Show is intended for  
adults and very brave kids! Younger  
than 6<sup>th</sup> grade, must be  
accompanied by a parent. See  
Cindy Roys for details.

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

## Dan Jones to be honored at Gilbert Homecoming Presentations!

**Homecoming 2011**  
**Annual Alumni Luncheon & Program**  
*Sponsored by The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation  
and the  
Office of Development & Alumni Relations*  
**Saturday, October 15**  
**Presentation of  
The Gilbert School  
Distinguished Alumni Awards**

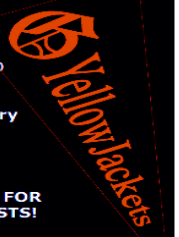
**The Gilbert Heritage Award**  
*Honorary Diploma*  
James B. Fortuna  
**Young Alumni Achievement Award**  
Magdalena Kruk '95  
**Distinguished Professional Achievement Award**  
Daniel R. Smith '52  
**The W.L. Gilbert Award for  
Outstanding Community Service**  
Arnold A. Grandel '82  
**Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award**  
Daniel R. Jones '83

Annual Alumni Homecoming Lunch & Program  
FREE to Gilbert Alumni (with advance registration)

9:00 a.m. Alumni X-Country Race  
10:00 a.m. Registration, Awards Event  
10:30 a.m. Welcome Program &  
Distinguished Alumni Awards  
12:15 p.m. Alumni Lunch (Registration Required)  
Tour the School  
View Memorabilia from the  
Archives Upstairs in the Library  
2:30 p.m. Football Game Kick-Off  
Gilbert School Yellow Jackets  
vs. Avon High School  
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**FREE ADMISSION TO THE GAME FOR  
REGISTERED ALUMNI AND GUESTS!**

Tel. 860-738-9439 or email: [cowgillt@gilbertschool.org](mailto:cowgillt@gilbertschool.org)



### Registration Form — Annual Alumni Homecoming Lunch & Program

The lunch is FREE to all Gilbert alumni who register in advance\* or \$8.00 at the door.  
Guests: \$7.50 in advance; \$8.00 at the door; children ages 8 – 12: \$5.00; under 8 free

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include maiden name, please)

# of alumni attending – \_\_\_\_\_ FREE with advance registration

# of guests attending – \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 with advance registration

# of kids 8-12 attending – \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Cut and Mail

Please mail this form with check (if applicable; payable to  
The W.L. Gilbert Trust, with "Homecoming"  
in the memo line) to: Homecoming 2011  
The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Avenue, Winsted, CT 06098  
\*Advance registration must be received by Oct. 7 for free  
alumni admission to lunch



**Registration begins at  
10 AM at the  
Auditorium entrance.**

**Band also begins  
playing @ 10 AM**

**Presentations begin  
@ 10:30 AM**

**200 Williams Avenue,  
Winsted, CT**

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

| <i>Celebrate With Us...</i>                                                       |                               | <i>Looking Forward</i>                                                              |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday - 10 am                                                                    | Worship                       | October 8                                                                           | Church Tag Sale                 |
| Monday - 6 pm                                                                     | Rehearsal~Worship Choir       | October 7-9                                                                         | Riverton Fair                   |
| Tuesday - 6 pm Sept 20th                                                          | Rehearsal~Cherub Choir        | October 8                                                                           | Steam Vent Coffee House         |
| Wednesday - 7:30 pm                                                               | AA / Alanon Meetings          | October 15                                                                          | Harvest Supper                  |
| Thursday - 6:00 pm                                                                | Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers | October 16                                                                          | Laurel Hill Service (tentative) |
|                                                                                   |                               | October 22                                                                          | Haunted Graveyard Trip          |
|                                                                                   |                               | November 12 8 am - noon                                                             | Church Clean-up                 |
|                                                                                   |                               | November 12                                                                         | Steam Vent Coffee House         |
|  |                               | <i>Board Meetings...</i>                                                            |                                 |
|                                                                                   |                               | October 03                                                                          | 7:00 pm PM Board                |
|                                                                                   |                               | October 11                                                                          | 7:00 pm Board of Christian Ed.  |
|                                                                                   |                               | October 18                                                                          | 7:00 pm Deacons                 |
|                                                                                   |                               | October 25                                                                          | 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting         |
|                                                                                   |                               |  |                                 |

## Birthdays

### 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



## STEAM VENT Performers October 8th

### Performers

6:00 - Open Mic - 5:30 sign-up

6:30 - Darkhorse

7:00 - Birch Creek

7:30 - Bill Morrell

with Knox Bros & Scott Camara

8:00 - Robert Alan Scalla

8:30 - Jim Paradis

9:00 - Bluebyrds-Steve & Betty Haskell

6:30 - Open Mic/Jam

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### STEAM VENT CAFÉ

#### Barbeque Night

*"Southern Twang with a Chinese Accent: Hard to understand but your stomach will be happy...."*

Barbeque Ribs . . . . . \$7.00

Served with Steam Vent Fried Rice (chicken, pork & shrimp)

Southern Style Veggie Burger . . . . . \$7.00

Served with barbeque sauce & cheese and vegetable fried rice

Deserts . . . . . \$1 - \$2

Beverages . . . . . \$1.00



MYSTERY PHOTO...where is this??

