



## Word From The Pastor

During the August meeting of the Cabinet meeting, someone made a passing remark like, *"I can't believe it's almost Fall, already. The summer has gone by so quickly."* And truly, the changes of the seasons seem to always catch us off guard and ill-prepared, despite our awareness of the date on our calendars, computers, and smartphones. But thankfully, the LORD has always provided sunrises, sunsets, winter storms, spring warmth and beautiful flowers, summer heat & vacation times, autumn leaves and before we know it, another season is upon us. I shot the radiant Maple leaves in the margin back in 2008

while I was driving near Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT. It illustrates three of my favorite seasons to shoot, spring, fall, and winter.

This summer fulfilled First Church's fall & winter efforts to generate funds to meet some of the costs to conduct another successful Mexico mission trip. During the mission trip, I was personally blessed to see the daily reports and photographs of the work and fellowship that occurred at the hands of our ministry team. The mission trip demonstrated the faith and will of our team and all members and associates of First Church to effectively meet JESUS' call to *"...be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8b). The summer also brought photos from two of our families (*Carillo & Roys*), who cared for eggs, larvae, pupas, and then released Monarch butterflies that began their migratory journeys.

Now, here we are, another season is upon us. No matter what we have personally experienced in recent seasons (adventures, challenges, successes, failures, joys, fears, pains, illnesses, traumas, and even the deaths of friends and loved ones), I encourage you to celebrate your faith, recognizing that each day that we have lived was a gift of the LORD. Every breath, heartbeat, tear, sound, touch, taste, and thought were made possible by the LORD of glory.

Therefore, as you anticipate the change of the season, (the colorful leaves, relationships, education, and employment); celebrate the grace, goodness, faithfulness and love of the LORD. Then, regardless of how the season changes for you and yours, remind yourself that GOD wants us to thrive, enjoy, and be fulfilled in our lives. Most especially, we are encouraged to honor, respect, and trust the LORD to sustain us in all of the circumstances of our lives. That is really what the writer of Ecclesiastes was trying to communicate to us:

**GOD<sup>11</sup> "...has made everything suitable for its time...there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> moreover, it is GOD's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup> I know that whatever GOD does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; GOD has done this, so that all should stand in awe before Him."** (Ecclesiastes 3:11, 13-14 NRSV)

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*September*

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

# Church News...

## *Pastor's Word continued*

Therefore, my sisters and brothers, enjoy the changes that are upon us, but with each change remain in awe of what the LORD is doing; ***GOD does all things greatly and wonderfully.*** The cast of the Broadway hit, "Rent<sup>1</sup>" asked listeners how they measure time/seasons:

*"Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes..."*

*How do you measure a year? —In daylights in sunsets—In midnights in cups of coffee—In inches in miles In laughter in strife...How do you measure—A year in the life—How about love?"*

And I ask, how do you measure a year?

**How about GOD?**

*Blessings.*

*Pastor Kap*

## **Pulpit Search Committee**

We are enthusiastic about our future as a church and we've called on HolyCow! Consulting to assist in this process!

Please be alert to the weekly email messages and in worship announcements with additional information and reminders.

The online assessment is scheduled to be disbursed by email early September.

The Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), is the instrument we chose to use to help gauge our strengths and weaknesses as well as the different

trends in our church. We want to hear about your faith experiences!

Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

We would ask that you please encourage all members of your household, family and friends within our church community to take the time to complete the survey. Paper copies will be available if needed.

Thank you for your faith and trust in us - and if you have any questions please contact myself or any member of the committee.

- Ashley



## **Community Connections!**



Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted is considered the best community college in the state, according to WalletHub.

Pastor Charles V. Rodrigues of First Church of Winsted was instrumental in bringing and establishing NCCC to Winsted!



The Kerry Boys – played in our sanctuary when the Friends of Main Street Concert in the Park was rained out!



## **RALLY DAY!!**

Join Us Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> as we Celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School year. We will recognize **Barbara Mazzei** for her many years of service as she retires from her Superintendent duties and celebrate new beginnings following the path the Lord has chosen for us.

