

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!

Pastor's Word

Greetings!

I am sitting in my office with the air conditioner on full cool, thinking about fall. It is not a meditation exercise to cool down. It is a purposeful activity as we gear up for the start of our fall activities here at First Church. From Deacons to Christian Ed folks to the Children's Discovery Center staff to the Cabinet...we are all talking about what is going to happen with the advent of September. Believe me, it is going to be a very busy time!

The theme for our fall worship and learning invites us to come and join the circle of God and God's unending love. And it all begins on September 13th with Rally Day for our Sunday school children, youth and teachers and a time for RECOVENANTING as a church community.

The idea of "Recovenanting" comes to us from the biblical passage in Joshua 24. According to the Book of Joshua, once the conquest of Canaan had been completed and every family had been allotted a piece of land, Joshua gathered the people at Shechem for a time of covenant renewal. It was a time for retelling who they were and a time of recommitment before they each went off to their own piece of land. Not all those gathered at Shechem, were part of the group whose parents had participated in the great covenanting experience at Sinai. So it was important to bring this diverse group of people together through re-enacting the covenant experience. Our Recovenanting Sunday will be a time for us to renew our commitment to learn and serve God together, following Christ's example.

We are all welcome in the circle, regardless of age, ability, or background. So step right in and join the circle!

Blessing,

Pastor Lisa



TOP TEN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR NOSE WHEN YOU'RE BORED...

- 10) Look down it at somebody (Pride)
- 09) Poke it into someone else's business (Strife / Dissension)
- 08) Snoop around with it (Nosy / Gossip)
- 07) Get it out of joint (Anger)
- 06) Cut it off to spite your face (Bitterness)
- 05) Pay through it (Materialism)
- 04) Find something right under it (Love / Salvation)
- 03) See past it (Eternity / Hope)
- 02) Keep it clean (Humility / Obedience)

AND THE NUMBER ONE THING TO DO WITH YOUR NOSE...

- 01) Get it stuck in a best-selling book (The Bible!)



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September

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

Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

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

Church News...



CDC News

Melissa Lillie, Director

After the summer off, we are ready to begin the new preschool year! Pam and I are looking forward to another wonderful year. We are still accepting enrollment applications so if you know of anyone interested in the program, please send them our way! We will have our Open house on August 24th and 25th from 9:30-11:00. We are looking forward to meeting all the children, new and returning! The Parent Orientation will be on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00. Our first official day will be on Wednesday, September 2nd! As always, if you have any questions please contact the school at (860) 379-4838!

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

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



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

Board of Christian Ed News...

Rally Sunday, the registration for Sunday School, will be Sept. 13. A game of kickball and picnic will be held at the Winsted baseball field after church. All church members are invited for kickball, hot dogs and snow cones.

Some of the Sunday School activities this fall will include baking bread for the congregation to share during communion, helping with Ziti supper, singing together on Sundays, youth teaching in Sunday School, preparing Thanksgiving meal, and Christmas pageant.

It will be a busy season with many ways for our many children to participate in church activities.



Calling all those.....

Who wish to share their wisdom with the children of our church family.

The Board of Christian Education has a few co-teaching opportunities available for this Sunday School year.



Thank You, Thank YOU, THANK YOU!

During the month of August we collected Shoes for Camp Wightman's Summer Mission Project! The gently worn shoes are heading to people in countries affected by natural disasters in need of shoes.

They are also going to help people in developing countries help themselves through a micro-enterprise program. Don't know the exact number of pairs but I think it was close to 2000.

Backpacks and School Supplies! In just one week we assembled completely filled backpacks for over 10 children. AMAZING!

Thanks to everyone who collected and donated!





In May, the Board of Christian Education was proud to award eight scholarships to those continuing their education beyond high school.

Aidan Callahan will be attending NWCCC as a freshman, and then plans to join the Army and study Human Services.

Meghan Kane will be returning to Fordham University as a sophomore, majoring in communications, minoring in business administration.

Courtney Kane will be attending Fordham Law School for her third and final year..

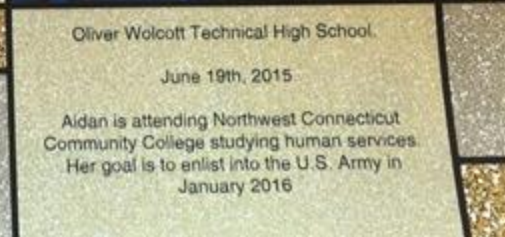
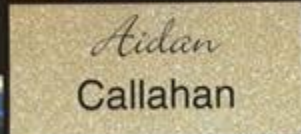
D.J. Sherman will be attending Elms College as a sophomore studying Nursing.

Andrew Hurlbut will be attending Univ. of Utah as a senior studying Mechanical Engineering.

Brandy Blische will be attending Naugatuck Valley Community College as a junior studying Nursing.

