

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!

A Letter from Andrew Hurlbut

June 2014

Dear First Church Board of Christian Education,

Utah has been spectacular to me! Between college, work, and the wonderful outdoors, I've been busier than ever.

I finished my second year of studying Mechanical Engineering this spring, with a strong GPA of 3.75. My classes are getting more difficult as I get closer to my degree, and I have really started to love Mechanical Engineering. During the semester, the amount of class work and projects I have can be overwhelming and stressful, but with the support of my parents, friends, and the First Church, I manage my time well and maintain sanity. I'm looking forward to taking classes next fall with friends that I've made since coming to Utah.

To complement my major of Mechanical Engineering, I work in a lab at the University of Utah. It is called the Nanofab Lab, and specializes in the fabrication of micro and nano scale devices, such as computer chips and medical implants. I have never enjoyed working so much, and couldn't be happier working with a team of professional engineers. The work I do is very technological, and I'm looking forward to the type of work I'll have the rest of my life.

I've never experienced a hotter summer than in Utah, but the amount of activities to do in the evening balances that out. When I get out of work in the evening, I always have a neighborhood of friends to relax with and grill dinner. This has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of Utah for me, to have a community of peers so close. Salt Lake City also has many popular music concerts at a variety of venues. One of my favorite venues is alongside the city on the foothills, where you can climb the hill to see an awesome sunset while listening to live music from an amphitheater. I've also been on the road a bit this spring, with multiple camping trips to Pine Valley and Zion National Parks. I know how fortunate I am to experience these places, and it's always a high priority for me to get out on the weekends.

The support the church has given me has helped me to get good grades and stay focused on school when I'm taking classes. I used some of the scholarship money, along with my own, to purchase an E-reader for college. Rather than carry around multiple heavy textbooks, I can take them all to class on my electronic tablet.

Thanks again for the support from the members of the First Church! While I make the most out of my time in Utah, I remember those who helped me get here.

Sincerely,
Andrew Hurlbut

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September

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

Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Church News...



CDC News

We had three wonderful days of Open house. It was so nice seeing returning families as well as our new enrolled families. Pam and I are excited to start our preschool year! The first day of school is Wednesday, September 3rd. Currently, we have 1 child enrolled in our five day program, 5 children in our two day program and 14 children in our three day program. We are off to a great start! There is still availability so please contact CDC if you are interested in the program. We recently added a dome shaped climber to our play yard, thanks to The Libby Holman Grant. It is already proven to be a great addition! We have also purchased some new equipment to enhance our dramatic play area. We cannot wait to use our new Grocery/Lemonade stand and cash register!! Great things are happening at CDC!!!

Check us out on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Childrens-Discovery-Center/112035955474363>

OR on the web:
<http://www.childrendiscoverywinsted.org>



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

Pastor's Note

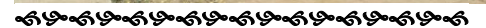
Greetings in the name of Christ!

One of things that makes First Church special is that we are very focused on mission and helping others. A few months ago we learned that the wall along the back side of Casa Hogar was falling down. Evidently some not-very friendly neighbors raised the level of the road by about 3 feet. The existing wall was not made to support pressure....it's sole purpose was to keep people and animals out of the premises (or at least make them use the entrance on the front side). The wall was collapsing under the new weight, and there was concern that the wall would fall and potentially injure someone.

Casa Hogar did not have the funds (about US\$4,500) to replace the wall with one that would withstand the pressure of the road against it. We accepted the challenge and agreed to replace the part of the wall that would bear the weight of the soil. We then put out a call for help to our congregation. In a short time, we raised the full amount needed, and the project is now complete! Here is a photo of the collapsing wall, the wall being torn down, and the new wall (which isn't so much of a wall as it is a foundation).

Thanks to all who helped make the replacement of the wall possible!

Blessings,
Mike



Rally Day! Sunday September 14, 2014

Board of Chris Ed will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, beverage, plates, cups, napkins, etc. and dessert!

Bring a dish to share:
Salads, Chips or Dessert

Hula Hoop Contest...Lawn Piano
Fun and Games
Entertainment? Perhaps...
One never knows!



Sunday school is mostly staffed. We could use a few more subs. Several of the older youth will be helping co-teach. See Barbara Mazzei



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STEAM VENT

Coffee House

First Church of Winsted

SATURDAY
September 13
6 – 10 PM

Free Will Offering to support Missions!

SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

6:00 - Bluebyrd
6:30 - Tim Martin
7:00 - Joel Blumert
7:30 - Eric Paradine
8:00 - Mike Lovallo
8:30 - Breathless Charm
9:00 - The CRB
9:30 - Open Mic



STEAM VENT CAFÉ Pizza Night!

Pizza & Chopped Greek Salad

Adult portions / Child Portions
Beverages
Yummy Desserts

6 - 8 PM ~ During the Show!



