

Happy New Year!

Many people look at January 1st as a fresh, new start. Do you have any resolutions in mind for the New Year?

One thing that we can all strive to do, is to learn more about Christ, not only in this first month of the new year, but all year long. Some ways that we can continually do this is through prayer, daily devotions (please pg 2 of this newsletter for more info) and reading the Bible.

Colossians 3:10-11 tells us to clothe ourselves **"with a brand-new nature, that is continually being renewed as [we] learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within [us].** In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile...barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. **Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us."**

What I really like about this passage is that it doesn't say that only new Christians should learn all they can about Christ. It doesn't say that only the young, or the very old, the busy, or the weak should be learning about Christ. This message is for all of us, no matter where you are in your walk with the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-14 goes on to say:
"Since God chose **you** to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with **tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you.** Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love.** Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony."

We know in our hearts that this is the way that we are to treat others - giving them grace as God shows US grace. But it's not always easy to do in practice.

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Whether or not you choose to have New Year's Resolutions, I challenge you to try to clothe yourself in these qualities each morning.

As a final challenge, please hear these words from Colossians 3:15-17:

"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, all the while giving thanks through him to God the Father."

As we journey into this New Year, let us follow these words from Colossians 3. (I encourage you to read the whole chapter in your own Bible.

If you struggle with what to read in the Bible each day, I recommend a One-Year Bible (in whichever translation most appeals to you). The One-Year Bible has a passage from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, a Psalm and a Proverb for each day of the year.

As we strive to learn more about Christ, and to act the way in which we taught us, we will see an improvement in the other areas of our lives - especially our personal relationships!

In closing, I'd like to offer up a prayer for you:
Dear Father, please bless your people as we journey into this New Year. Help us to hear that still, quiet voice in which you speak to us, and thank you for giving us the strength and grace to do your will. Thank you for watching over us and our loved ones. Help us to be a blessing to someone today and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

May you have a joyful and blessed New Year!

With Love In Christ,
Pastor Del

Daily Devotionals

The Board of Deacons provides a daily devotional ministry through **The Upper Room** devotional booklets. A number of families and individuals have reserved copies of this uplifting ministry, with any remaining booklets being placed on the table at the back of the Sanctuary available for a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to receive these booklets on a regular basis and would like your name be added to our reserved copy list, please contact Richard Sarachek.

You may also receive these devotions through a daily email by signing up at www.UpperRoom.org.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Every year our Sunday School students, teachers, and our Superintendent all work very hard to put together a Christmas Pageant for the Congregation.

This year's Pageant was held on Sunday, December 18th during Worship Service. Thank you to Doreen Maloney, Linda Knight, Rubi Hickson, Tish Ignatowicz, Dawne Goodwin, Lynn Philippi, Boyd Wood, Karen Cushman, Stephanie Dakin, and to all who participated!

We also thank the parents for bringing their children to the rehearsals and otherwise supporting us through the pageant. Special thanks go to the Sunday School students - they did a fabulous job! (the Mary Did You know presentation is on our Facebook page in case you missed it)

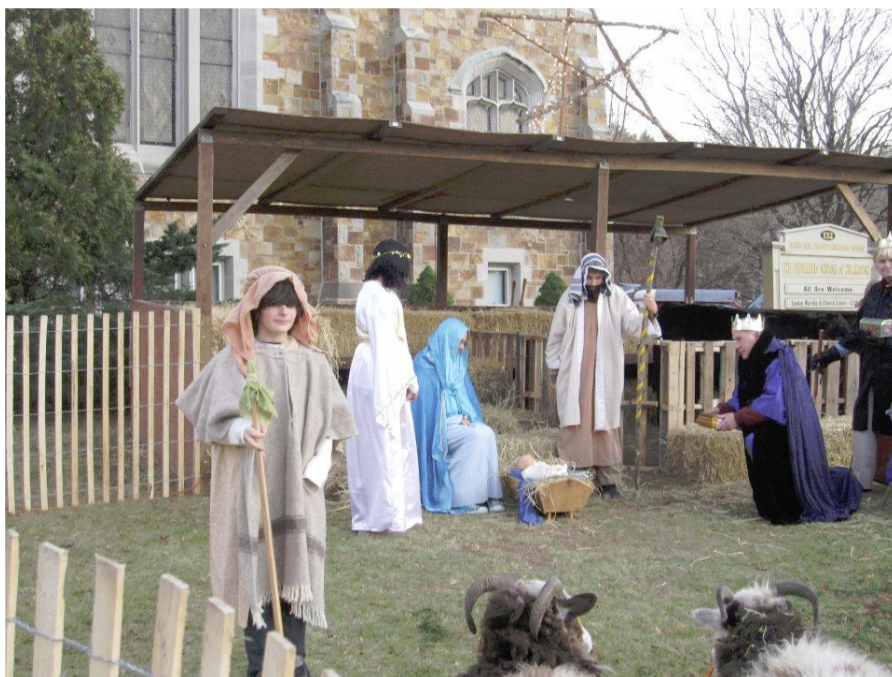
100 Year Anniversary of the building of the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church (October)