Sandra Bengel will be attending NWCCC studying Art working toward an MS in Art Therapy.

Justin Takeman will be attending NWCCC as a sophomore studying Physical Therapy.



Note of Thanks!

In addition to helping our young folks through scholarships...we reach out to our community.

Thank you to ALL who helped make the start of school great for the students of Winsted. Generous donations poured in with enough supplies to fill over 10 backpacks! Monetary donations helped to purchase clothes for a young child living in our shelter. Our First Church congregation always comes to the aid of those in need without question. Thank you is truly not enough!

Barbara Mazzei, Chairperson
Board of Christian Education



The Ziti Supper

September 19, 5pm – 7pm
1st Church of Winsted

The Ziti Supper is a fund raiser organized by our Board of Christian Education Board to fund our Alex and Elizabeth Smith and Jon Millard College Scholarship Funds awarded to both the youth and adults in our church who are furthering their education. Food items are donated, by parishioners and friends in order to make the fund raiser a great success. Barbara Mazzei, (BOCE chairwoman) will be asking for donations come September.

Ticket Prices:

Adult ~ \$10 Youth 5-12 ~ \$5

Children under 5 ~ free

A family of 4 ~ \$25

Meal: Ziti and Sauce, Salad, rolls, assorted desserts and coffee, tea or punch. Those who would like to receive a scholarship are urged to help with the dinner if possible. Scholarship applications are available through the Board of Christian Education and will be available in May of 2016. Please contact Barbara Mazzei for more information at: 860-379-2900 or e-mail bjmazzei@charter.net

STEAM VENT Coffee House First Church of Winsted

SATURDAY, SEPT 12th

6 – 10 PM

Music is Free...!

Donations gladly accepted
to benefit Children's Missions!
Fully Tax Deductible

SCHEDULED PERFORMERS

6:00 ~ Open Mic
6:30 ~ Eric Paradine
7:00 ~ Muddy Boots
7:30 ~ Breathless Charm
8:00 ~ Jim Palermo
8:30 ~ Con & Patti
9:00 ~ Corey Michael Reiman
9:30 ~ Mark Moriarty



STEAM VENT CAFÉ Grinder Night!

Adult or Child Portions
Available
Yummy Desserts
Serving 6 - 8 PM



ABCCONN Office News...

Billie Lanz, our ABCCONN secretary will retire at the end of this week. When she is gone from the office, there may be times when no one is able to answer the phone. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

An expression of gratitude for Kris Hanco, Joy Adams, Yvonne Lindo-Banks and Fay Trowbridge for preparing a lovely farewell party for Billie Lanz. A good time was had by all!

Prayers:

Our prayers are with Rev. Chuck Redfern who is undergoing cancer



surgery today at Hartford Hospital. Chuck is the interim pastor at Quaker Hill Baptist Church.

Rev. Ken Carpenter is having surgery at the end of this week. Ken is retired pastor from Mystic.



Congratulations to Julie and Lowell Fewster who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. Lowell served as executive minister of ABCCONN and Julie served associate pastor of First Baptist Church in West Hartford.



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.

If you have questions about joining worship choirs, please don't hesitate to contact Tricia Wu, Worship Choir Director.



The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; - *That's Relationship!*
 I shall not want. - *That's Supply!*
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: - *That's Rest!*
 He leadeth me beside the still waters. - *That's Refreshment!*
 He restoreth my soul: - *That's Healing!*
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!*
 for His name's sake. - *That's Purpose!*
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, - *That's Testing*
 I will fear no evil: - *That's Protection!*
 For thou art with me; - *That's Faithfulness!*
 Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. - *That's Discipline!*
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; - *That's Hope!*
 Thou anointest my head with oil; - *That's Consecration!*
 My cup runneth over. - *That's Abundance!*
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, - *That's Blessing!*
 and I will dwell in the House of the Lord - *That's Security!*
 forever. - *That's Eternity!*

"The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze"

Date: Saturday, October 17th

Time: Depart from the church parking lot at 4:00 PM

We will have a tailgate pizza party in the plaza just outside the event entrance. For more details check out:

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

This is the **IMPORTANT** part, this is always a sold out event, so we are asking up front for people to sign up to allow for the desired amount of tickets purchased. **If you would like to attend please email me at tmongitore2144@charter.net, or call me at 860-738-2279 or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the gathering room by Sunday, August 30th.**

Nurturing Generous Disciples

Live Free

In 1 Timothy 6:18-19, it is written: "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

"Life that is truly life." What a curious phrase. It implies there is a life that isn't true. Could it be we are tempted to a life in our consumerist culture that doesn't ring true? In the 21st century, how can we discern the way of Christ and practice the "life that is truly life"? The clues are given in 1 Timothy—do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous and willing to share. In Christ we are free, thank God! and that freedom, that amazing grace, inspires our generosity. Today I invite you to consider the blessing of life in Christ and how you, through serving and giving, "may take hold of the life that is truly life."