This is baby Zoe Rose Fortier. She was born with a rare condition called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, a very rare condition which causes brittle bones. She needs surgery and infusions to help her deal with this disease. As you can see she already has broken bones, which is common.

ALL proceeds from the September Steam Vent free will offering and food sales will go to help her family with these medical needs. Donations to this event are tax deductible!

Please consider attending the event...or making a donation. Donations may be sent to:

Zoe Rose Fortier Fund
Northwest Community Bank
416 Winsted Road
Torrington, CT 06790



New machine I installed



Winter



Nanofab Lab uniform



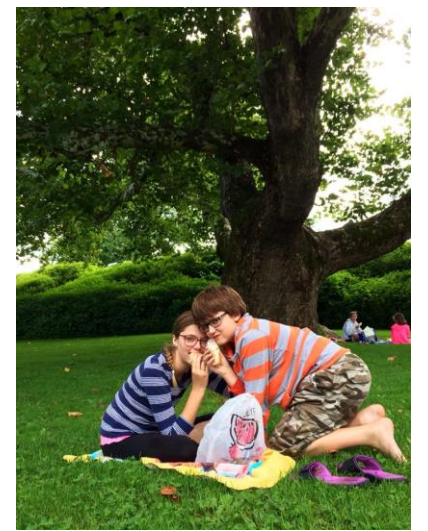
Lab work
Photos submitted by:
Andrew Hurlbut



Canoe Trip 2014!

20 participants
had a blast!

Photos by Holly
Cassidy.



Laurel City Singers Open to New Members...

Laurel City Singers will begin rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 4th, 7 pm at First Church. We are planning another version of the WLCS Radio Hour...loosely based on the Hee Haw variety show. Concert will be held on November 22nd at 4 PM. So...if you would like to be a part of this show, LCS is open to new members! If you can carry a tune, we will provide a bucket...or in this case...a hay bale!

To Join LCS, please email Denise: denisetorson@hotmail.com. Or call Deb Storrs 860-482-3491.

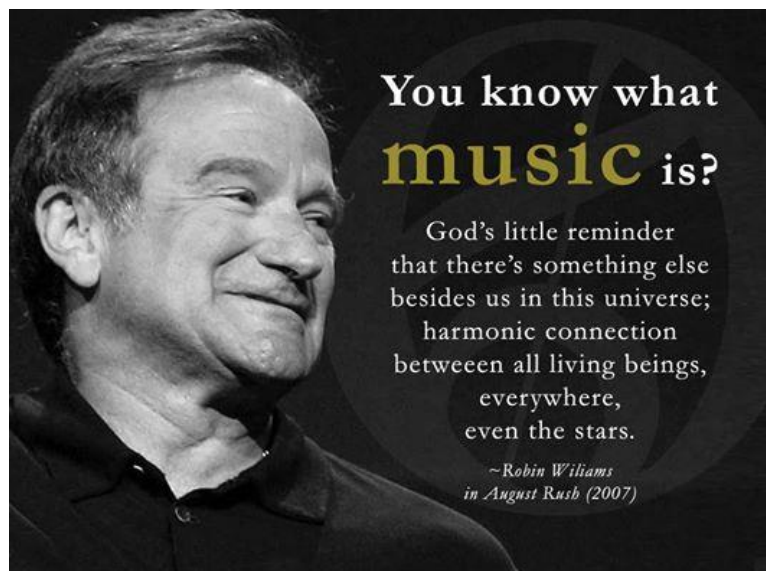


CHOIR NOTES

There is a saying, "He who sings once, prays twice."

Choir participation is more than just singing and practicing. It is also a fellowship group where members share in life together. Please consider joining in this experience, no matter what your age is, what part you sing, or how well you read music—or don't read music. (It's not a requirement!) The Worship Choir, intended for Youths and Adults (grades 6 and up) rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Rock Starz 4 Jesus, is for younger children through high school, and rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Rock Starz will be working on tin whistle/singing/ukulele and rhythm instruments.

If you have questions about joining one of the choirs, please don't hesitate to contact their leaders: Tricia Wu, Worship Choir; and Deborah Storrs, Rock Starz 4 Jesus (860-482-3491)



We will miss you Robin...hope you found some peace in Heaven!

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.

Recipe of the Month... September!