Living Nativity

While all praise and glory goes to the Lord, many thanks to our Church Family for supporting the Live Nativity Display at our Hall Memorial Church on Christmas Eve.

It is hoped that both participants and spectators were able to more deeply reflect on the birth and life of our Savior.



Looking For Ways to Help?

The Fellowship Board is in need of donations of baked goods, veggie platters, meat & cheese platters and other goodies for refreshment time following church. They also need help serving, setting up and cleaning up.

The Fellowship Board is also in charge of nominating members for the different Boards and Committees that have openings. The nominations will go in the Annual Report and be voted on during the Annual Meeting (held on February 2nd).

If you are able to help with refreshments or serve on a Board or Committee, please see Laurel Millix or Mi Cha Sarachek. Thank you!

The Goodell family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, letters comfort, and support throughout Lee's difficult illness.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

The Board of Deacons would like to thank all those who ordered Poinsettias to decorate and beautify our chancel during Christmas services. Also many thanks for the overwhelming responses to the Lyon Manor White Gifts that were delivered by our carolers!

Richard Sarachek, chairperson

If you are a member of a Board or Committee, please:

- make sure that a delegate from your Board/Committee contacts the church office with meeting dates. Going forward, we would like to have all meeting dates/times on the church calendar to prevent possible scheduling conflicts (with the Willington Nursery Co-Op, and other events).
- bring any recommendations for nomination to your Board/Committee to Laurel Millix or Mi Cha Sarachek.
- ensure that the Annual Report for your Board/Committee is submitted by the deadline, Monday January 9th.
- feel free to email updates to the church office (info@fedchurchwillington.org) from your Board or Committee for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2011

Georgianna Booth - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

Laurel Bowman & Neil D'Agata - *In Memory of Gordon & Mary Friedrich, Jean Marie and Herbert Bavier*

Matthew, Stephanie, Joshua & Cassidy Dakin - *In Memory of Robert Dakin*

Heather Dancosse & Family - *In Memory of Joan Nevers & Jamie Dancosse*

David & Patricia Dobbyn - *In Memory of grandparents, John Dorso & Claire Callari*

Dale A. Dyer - *In Memory of parents, Donald & Ruth Dyer; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Elijah Dyer; & Loved Ones*

Wayne & Hope Fritz - *In Memory of Our parents, Stanley & Mary Fritz & George & Lillian Killam*

Ernest & Betsy Gunn - *In Memory of Parents, (Cliff & Jane / George & Blanche)*

Pastor Del & Rubi Hickson - *In Memory of Pastor Del's parents, Delbert Hickson, Sr. & Kathryn Hickson, Rubi's father, Jose Luis Alva & Pastor Del's brothers, Jim & Johnny Trautner*

Ronald & Yen Kauffman - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

Tia Klaus & Paul Smith - *In Memory of Lucy Holoburdo, Don Smith, Larry & Nancy Klaus*

Elsie LaBonte - *In Memory of Harry LaBonte*

Holly Ladd & Earl Eldredge - *In Memory of Gail Eldredge*

John & Pam LaMattina - *In Memory of Beloved Family Members of the LaMattina and Dean Families*

Doreen, Michael & Amanda Maloney - *In Memory of Gert & Walter Cwikla*

Laurel Millix - *In Memory of husband, Norbert Millix*

Laurel Millix & Dale Dyer - *In Memory of Gail Eldredge given by her friends*

Evelyne A. Parizek - *In Memory of Parents, Cherished Family & Friends*

Rosanne Parizek - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

Esther M. Phelps - *In Memory of her husband Floyd W. Phelps*

Philippi Family - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

Elizabeth Robertson - *In Memory of Lillian Smith (grandmother)*

Richard & Mi Cha Sarachek & Family - *In Memory of Eleanor & Sheldon Childs, Eloise Roberts & Loved Ones*

