

Word from the Pastor

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
to
COME TO THE TABLE
AND BE EMBRACED
by the
LOVE * PEACE * GRACE * JOY
of
GOD

Isn't that an incredible invitation?

What would it mean to you and me to find this invitation in our mailbox?

Well, you don't have to imagine or wait! This is **exactly** the invitation we are all being extended this September as we come into God's house! There will be a place at His table for each one of us to worship and learn and celebrate our place in God's Kingdom.

In the coming year, who will we find joining us at the table and how will we include and welcome those who are new or different from us? How will we acknowledge and celebrate that we, family and friends of First Church are together on a journey of faith?

We have been doing just this very thing for 239 years, ever since 21 men petitioned the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1778 for the creation of a new Ecclesiastical Society. Since those days, we have risen to the many challenges that faced us. We have stepped up, spoken out and taken risks in the name of God, to bring the Gospel to our community.

Our story continues this September as we come together to worship! Say yes to the invitation and join us as we and give thanks to the ever-present God!



Blessings
Pastor Lisa



SEPTEMBER 2017

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September

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

Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Church News...

News from ABCCONN



REACHING NEW **PEOPLE**

We've Been Invited to a Weekend Workshop

Led by coaching consultant
Rev. Paul Nickerson
at First Baptist Church, West
Hartford
September 8-9, 2017

First Church is sending a team for this intensive, practical, hands-on training on how growing congregations reach new people. Our team will come out of the weekend with a 6-month plan of action for outreach. So far, the team includes Pastor Lisa, Debby Kane and Tanya Mongitore.

If you would like to join the team, speak with Pastor Lisa.

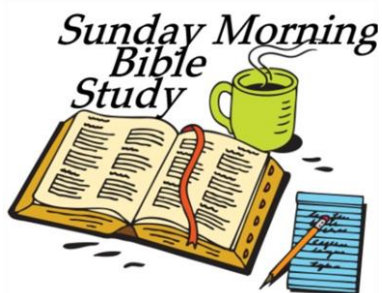
**Friday, September 8
6-9pm**

**Saturday, September 9
9-4 PM**

**Snacks and Lunch on
Saturday will be provided.**

Women's Bible Study

to Resume October 16th...stay tuned!



The Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:00am in the church parlor. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time!!

We are continuing with Peter's second letter, the three letters of John, Jude and then the challenge of Revelation. In Peter's second letter he encourages the churches of Asia Minor as they struggled with persecution from without and dissension from within their congregations. He emphasizes the importance of learning and clinging to a deep knowledge of the Word of God.

Please join us as we do just that! We are exploring and learning together about the strength that comes from scripture and how the Word keeps us on the path God has laid out for us.



*"You can't go back and
change the beginning,
but you can start
where you are and
change the ending."*

— C.S. Lewis

ABCCONN'S DEPARTMENT OF MISSION AND
STEWARDSHIP
INVITES YOU TO SHARE IN

MISSION and STEWARDSHIP DAY
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 - 8:30 AM – 2:30
PM**

Immanuel Baptist Church in New Haven

THEME:
**MULTICULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA-THE
EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD!**



It is a day to gather, to fellowship, to celebrate, to honor and to lift up Christ through worship, workshops and more.

Workshop topics include:

- The Missional Church in the 21st Century
- Millennials Matter: Meaning, Mission and Ministry
- Equipping the Saints for the Times
- The Church and its Main Responsibility
- The Multicultural Church-workshop panel
- Mobilizing the Army of Christ
- Church Website 101

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT
**** ADMISSION IS FREE ****

SEE YOU THERE!!

Check us out online! www.firstchurchofwinsted.org

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

Afternoon "High Tea" First Church of Winsted

Sponsored by:
Board of Christian Education



Benefit Scholarship Funds

Saturday
September 16, 2017
2 O'clock
Ticket Price \$25.00

Tea Sandwiches
and
Desserts Will be served



Special Guest Speaker: Kim Elovirta
Raven's Edge
Whiting Mills, Winsted CT

Kim Elovirta is owner and caretaker of Raven's Edge where she sells spice blends soaps, lotions, lip balm, skin care products and Tea!

She is an herbalist, healer, cook, soap maker and teacher. Kim helps her customers to re-discover the natural healer within so that they may nurture inner peace, make educated decisions and be their most beautiful selves.

Her studio is at Whiting Mills in Winsted CT and is open on Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm. Find out more at her website: www.ravensedgellc.com

For tickets please contact: First Church of Winsted 860-379-1778

or
email: bjmazzei@charter.net, please state "High Tea" in the subject line.

Laurel City Singers

Open to New Members...



Come and join us!

It's that time of year again!

Laurel City Singers will have their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 7, 7:00 pm at First Church.

The concert theme is Fall into Music and the concert date is Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 pm at First Church.

Some of the selections are: Autumn Leaves, Colors of the Wind, Come Ye Thankful People Come, and Blow Winds of Fall.

We will also be collecting food for our area food bank at the concert.

If you are interested in joining us, there are voluntary dues of \$10 and a \$25 deposit for music (checks will be held and returned after concert) and we ask that you bring your own black binder. We will also ask that you start thinking of businesses or individuals willing to place an ad in our program.

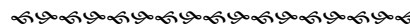
To Join LCS, please email denisetorson@hotmail.com. Or call Deb Storrs 860-482-3491.



