

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

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of Winsted
(Baptist & Congregational)
Bible-focused & Christ-centered**

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**John Costa
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**Christopher King
Organist**

**Tom Doney &
Cassie Riberdy
Sextons**

Sunday Morning Adult Study
Led by Pastor Dan
9:00-9:45 AM

Sunday Service Schedule
Worship Service 10:00 AM
(9:30 AM July and August)

Sunday School 9:00 AM
(No Sunday School
during July & August.)

Youth Group (grades 5-8)
Meet on 2nd & 4th Sunday
each month – 11:15 AM

Wed. Night Study
Led by Pastor Dan
Wednesdays 6:00-7:15 PM

Diaper Bank Hours
1st Wednesday of each month
5:00 – 6:30 PM



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Annual Meeting Notice Sunday, January 19, 2025

(mark your calendars)

The annual meeting of the Second Congregational Church of Winsted (Baptist & Cong'l) will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the church, 800 Main St., Winsted for the purpose of receiving annual reports, election of officers, approval of revisions to the bylaws, approval of the 2025 budget, and to conduct any other necessary business. - Denise Torson, Clerk

A Message from Pastor Dan:

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“When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.” (Matthew 8:23–26)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The past year has demonstrated the resilience of our church and its ability to survive and thrive amid a crisis brought on by those who desired to promote the theological traditions of men above the plain teaching of Christ and the apostles. Unfortunately, we unnecessarily lost brothers and sisters in Christ, but for the vast majority who remained, we have experienced joy and unity that can only come from the unvarnished teaching of Christ and not from 5-point Calvinism. A great storm arose, but if we remain in Christ, we have nothing to fear because in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col 2:3), and in Him, we have peace in our hearts (Col 3:15). By the grace of God, we have been blessed with the following in the past year:

- A revision of the bylaws, which places our focus on the Bible, the teaching of Christ, and the essential doctrines of the Christian faith found in our Statement of Faith. We are Bible-focused and Christ-centered in all that we do.
- An understanding that sound doctrine, as Paul instructs us (1 Tim 6:3-5), is found in Christ's words, not in men's words and traditions (Mark 7:13).
- The addition of 21 new members in the past year committed to Christ and growing as disciples.
- The baptism of 14 adults, children, and infants into the family of faith.
- A continual influx of visitors and friends.
- A very successful stewardship campaign unlike any seen in past years.
- Transparent leadership that has articulated a biblical and Christ-centered vision for the future of our church and codified it into the bylaws, so it is plain for all to see.

This year has filled me with joy that I have not experienced in my Christian Walk for some time. We must thank God for guiding us, sustaining us, and restoring our joy in Christ. We still have much work to do, and the positive signs noted above need to continue. As I have repeatedly said, if we want this church to be here in 100 years, we must never forget Jesus, and He must be our first love (Rev 2:1-7; 3:7-13). The church is a divinely ordained institution, and any local church will only survive if it loves Jesus and honors and obeys God's Word.

Blessing in Jesus' Name,

Pastor Dan

Reminders from the Office

- The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2025, immediately following worship. All reports from committees and the board should have been submitted to the office to allow time to compile the complete report for this meeting. However, if you have not, please submit it to the office by Monday, January 6th.
- **Pledge Envelopes** for 2025 Giving are in the back of the sanctuary. If you currently do not have an assigned envelope number and would like to receive them, please contact Kathy in the office.
- **Pardon Our Appearance**—watch for work on the sanctuary ceiling to be completed by January. There will be more news coming shortly.

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- **Tithes, Offerings, and Donations may now be made online.** For those individuals that would like to give to the church online, simply go to the front page of our [church website](#) and click the link “Support Our Church and Ministries” or tap the tile shown to the left.



You may also download the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Be sure to select the app with the logo to the right. Search for churches in your area, and you will find “Second Congregational Church of Winsted.” For more information on Vanco, visit their website: vancopayments.com See Paul Okraska for more information.

Christian Education Updates:

Sunday School: Classes will resume on January 12th.

Children’s Church: Will be available on 1/12 and 1/26.

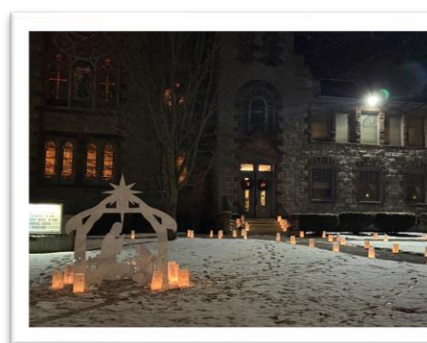
Youth Group: The youth should plan to meet after worship service on 1/12. We look forward to kicking off the new year!