~Rev. Stacy Emerson

Stacy is the Stewardship Facilitator, Mission Resource Development for ABC-USA. She is also a pastor right here in Connecticut!



UCC Annual Meeting



WHO ME?

148th Annual Meeting

Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ

October 23 & 24, 2015

Newington High School

www.ctucc.org

Nominee for UCC General Minister & President

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>	<i>Looking Forward</i>
Sun - 9:00 am Bible Study in the Parlor Sun - 10:00 am Worship Tue - 5:30 pm Rehearsal~Worship Choir Wed - 7:30 pm AA / Alanon Meetings Thu - 7:00 pm Rehearsal-Laurel City Singers	Sept 12 125 th Anniversary Soldiers' Monument Sept 12 Steam Vent Coffee House Sept 19 Ziti Supper Sept 13 Rally Day & Kick Ball & Picnic Oct 1 World Wide Communion Oct 3 Steam Vent Coffee House Oct 4 New Members Class Oct 10 Tag Sale Oct 17 The Great Jack-o-Lantern Blaze
<i>Board Meetings</i>	<i>Sunday School Dates</i>
Sept 06 11:30 am PM Board Sept 08 6:45 pm Board of Christian Ed. Sept 20 7:00 pm Deacons Sept 29 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	Sept. 13 Rally Day, Sunday School registration, kick ball and picnic Sept. 19 Ziti Supper Sept. 27 Sunday School students will bake bread for Oct. communion Oct. 4 No Sunday School Oct. 25 Youth teach age 4-1st grade class Nov. 22 Youth will prepare and serve Thanksgiving meal Dec. 20 Youth Christmas pageant



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 - Michael Wu
 27 - Chelsea Jarboe
 27 - Wade Roberts
 29 - Mel Lee
 30 - Pam Allen
 30 - Shirley Calkins
 30 - Pastor Lisabeth Gustafson
 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



Laurel City Singers

Open to New Members...

Laurel City Singers will begin rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 10th, 7pm at 1st Church.

LCS is open to new members! If you can carry a tune, we will provide a bucket! Ability to read music is not required.

Fall Concert Nov 22 at 2 PM...LCS Rocks featuring rock classics including: *Can't Buy me Love* by the Beatles, *Free Ride* by Edgar Winter, *Home* by Phillip Phillips, *California Dreaming* by The Mama's a Papa's, and *Imagine* by John Lennon to name a few. To Join LCS, please email Denise: denisetorson@hotmail.com. Or call Deb Storrs 860-482-3491.



Resources for Grief and Loss

Emily Heath wrote this piece for the Huffington Post:

Five Things NOT To Say and Five Things To Say In a Trauma Involving Children

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-emily-c-heath/dealing-with-grief-five-t_b_2303910.html

Fuller Institute has suggestions for support for those who are grieving

<http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/articles/good-grief>

NASP offers these simple, concise insights for parents and others:

http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/deathgrief.pdf

Here's a good website with a number of useful resources:

<http://www.good-grief.org/>

From Sharon Pearson's archive:

<http://www.buildfaith.org/2012/12/15/another-tragedy/>



September 2015



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
 They say with age comes wisdom so therefore I don't have wrinkles I have wise cracks		1 Worship Choir 5:30	2	3 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Brittany Blische	4 Farmers Market 3-6	5 Goshen Fair
6 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Goshen Fair ♥ Bill & Constance Bastenbeck	7 Labor Day Goshen Fair	8 Worship Choir 5:30 Duane Blische Susannah Hall ♥ Bob & Carol Miles	9 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Owen Marvin	10 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm Beth McCusker	11 Patriot Day Kelly McAllister	 STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM ♥ Tony & Tanya Mongitore
13 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday RALLY DAY Kickball Willow St Rosh Hashanah Lisa Relihan	14 Alec Marvin	15 Worship Choir 5:30 Christian Ed 7:00 pm	16 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	17 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	18 POW/MIA Recognition Day	19 Ziti Supper 5-7 PM 
20 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Deacons 7:00 pm John Eggering Danny McAllister Liam McAllister ♥ Ed & Kathy Weaving	21 Ann Jones ♥ Devin & Hannah McCaw	22 Worship Choir 5:30 Yom Kippur Timothy Hughes	23 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Autumn Begins Melissa McCusker	24 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	25	26 Michael Wu ♥ Brett & Susan McAllister
27 Worship Service 10:00 am Open Mic Sunday Stewardship Pot Luck Chelsea Jarboe Wade Roberts	28	29 Worship Choir 5:30 Cabinet 7:00 pm Mel Lee	30 Pam Allen Shirley Calkin Lisabeth Gustafson Sierra McCaw	Legendary cellist Pablo Casals was asked why he continued to practice at the age of 90. "Because I think I'm making progress," he replied.		

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Artist: Karen Delton

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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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