Puddle Jumpers will be sharing some silly Music Camp songs with a bit of Spanish to celebrate our Mexico Mission. A Potluck Picnic to follow with hamburgers and Hotdogs provided by the Board of Christian Education.

***Teachers are needed for fall!***  
**See Ashley Fontanez**

*The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see.*

**-Alexandra K. Trenfor**

A TEACHER  
OPENS MINDS  
AND TOUCHES  
HEARTS ❤️



Photos: John Eggering



## Summer Music Camp

The Puddle Jumpers enjoyed a few Fridays at Music Camp where we had games, lunches and music in the park (including kazoos!) We had ice pops and watched the driveway deconstruction. It was hot, hot, hot...but the music was cool as we practiced ukulele, drums and silly songs like Raining Tacos, Peanut Butter Jelly Time and the Duck Song and learned the Buenos Dias song in celebration of our Mexico Mission.

## Bye Bye Parking Lot...



Photo: Deb Storrs



Photo: Bonnie Geddes



## Hello Sidewalks...

Photo: Bonnie Geddes

# 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, Sept. 12 , 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.

Fall Theme is yet to be determined.

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](mailto: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!)

## **September Schedule:**

**Worship Choir**, intended for Youths and Adults (grades 6 and up) rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm, and sings on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Muddy Boots** is our Contemporary Christian Band rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm and singing on the September 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those interested in joining please see Dan Jones.

**Puddle Jumpers** is our Children/Youth Choir rehearsing Sunday mornings after worship service and singing September 8<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day. Praising our Savior through song while expanding our musical knowledge with ukulele, percussion and cooperation. Open to children 1st grade and up! To join please see Deb Storrs.

## **Parking Lot, Sidewalks and Handicap Access...**

We had a great Special Meeting last Sunday and approved the construction of a handicap access ramp and handicap bathroom to the back of the church and the replacement of the sidewalks and pathways in the front of the church! Ryan Geddes gave a detailed presentation of the work that will be completed. I have included a few pictures to help envision what it will look like once completed which is planned to be done by Christmas. Artwork by Reece Geddes



There was much discussion and enthusiasm for the handicap access which we have wanted for a long time. The door at the top of the ramp will come out in the back hallway where the stain glass window currently is at the top of the back stairs. An addition will be added to construct the bathroom in the back hallway. As most of you know the parking lot has already been cleared, the drains repaired, and the deteriorating wooden playground equipment removed. It will be exciting to watch the progress over the next few months.



**September 14**

**Featured Performers**

6:00 – Open Mic – Sign-up night of event  
 7:00 – Jim Macs  
 7:30 – Michael Lovallo & Edie Mallick  
 8:00 – Jim Palermo  
 8:30 – Dave Kenna  
 9:00 – Jean Recchia



**Pizza Night!**

**In the Café \*\*\* 6 – 8 PM**

Two slices of pizza choice of toppings (Vegetarian Options) ..... \$7.00  
 Served with choice of sides and salad ..... \$10.00  
 Dinner Salad ..... \$6.00  
 Desserts \$2.00 ~ Beverages \$1.00

*Steam Vent Coffee House – giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place 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 raising funds in support of our children's mission activities.*

