

Word from the Pastor

Dear Members & Friends,

The weather seems to change every day, going from warm and humid to very cool....all signs that the Fall is arriving. With Fall comes a new school year and the resumption of school year routines: sports practice, music practice, study time, and numerous other activities that fill our lives and the lives of our children.

Our Church family is no different. Sunday School is back in session after a fun Rally Day. Church Boards are meeting. The choirs are practicing every week. And the Church calendar is filled with activities such as the Tag Sale, Youth Trip to Lake Compounce, Church-wide meals, etc. Because there are more things to do than there is time in any day or week, I hope you'll keep in mind that our Sunday worship service is a wonderful time to take a deep breath, relax and be filled by the calming Spirit of our loving God.

You are welcome to come as you are (we don't have a dress code). You are welcome to come a few moments late (no one gets detention for showing up late). You can leave a few moments early if you need to. You can come and just listen, or you can share during announcements and joys & concerns (we don't grade based on "class participation"). There is fellowship time after the Service, but attendance is optional. While just about every other activity we participate in has requirements (try-outs, etc.), our Worship Services are different.

Remember to we deal best with the craziness of life when we make a point to step back once in a while and catch our breath. Sunday Worship is the perfect time to do just that.

Blessings,

Mike



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Helping our Neighbors in Need!

First Church (Tanya Mongitore) is heading up a Coat Drive!!

Coats of all sizes are needed, both children and adults need coats and gently used coats and or new if you really got a bargain on one will be greatly appreciated by those in need within our community. Look for boxes all over the community! Northwest Community Bank, TD Bank North, the Library, and Supersaver to name a few...not to mention 1st Church!!

The Homeless Shelter was swamped he said with 44 calls for assistance. They currently have 7 young children living at the shelter as well. The need is great this year. Coats will also be donated to Salvation Army & Open Door Soup Kitchen.



Church News...



ROCK STARZ 4 JESUS

Formerly known as Cherub Choir...

Open to singers age 3 – 10, will be meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the dining room. This seems to be the best time, because so many of our young people have evening activities.

No Grown Ups will be allowed...! This will free you up for Bible Study in the parlor! Rehearsals will begin on October 7th and the Rock Starz will sing on the 4th Sunday during worship service.

Please let Director, Debbie Storrs know you are coming, so there will be music and lyric sheets. 860-482-3491 or dstorrs@snet.net



OCTOBER 6TH AT 1ST CHURCH

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 on down...we'll have the coffee on and maybe some donuts!

Left over items-to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Youth Car Wash

9:00 - 1:00

Church Parking Lot

Youth "Grace Grille"

Hot Dog, Hamburg Sales

At the Tag Sale

With "Master Chef"

Pastor Wu

flippin' burgers!



Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Evenings

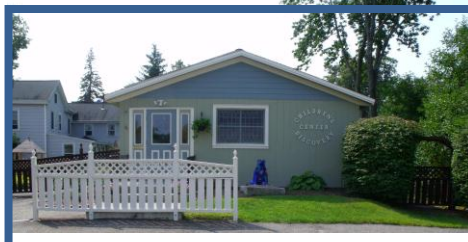
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Locations will vary Weekly

Facilitated by

Heather Richardson & Allison

Graboski



CDC UPDATE...

Play Yard – pea stone has replaced all of the mulch that was in place. Sand replaced in the sandbox.

Scholarships were granted to 5 children.

Open house had many parents in attendance.

Current enrollment 12 MWF and 10 TTH classes.



Sunday School Teachers

The Fall season is set for Sunday School teachers, but January through June still has some openings. Please consider helping out in this important ministry.



Sometimes your
only means of
transportation
is a
Leap of Faith!!

Margaret Shephard

Property Maintenance Board...



Before

After

Donations Still Needed to help pay off this project. Now that they are repaired, flooding in the Narthex has stopped! Thanks to Bud, Chaz, Tom & Ted and any others who helped with this beautiful transformation! Louvers were replaced, and repainted and the bell tower masonry was repaired inside and out.

The Bracey Memorial Wall masonry was also repaired, and the lettering was re-aligned. Kim Janak volunteered to repaint the letters, so they are all the same color.

Tag sale profits will be split between the General Fund and 10% will go to the Renovation Fund.

Fall Clean-Up has been set for November 3rd. The Property Maintenance Board will handle all the outside maintenance and the other Boards are asked to help with some inside spiffing up. A list of items will be available, to show tasks that need completion!

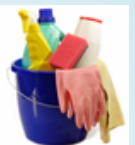


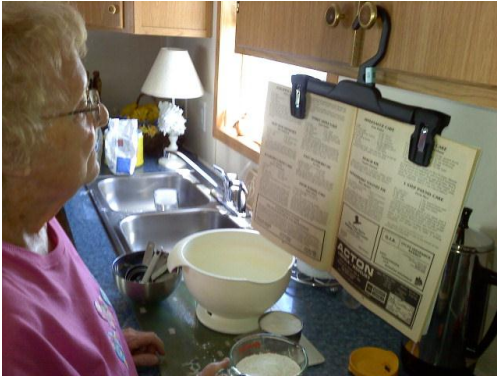
Mark your calendars!