Blessings!

John

Lighting the Walkway on Christmas Eve

Thank you to all that participated in this year's luminaria campaign. The walkway looked beautiful once again and we raised \$280.00 for the church's general budget. We hope to grow this effort each year so that someday we'll have enough to line the outside walkway too!



Fellowship Hour for Sunday Mornings

A chart for 2025 will be posted within the next week or two and we thank you in advance for your support in any way possible. There are two weeks that we don't have coverage for and appreciate all volunteers that can help out making coffee, set up and clean up.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

25th Anniversary - March 22, 2025, 8:30-3:00

Rehoboth Church of God in Bloomfield

16 Different Seminars - \$59.00 per person group rate

We will register and travel together as a group

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall & please make payment to SCCW by March 8

See Jeff Liskin, Sr. if you have any questions.

Please join us in honoring some of our church family in birthday celebration announcements.



January – Happy Birthday to...

- 02.....Carol Tomassetti
- 04Pat Andrews
- 09Gill Bechard
- 11.....Kathy Craig
- 16..... Margaret Sheahan
- 24..... Ed Tomassetti

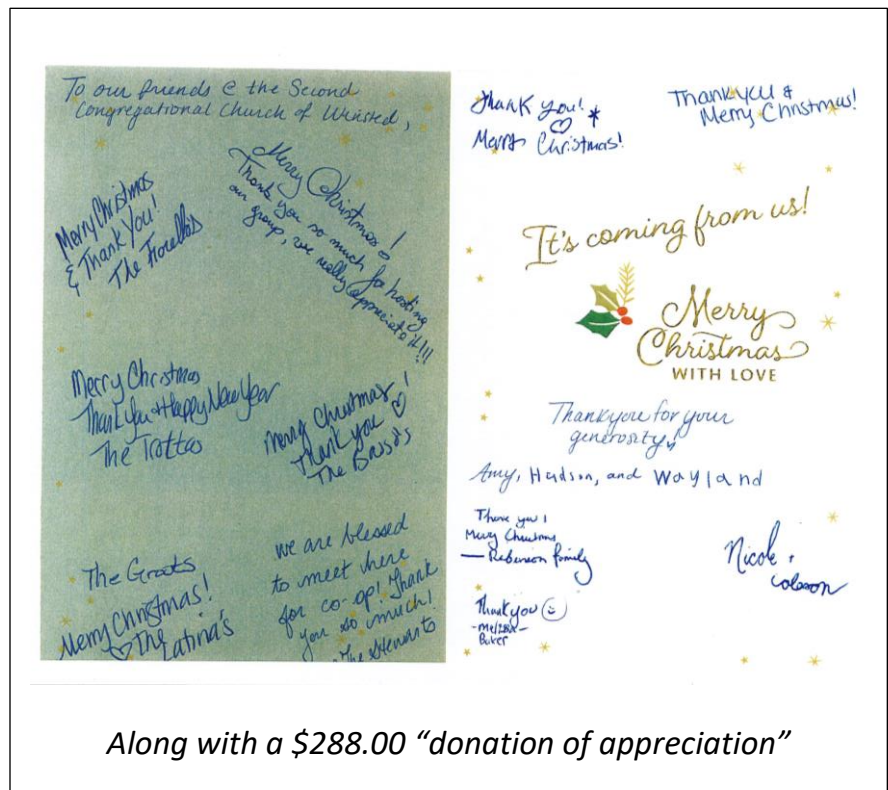
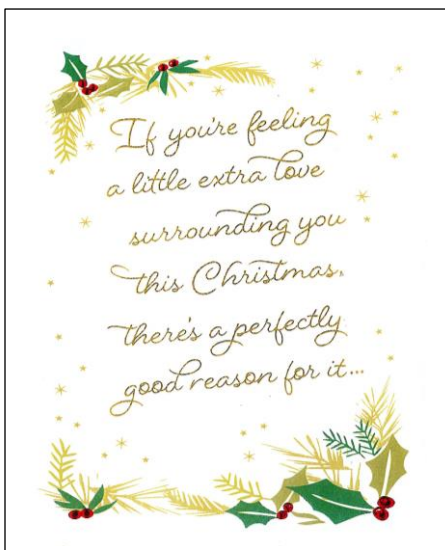
SCC Email Prayer Team ???