**FIRST CHURCH OF WINSTED**

**95 NORTH MAIN STREET**

# STEAM VENT Café

***Selling Light Themed Dinners, Desserts  
 And Beverages from 6-8 PM***

**SEPT 14th – Pizza & Salad Night**

**OCT 19th – Mexican Night**

**NOV 9th – Fall Soup & Grilled Cheese**

***Menu Subject to Change***

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

***OR Email: [svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org)***

## FALL SEASON PERFORMERS

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
***Pizza & Salad Nite!***

***Open Mic 6-7:00***

**7:00-Jim Macs**

**7:30-Michael Lovallo**

**& Edie Mallick**

**8:00-Jim Palermo**

**8:30-Dave Kenna**

**9:00-Jean Stokes Recchia**

**OCTOBER 19**  
***Mexican Nite!***

***Open Mic 6-7:00***

**7:00-Juan DeGuzman**

**7:30-Melanie Michaud**

**8:00-Eric Paradine**

**8:30-Blue Yonder**

**9:00- Carl D. Therriault**

**NOVEMBER 9**  
***Soup & Grilled Cheese Nite***

***Open Mic 6-7:00***

**7:00-Robert C Fullerton**

**7:30-Silk-n-Steel**

**8:00-Bill Benson**

**8:30-Joel Blumert**



**9:00-Breathless Charm**

***Open Mic – Sign up the  
 night of event – 2 song limit***

**OR email:**

**[svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:svch@firstchurchofwinsted.org)**

## Upcoming Events

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 9 am Sunday - 10 am Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 7:30 pm Thursday - 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Bible Study in the Parlor Worship Rehearsal - Worship Choir AA / Alanon Meetings Rehearsal - Laurel City Singers	Sept 2 Sept 8 Sept 14 Oct 12    8 am – 4 pm Oct 19 Nov 9 Dec 7    8 am – 3 pm Dec 15    2 – 4 pm	Labor Day RALLY DAY Steam Vent Tag Sale Steam Vent Steam Vent Christmas Fair Christmas Steam Vent OPEN MIC
		<i>Board Meetings</i>	
		PM Board Board of Christian Ed/Deacons Cabinet Meeting	Sept 1 at 11:15 Sept 15 at 11:15 Sept 24 at 7:00
			

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS \*Karl Janak

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

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 08 - Bob & Carol Miles  
♥ 12 - Tony & Tanya Mongitore  
♥ 20 - Ed & Kathy Weaving  
♥ 21 - Devin & Hannah McCaw  
♥ 23 - Sean & Sarah Storrs  
♥ 26 - Brett & Susan McAllister

To add your birthdate or anniversary to the list, please email Deb Storrs at [info@firstchurchofwinsted.org](mailto:info@firstchurchofwinsted.org)

 **tag sale**

**OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Volunteers are needed to sort on drop off days  
and during the day of the Tag Sale.**

**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 10/10-10/11 from 5-8pm  
In the Church Dining Room!***



Artist rendering of Winsted Circa 1842! Note the White Church on the right...our location after the move from Wallens Hill. *Artist: Unknown*



# September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots-9:30 am  PM Board 11:30 am	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> Worship Choir 5:30  Brittany Blische	<b>4</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship Service 10:00 am <b>RALLY DAY</b> Puddle Jumpers 9:30 am Duane Blische Susannah Hall ♥ Bob & Carol Miles	<b>9</b>  Owen Marvin	<b>10</b> Worship Choir 5:30  Beth McCusker	<b>11</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  Kelly McAllister	<b>12</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm  ♥ Tony & Tanya Mongitore	<b>13</b>  Lisa Relihan	<b>14</b>  <b>STEAM VENT</b> Coffee House 6-10 PM  Alec Marvin
<b>15</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Diaconate 11:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Worship Choir 5:30	<b>18</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> John Ambrozaitis John Eggering Liam McAllister Danny McAllister ♥ Ed & Kathy Weaving	<b>21</b>  Ann Jones ♥ Devin & Hannah McCaw
<b>22</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Muddy Boots-9:30 am Pastoral Search 11:30 am <b>Pastor Lisa Gustafson</b> <b>Installation 3:30 pm</b> <b>Harwinton</b> <b>Congregational</b> <b>Church</b> Timothy Hughes	<b>23</b> <b>Autumn Begins</b>  ♥ Sean & Sarah Storrs	<b>24</b> Worship Choir 5:30  Cabinet 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> Laurel City Singers 7:00 pm  Michael Wu ♥ Brett & Susan McAllister	<b>27</b> <b>Bellringer</b> <b>Article Deadline</b>  Wade Roberts	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Choir 9:30 am Pastoral Search 11:30 am Mel Lee	<b>30</b>  Pam Allen Shirley Calkins Lisabeth Gustafson Sierra McCaw		 Artist: Karen Delton	<b>Sept Birthstone:</b> <b>Sapphire</b> 	<b>Sept Flower:</b> <b>Aster</b> 	<b>Astrological Signs</b>  Virgo: Aug 23 – Sept 22 Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 22

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



Artist: Karen Delton

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Communion - 1st Sunday of Every Month

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