Paul Scheu - *In Memory of Lois Haun*

Barbara Smith - *In Memory of my departed family members*

Curt & Kim Smith - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

George M. Thompson - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

January 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast – 9am Track Nine Diner
8	9 Church Council Meeting 6:30, Hill Church	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	12	13	14
15	16	17 Deacon's Meeting – 7PM, Hill Church	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	19	20	21
22	23 December Hill 'n' Dale Article/Meeting Date Deadline	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SAVE THE DATE!

The Federated Church of Willington's Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – 7 PM
 Preceded by a Potluck Dinner – 6PM
 All are welcome to attend!

(at the Hall Memorial Church, Rte 32 S. Willington)

January 2011

Worship Leaders, Communion Server, Greeters, Ushers, & Altar Flowers

SUNDAY 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	SUNDAY 8	SUNDAY 15	SUNDAY 22	SUNDAY 29
Worship Leader Linda Knight	Worship Leader Jefferson Smith	Worship Leader Elizabeth Robertson	Worship Leader Tracy Pelletier	Worship Leader David Ignatowicz
Greeter Nancy Goodell	Greeter Claudia D'Agata	Greeter Laurel Millix	Greeter Mi Cha Sarachek	Greeter Barbara Smith
Ushers Wilbur Gangaway Alice Gangaway	Ushers Judson Hunter Edward D'Agata	Ushers Tom Kelly Larry Palmer	Ushers Richard Sarachek Ernest Morris	Ushers Thomas Smith Eileen Smith
Altar Flowers Alice Gangaway	Altar Flowers Shirley Bates – <i>In Memory of her mother</i>	Altar Flowers Rosanne Parizek	Altar Flowers Mi Cha Sarachek	Altar Flowers Dorothy Howlett – <i>In Memory of her husband</i>
Communion Edward D'Agata Ernest Morris				

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your duties on the Sunday you are assigned, please change with someone listed for that particular duty and notify the Church Office (429-9911) of the change prior to Tuesday, or contact Eileen Smith (429-8927), Board of Deacons.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Month of January

4 Donna Hardie	17 Emily Marshall
5 Cathy Bugbee	26 Dorothy Howlett
6 Jeff Smith	Cassidy Dakin
8 Courtney Fraser	27 Caitlin Halle
14 Dale Dyer	



Did we miss yours? Submit your birthday to the Church office and we will make sure that it appears in the newsletter! Birthdays can be emailed to Info@FedChurchWillington.org.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS reach out to our Brothers and Sisters who have various needs and struggles: **Charles Lowe** (co-worker of Ed D'Agata); **Wayne & Hope Fritz; David Cushman; Jackie** (mentioned by Karen Cushman); **Dale** (Barbara Smith's son); **Betty Marks; Holly** (niece of Alice Cassells); **Karen Cushman; Jane Dean** (sister-in-law of Pam LaMattina); **Theresa; Jimmy Humphrey; Samantha Dobbyn; Esther** Phelps; **Evenlyne Parizek**; For a **family** who has lost their home due to conditions beyond their control (mentioned by Tia Klaus); **Gerard** (cousin of Gigi Booth); **Don** (Tom Kelly's Father-in-Law); Carolyn (Heather Kelly's cousin); **Joshua and Cassidy Dakin; Albert** (friend of Larry Palmer); **Lee** (friend of Larry Palmer); For the Servicemen and Women and their families.

TRAVEL MERCIES: For **Courtney Fraser** traveling home from Turkey, and for all who are traveling over the holidays.

CONDOLENCES:

To the **Family and Friends of Bill Williams** (Dale Dyer's uncle) upon his loss (11/29). Flowers at Worship were shared in his memory;

To the **Family and Friends of Louise Williams**, (Wife of the late Clifford Williams and Dale Dyer's aunt) upon her loss (12/01);

To the **Family and Friends of Grace Wotrin** (Alice Gangaway's sister) upon her loss (12/01);

To the **Family and Friends of Martha Gledhill** (Julia Cartabiano's mother) upon her loss (12/6);

To the **the Converse Family**, upon the loss of their son-in-law, Jack. (friends of the Gangaways);

To the **Family and Friends of Lee Goodell** upon his loss (12/20);