Fried Cinnamon Apple Rings
for the apple rings 4 large apples (I used gala)

1 cup flour

¼ teaspoon baking powder

2 tablespoons sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

for the cinnamon sugar topping

⅓ cup sugar

2 teaspoons cinnamon

⅓ teaspoon cinnamon

1 large egg, beaten

1 cup buttermilk

vegetable oil for frying

Instructions



In a large bowl combine the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and ⅓ teaspoon cinnamon. Set aside. In a small bowl combine the egg and buttermilk. In a third dish, make your cinnamon-sugar topping by combining the ⅓ cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon. Set that aside too. Next, slice the apples into ¼-inch thick slices, and use circle biscuit cutters in graduated sizes to make rings out of each slice. Discard the center circles containing the apple core. Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat to 350°F. Combine the contents of the first and second dishes as the oil warms up. This will be your batter. Dip the apple rings in and out of the batter one at a time, removing any dripping excess by tapping the rings against the side of the bowl. Fry the rings in small batches, turning them to ensure browning on both sides. Once the rings are golden and crispy, transfer them to a plate lined with paper towel for a few seconds. Quickly transfer the apple rings, one by one, into the cinnamon-sugar mixture and coat evenly. Transfer to a wire rack and serve warm.

Property Maintenance Board

Reporting that the Ant problem has been resolved!
Whatever they did...the little buggers cried Uncle...and moved on!

Reminder: the doors to the sanctuary need to remain closed while the dehumidifiers are running...please!

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>
Sunday - 9:00 am Bible Study in the Parlor Sunday - 9:15 am Rehearsal~Rock Starz 4 Jesus Sunday - 10 am Worship Tuesday - 5:30 pm Rehearsal~Worship Choir Wednesday - 7:30 pm AA / Alanon Meetings Thursday - 7-9 pm Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers		Sept 13 Steam Vent Coffee House Sept 14 Rally Day & Picnic Sept 28 Ordination Council for Robert Adkins Oct 25 Middler's Trip to Great Jack-o-lantern Oct 4 Church Fall Tag-sale Oct 19 New Member Meeting Dec 6 Christmas Fair
		<div> <div><i>Board Meetings</i></div> <div> Sept 01 11:30 am PM Board Sept 09 7:00 pm Board of Christian Ed. Sept 16 7:00 pm Deacons Sept 23 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting </div> </div> 



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Karl Janak
*Nika Benson

03 - Brittany Blische
08 - Duane Blische
08 - Susannah Hall
09 - Owen Marvin
10 - Beth McCusker
11 - Kelly McAllister
13 - Lisa Relihan
14 - Alec Marvin
20 - John Eggering
20 - Liam McAllister
20 - Danny McAllister
21 - Ann Jones
22 - Timothy Hughes
23 - Melissa McCusker
26 - Pastor Michael Wu
27 - Chelsea Jarboe
27 - Wade Roberts
29 - Mel Lee
30 - Pam Allen
30 - Shirley Calkins
30 - Sierra McCaw

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 06 - Bill & Constance Bastenbeck
♥ 08 - Bob & Carol Miles
♥ 12 - Tony & Tanya Mongitore
♥ 20 - Ed & Kathy Weaving
♥ 21 - Devin & Hannah McCaw
♥ 26 - Brett & Susan McAllister



Saturday, October 25th
Leaving church parking lot at 4:00

Middlers & Youth Group Trip to The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze at Van Cortland Manor in the village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York

See more than 5,000 individually hand-carved, illuminated jack o' lanterns in this elaborate walkthrough experience. Meander through an historic, 18th-century riverside landscape and discover a breathtaking display — all made of jack o' lanterns!

Walk through a covered bridge adorned with jack o'lanterns on all sides — even the ceiling! — and

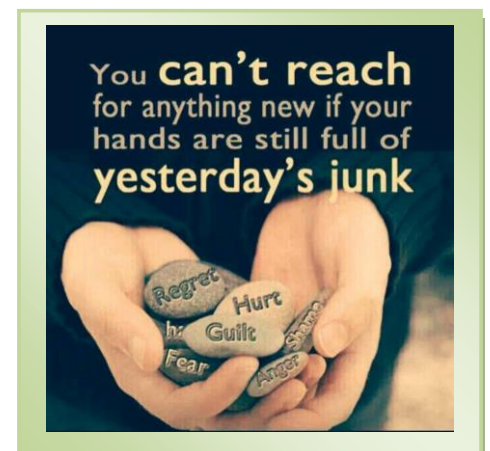
emerge to the sight of Sleepy Hollow Country's most iconic inhabitant, the Headless Horseman! Oooh and ahh at intricate pumpkin portraits of characters from Washington Irving's famous tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

Please sign up in the gathering room as we have a limited number of tickets to the event.

To check out the event details:

<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/events/blaze>

For additional questions please see Tanya Mongitore or email her at tmongitore2144@charter.net.





September 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton	Sept Birthstone: Sapphire 	Sept Flower: Aster 	Astrological Signs Virgo: Aug 23 – Sept 22 Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 22		Other September Birthdays Karl Janak Nika Benson	
	1 Labor Day	2 Worship Choir 5:30	3 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Brittany Blische	4	5	6 ♥ Bill & Constance Bastenbeck
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28 Worship Service 10:00 am Rock Star 9:15 am Ordination Council	29 Mel Lee	30 Pam Allen Shirley Calkin Sierra McCaw		“Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.” — Ann Landers		

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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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