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, and sings on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.

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

**Worship Choir Rehearsals will resume at 5:30 pm on Tuesday's, September 5, 12, 19 & 26
Sunday's, September 3, 17 (at 9:00) and 24 @ 9:30 am**



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



*An intimate Bridal Shower was held on
August 20, 2017 for Sarah Beckner*

***Sarah Beckner
and
Sean Storrs***

*The happy couple will be married on September 23, 2017
At the Angel's Watch Inn
Westbrook, CT*



Pictured Left: Sarah, Peyton and Riley

STEAM VENT

Coffee House

First Church of Winsted



Silk-n-Steel Photo: Deb Storrs

STEAM VENT Café

Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts

And Beverages from 6-8 PM

SEPT 9th – Pizza Night

OCT 14th – Mexican Night

NOV 11th – Fall Soup & Salad Night

Menu Subject to Change



Deb & Eric
Photo: Shaw Israel Izikson

*Sign up for Open Mic slots
Night of the Event!*



Steam Vent Coffee House – providing a relaxed and friendly place for musicians 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 supporting our mission activities.

FALL SEASON PERFORMERS

SEPTEMBER 9TH

Open Mic 6-7

7:00 - MRX

7:30 - Eric Paradine

8:00 - Joel Blumert

8:30 - Stephen Prout

9:00 - Silk-n-Steel

9:30 - OPEN

OCTOBER 14TH

Open Mic 6-6:30

6:30 - Eric Paradine

**7:00 - Adelaide Punkin
Datzuk**

7:30 - Juan DeGuzman

8:00 - Dave Kenna

8:30 - Melanie Michaud

9:00 - Corey Michael Rieman

9:30 - Danielle Emberly

NOVEMBER 11TH

Open Mic 6-7

7:00 - Bill Morrell

7:30 - Eric Paradine

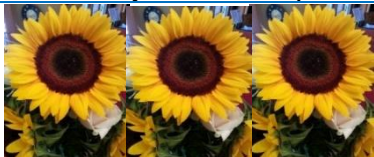

8:00 - Bill Benson

**8:30 - Mike Lovallo & Edie
Mallick**

9:00 - Jean Stokes Recchia

9:30 - Stephen Haskell

Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am Sunday - 10 am Monday - 5:00 pm at Pastor Lisa's Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 7:30 pm Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Bible Study in the Parlor Worship Women's Bible Study Beginning Oct 16 Rehearsal - Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal - Laurel City Singers	Sept 4 Sept 9 Sept 10 Sept 16 Oct 7 Oct 14	Labor Day Steam Vent RALLY DAY High Tea Tag Sale Steam Vent
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		PM Board Board of Christian Ed Deacons Cabinet Meeting	Sept 3 at 11:15 Aug 30 Sept 17 at 11:15 Sept 26 at 7:00
			

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Karl Janak
 *Nika Benson
 03 - Brittany Blische
 08 - Duane Blische
 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 - 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

To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at dstorrs@snet.net

tag sale

OCTOBER 7th ~ 8:00am – 4:00pm

Volunteers are needed to sort on drop off days and during the day of the Tag Sale. Please or see Lisa Nanni or Laura McCaw. 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 10/6-10/7 from 5-8pm
In the Church Dining Room!***

CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 2nd 8:00am - 3:00pm



Vendors
Wreathes
Luncheon
Poinsettias
Christmas Trees
Themed Basket Raffle
Christmas Arts & Crafts
Boar's Head Festival Tickets
First Church
Of Winsted

*Never too early to plan your booth for the fair!
 See Lisa or Laura
 Hold this date!*





September 2017



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	 Cross of the Eclipse	1	2
3 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Worldwide Communion Day PM Board 11:30 Brittany Blische	4 Labor Day	5 Worship Choir 5:30	6 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm ♥ Bill & Constance Bastenbeck	7 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	8 Duane Blische Susannah Hall ♥ Bob & Carol Miles	9  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM Owen Marvin
10 Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots RALLY DAY Picnic after Service Hotdogs & Ice Cream beverages provided Beth McCusker	11 Kelly McAllister	12 Worship Choir 5:30 BOCE 6:45 PM ♥ Tony & Tanya Mongitore	13 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Vision Meeting 7:00 PM Lisa Relihan	14 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm Alec Marvin	15	16 High Tea 2:00 PM 
17 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Diaconate 11:30	18	19 Worship Choir 5:30	20 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm John Eggering Liam McAllister Danny McAllister ♥ Ed & Kathy Weaving	21 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm Ann Jones ♥ Devin & Hannah McCaw	22 Autumn Begins Timothy Hughes	23 Wedding Scheduled Wedding Sarah Beckner & Sean Storrs Westbrook Melissa McCusker
24 Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am A Prayer for Peace	25	26 Worship Choir 5:30 Cabinet 7:00 pm Michael Wu ♥ Brett & Susan McAllister	27 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm Bellringer Article Deadline Chelsea Jarboe Wade Roberts	28 Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	29 Mel Lee	30 Pam Allen Shirley Calkins Lisabeth Gustafson Sierra McCaw

**Come...be uplifted
by the Spirit and
strive to follow
God's path for you!**



Artist: Karen Delton

The Reverend Lisabeth Gustafson

Moderator - Dan Jones ~ Vice-Moderator - Frank Artruc
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FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED



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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