Saturday, November 3rd

8 AM – Noon!

**CHURCH
CLEAN-UP
DAY!**





Helpful Hint...



Love is always bestowed as a gift
freely, willingly and without expectation.
We don't love to be loved;
we love to love. ~ Leo Buscaglia

Church Community Luncheon

Community, Conversation and Comfort Food

Please join us directly after worship
service
Sunday, October 21st

Community meal with Mac 'n'
cheese, ham and rolls.

For those of you who like to bake we'd
like to ask you to bring an apple pie to
share for dessert!

News from Down Under...

"I Have a Plan", is an amazing song by Jordan Woner, who came and sang at First Church with the Green Valley Choir from Australia! He is a man on a mission...similar to ours! He helps in Chiang Mai Thailand, the Agape Home for babies with HIV/AIDS opened in May 1996 as a response to the plight of children impacted by the spread of HIV/AIDS across Thailand. All of the children who come to the Agape Home to live are, or are at risk of being, HIV positive. Many of them have already lost their parents to AIDS, and there are no other options for their care.

Agape defined: Love as revealed in Jesus, seen as spiritual and selfless and a model for humanity...

Here's a link to our Facebook page...where you can listen to "I Have a Plan" and the reason for writing it! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Church-of-Winsted/189629511047827>



Her

Hey Deborah! Thank you so much for your encouragement! I am so glad our lives were all entwined back in 2008...and i really hope that I can visit Winsted again one day! My family and I, and 2 friends are moving to Thailand on December 4th to serve full time at Agape Home for as long as God leads.....we are looking forward to it, but it is a huge process packing up 'life' as we know it here at the moment.

How was your Mexico trip? I enjoyed reading your FB updates....there is nothing quite like a trip to a developing nation to put things in perspective hey.

I will be praying for you guys as you support your kids and we support ours - so cool that we can all serve the same God in this way!

Bless you guys and hope to see you again soon!





My New Dawn

Done, done, done is the day

Put with my treasures, safely away
Gone, gone, gone is my past
Buried in deep earth, buried at last
Give me a new song, one with great joy
Give me a new heart, that none can destroy
Wake me with gladness, rock me with love
Shelter me always, beautiful dove
Spirit of new birth, spirit of power
Come, Holy Spirit, enter this hour
Never forsake me, never let go
I am your daughter,
Let your light show.

Alison Stormwolf

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	Oct 6	Church Fall Tag-sale
Tuesday - 5:30 pm 8/21 & 8/28	Rehearsal~Worship Choir	Oct 21	Comfort Food Dinner
Sunday - 9:15 am	Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus	Oct 21	2 PM Service at Laurel Hill
Wednesday - 6:30 pm	Women's Gathering	Nov 18	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	Dec 1	Christmas Fair
Thursday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Jan 5&6	Boar's Head Festival
			Mark your calendars!!
<i>Board Meetings</i>			
	Oct 2	PM Board	
	Oct 9	Board of Christian Ed.	
	Oct 16	Deacons	
	Oct 30	Cabinet Meeting	

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

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



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

October 12, 13, 14, 2012

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
 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Amusements open
 Ride Bracelets for \$20

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
 12:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ride Bracelets \$25
 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
 1:00 p.m. Drawing Contest of Working Oxen -
 smaller class
 1:00 p.m. Mad River Crossing on the bandstand 'til
 4:00 p.m.
 3:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest
 5:00 p.m. Removal of Exhibits



First Church Youth Event
 The Haunted Graveyard
 Lake Compounce
 Friday, October 19, 2012
 Info: Cindy Roys

Event is rated "PG" for Pretty Ghoulish.

STEAM VENT Coffee House

**SATURDAY
 OCTOBER 13th
 6 - 10 PM**

Free Will Offering to support Missions!



Buffalo Bill Morrell

SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

6:00 Open Mic
 6:30 Buffalo Bill Morrell
 7:00 Don Lowe
 7:30 Doug Mahard
 8:00 Patti Wilion
 8:30 Mad River Crossing
 9:00 Joel Blumert
 9:30 Open Mic



Don Lowe



Doug Mahard

**STEAM VENT CAFE
 CHINESE NIGHT!**

- 猪肉類 Pork
- 飯類 Fried Rice
- 蔬菜類 Vegetables
- 鍋貼 Pot Stickers
- 甜品 Dessert

\$7 Adult portions
 \$3.50 Child Portions
 Serving 6-8 Ppl



Patti Wilion



Mad River Crossing



Joel Blumert



John 13: 34-35
 New International
 Version (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I
 give you: Love one
 another. As I have
 loved you, so you
 must love one
 another. ³⁵ By this
 everyone will know
 that you are my
 disciples, if you love
 one another."

RELEPHANT!

**To each other and the world...
 All you have to do,
 is
 love one another!**



Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Our youth will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on
 Sunday, November 18th after the worship service.
 Join us for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving
 with a turkey dinner with all the fixins! FREE!

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	October Birthstone: Opal 	October Flower: Marigold 	Astrological Signs Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 22 Scorpio: October 23 – Nov 21			
	1	2 Worship Choir 5:30 Property Maint 7:00	3 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Women's Gathering 6:30	4	5	6
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**Come...be uplifted
by the Spirit and
strive to follow
God's path for you!**



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

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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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