Did you know that we have an active email prayer team that is available to our church family?

If you or someone you know needs prayer during an illness, life difficulties, etc. we have a very special group of people who will take the time to pray for you. You are welcome to join us any time by sending a request to Kathy Craig at: info@sccwinsted.org.

A promise that if we turn worry into prayer, God will protect our hearts from anxiety. Philippians 4:6-7

A Thank You from the Northwest CT Collaborative



Along with a \$288.00 "donation of appreciation"



Second Congregational Church January 2025



Church Office Hours: Monday – closed, Tuesday-Thurs 8:30am-4pm
(12-12:30 closed for lunch), Friday 8:30am-12noon only

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Annual Church Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th following Worship.</p> <hr/> <p>We are looking for volunteers to fill in empty Fellowship Hour spots for 2025. If you are new to the church and want to start meeting everyone, here's a great way to start.</p>			1 NO Bible Study	2  10 AM – 2 PM	3	4
5 Food Bank Sunday NO Adult Sunday School 9-9:45 AM Church Worship @ 10:00 AM	6	7	8 NO Bible Study	9  10 AM – 2 PM Mission's Board Meeting – 4PM	10	11
12 Adult & Children's Sunday School 9-9:45 AM Church Worship @ 10:00 AM Diaconate Mtg 11:30 AM Youth Group 11:30-12:30 PM	13	14	15 Bible Study Led by Pastor Dan 6-7:15 PM	16  10 AM – 2 PM	17	18
19 Annual Mtg Today Adult & Children's Sunday School 9-9:45 AM Church Worship @ 10:00 AM	20	21 Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Bible Study Led by Pastor Dan 6-7:15 PM	23  10 AM – 2 PM	24 Deadline to submit info for Contact newsletter February 2025 edition	25
26 Adult & Children's Sunday School 9-9:45 AM Church Worship @ 10:00 AM Youth Group 11:30-12:30 PM	27	28 CE Board Meeting (via zoom) 7:00 PM	29	30 No Home School today	31	

Got an event or something you want advertised in the February edition of the "Contact Newsletter?"

Deadline for submission is January 24th

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.**
(Ex. 20:1-6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4-5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**
(Ps. 119; Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1Thess. 2:13)
- 3. We believe that God, in His goodness, created only two distinct and complementary genders, male and female, which is defined by one's biological sex at birth. These two genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's created order and the image of God within that person.**
(Gen. 1:26-28,31; 2:2-24; Lev 18:22-23; 20:10-21; Deut 22:5; Is3:12; Rom 1:24-27; 1Cor 6-9; 11:7; 1Tim 2:11-15)
- 4. We believe that man and woman sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that we are all born with a sinful nature that mars God's image in us.**
(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7; 3:1-24; Ezek 13:23; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1-3; James 3:9)
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**
(Is 7:14; Matt 1:18,23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:6-7,40; John 1:14; Phil 2:6-7; Heb 1:2-5; 2:14)
- 6. We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**
(Is 53:4-6; Mark 1:14-15; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 8:3; 1John 4:10; 1Pet 2:24-25)
- 7. We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**
(Luke 24:1-7; John 2:19-21; Acts 1:9; Heb 4:14,10:11-13; Rev 1:17-18)
- 8. We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**
(John 1:12-13; 3:16-18,36; 5:24-29; 10:27-29; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:1,9-12,15-17; 10:9-11; Gal 4:24-29; Eph 1:5; 1 John 5:12-13)
- 9. We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**
(Matt 16:18-19; 18:17; John 17; Acts 2:42; 6:1-6; 20:28-32; 1Cor 10:1-14:40; Eph 5:21-32; 1Thes 5:12-13; 1Tim 3:1-16; 5:17-22; Heb 10:25; 1Pet 5:1-4)
- 10. We believe that God created marriage to be a holy and lifelong covenant union, which can only be between one man and one woman who are not closely related, and that the only lawful place for intimate relations is marriage.**
(Gen 2:22-24; Ex 22:16-17; Deut 22:14; Mal 2:16; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:5,21-6:4; Col 3:18-21; 1Tim 1:8-10; Heb 13:4)
- 11. We believe that at The Last Day, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**
(Matt 25:31-46; Rom 8:35-39; 1Thes 4:13-17; Rev 20:12-15, 21-27)