"Prayer Shawl Ministry" will be meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10 AM-noon to knit or crochet shawls to be available to the congregation to be given to those in need of prayer. Barbara received a prayer shawl during her recovery from surgery this summer and thought this might be a good way to bring people together in prayer. Volunteers can knit in groups or individually at home.

Those interested please call Barbara Mazzei  
 860-379-2900



Winsted: Main Street before flood with shops on both sides.  
 Note: Post Office on left.

*Let us not get so busy or live so fast that we can't listen to the music of the meadow or the symphony that glorified the forest. Some things in the world are far more important than wealth; one of them is the ability to enjoy simple things. - Dale Carnegie*

## THE GREAT KICKBALL GAME...2011!





# October 2011



| Sun                                                                                                                                            | Mon                                                                                                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                            | Thu                                      | Fri       | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <br>Artist: Karen Delton                                       | <b>October Birthstone: Opal</b><br>                                            | <b>October Flower: Marigold</b><br> | <b>Astrological Signs</b><br><br>Libra:<br>Sept 23 – Oct 22<br>Scorpio:<br>October 23 – Nov 21 |                                          |           | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2</b><br>Worship Service<br>10:00 am<br><br>Worship Choir<br>9:30                                                                           | <b>3</b><br>Worship Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Labor Day                                                                                                           | <b>4</b><br>Cherub Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Property Maintenance Board<br>7:00                                        | <b>5</b><br>AA/Alanon<br>7:30 pm                                                               | <b>6</b><br>Laurel City Singers<br>6:00  |           | <b>8</b> <b>TAG SALE</b><br>7AM-3PM<br><br><b>STEAM VENT</b><br>Coffee House<br>6-10 PM<br>Barbeque Night! |
| <b>9</b><br>Worship Service<br>10:00 am<br><br>Cherub Choir<br>9:30                                                                            | <b>10</b><br>Worship Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br><b>Columbus Day</b><br>         | <b>11</b><br>Cherub Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Chris Ed<br>7:00                                                         | <b>12</b><br>AA/Alanon<br>7:30 pm                                                              | <b>13</b><br>Laurel City Singers<br>6:00 | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Harvest Supper<br>5:30-7:30<br>Ham Dinner<br>\$10 Adult<br>\$8 Senior<br>\$5 child 3-12<br>Under 3 - Free                                                                        |
| <b>16</b><br>Worship Service<br>10:00 am<br><br>Worship Choir<br>9:30 am<br><br>Mission Trip Meeting<br><br><b>National Boss's Day</b>         | <b>17</b><br>Worship Choir<br>6:00 pm                                                                                                                           | <b>18</b><br>Cherub Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Deacons<br>7:00 pm                                                       | <b>19</b><br>AA/Alanon<br>7:30 pm                                                              | <b>20</b><br>Laurel City Singers<br>6:00 | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br><b>Harmony4Hunger Concert</b><br>Second Congregational Church<br>7:00 PM<br><br><b>Haunted Graveyard Trip</b>                                                                    |
| <b>23</b><br>Worship Service<br>10:00 am<br><br><b>Open Mic Sunday</b>                                                                         | <b>24</b><br>Worship Choir<br>6:00 pm                                                                                                                           | <b>25</b><br>Cherub Choir<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Cabinet Meeting<br>7:00 pm                                               | <b>26</b><br>AA/Alanon<br>7:30 pm                                                              | <b>27</b><br>Laurel City Singers<br>6:00 | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>30</b><br>Worship Service<br>10:00 am<br><br>Worship Choir<br>9:30 am<br><br>Rehearsal 11:15 am<br><br><b>Sunday School Halloween Party</b> | <b>31</b><br>Worship Choir<br>No Rehearsal<br><br><b>Happy Halloween</b><br> | Nov 1<br><br>Cherub Choir<br>6:00 pm                                                                                 | Nov 2<br><br>AA/Alanon<br>7:30 pm                                                              | Nov 3<br><br>Laurel City Singers<br>6:00 | Nov 4     | Nov 5                                                                                                                                                                                         |

# STEAM VENT



## Coffee House

Musician's Showcase  
Every 2nd Saturday  
6 - 10 PM  
Open Mic/Jam at 9



LIVE MUSIC - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  
Folk - Country - Bluegrass - Jazz - Light Rock  
For more information call 860-482-3491

*Steam Vent Café - Open 6-8 pm*

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### OCT 8th PERFORMERS:

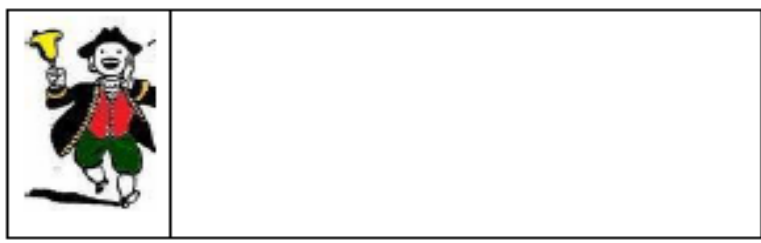
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- 6:30 - Darkhorse
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# BELLRINGER



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