THANKSGIVINGS: That **David Fraser, Barbara Smith** and **Larry Palmer** were back at Worship; Dale Dyer is thankful that her nephew and his wife both have jobs once again; that **Ron & Yen Kauffman** are doing well in their new home and send their regards; for the Christmas Carolers who shared the spirit of Christmas at Lyon Manor, Willington Woods Senior Housing, and shut-ins on (12/18) & for the cookies baked by **Circle One** to give to the shut-ins visited by the Carolers; for the Poinsettias shared by **Members & Friends** in Memory or in Honor of Loved Ones which beautifully adorned the chancel for the Christmas services; to **Donald Parizek** for donating the beautiful Christmas Tree & to the **Philippis** for setting it up; for **Everyone** who had a part in making the **Live Nativity** possible which was on the front lawn of the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church Christmas Eve from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM; and for the Special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service which followed.

BIRTHDAYS MENTIONED DURING WORSHIP: *Tom Smith (12/16) – Happy Birthday!*

THE SEASON OF ADVENT began Sunday, November 27. A time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. The deacons coordinated the Lighting of the Advent Candles during worship, and we thank the following families who participated: November 27 – Tia Klaus with daughters, Allycia & Gracie Smith; December 4 – Laurel Millix with grandchildren, Molly, Anna, Emma

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& Tyler Millix; December 11 - Emily Kennedy and her son, Mikey; December 18 – John and Pam LaMattina; Christmas Eve – Alice Cassells with her son & daughter-in-law, Sean and Jenny, and grandchildren, Carlie and Coby.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATIONS:

For Cancellation of Worship & Sunday School due to inclement weather watch WFSB-TV, Channel 3; WTNH-TV, Channel 8; or NBC 30 WVIT on Sunday morning or go on their websites (www.wfsb.com, www.nbc30.com; www.wtnh.com).

We will also make every attempt to update the Facebook page.

From the Office (Facebook Technical Info):

I set up a Facebook fan page for the church, if you would rather not “friend” us. (The difference being, if you would rather not share your updates, you can “like” the fanpage. This way you will still have access to the church updates, but it’s a one-way street of information. 😊)

The easiest way to find our fanpage is to go on to the church website, www.FedChurchWillington.org and find the Facebook “like” box in the right sidebar. Click the “like” button and you will begin receiving the updates.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to send me an email at info@FedChurchWillington.org.

Thanks!

~Stephanie

WITH PRAYERFUL WISHES FOR A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

2012 Committee & Board Nominations & Vacancies

Moderator, 1 Year - (2013-2014)

Church Clerk, 2 Years - (2012-2014)

* Eileen Smith

Treasurer, 2 Years - (2012-2014)

BOARD OF DEACONS, Three Years

(responsible for cooperating w/ the pastor in ministering to the needs of the church & community assisting in sacraments, worship, care & consolation of all downcast. Recommends people to be members & annually surveys the Church Roll)

Edward D'Agata	2013
Eileen Smith	2014
Elizabeth Robertson	2014
Ernest Morris	2014

*David Ignatowicz 2015

* (2012-2015)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED., Two Years

(Concerned with the educational program of our church for both adults and children.)

David Fraser	2013
* Rubi Hickson	2014
* Linda Knight	2014
* (2012-2014)	2014
* (2012-2014)	2014

BD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 2 Years

(Responsible for coordination of social activities within the Church. They also act as the Nominating committee for our annual elections.)

Laurel Millix	2013
Mi Cha Sarachek	2013
* (2012-2014)	
* (2012-2014)	
* (2012-2014)	

Financial Secretary, 2 Years - (2012-2014)

Sunday School Supt., 1 Year 6/2013-6/2014

PRUDENTIAL BOARD, Two Years

(has care & custody of the Church properties and has charge of the financial affairs of the church, within certain guidelines of the budget. They plan the budget and financial enlistment of the year.)

Alice Cassells	2013
Julia Cartabiano	2013
* (2012-2014)	
* (2012-2014)	
* (2012-2014)	

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE, One Year (acts as liaison between Congregation & Church Council)

* (2012-2013)
* (2012-2013)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH, Two Years

(Concerned w/ missionary evangelism, social action, Christian service & witness, & community service.)

Nancy Humphrey	2013
Gigi Booth	2013
Tom Smith	2013
Barbara Smith	2013
Tom Kelly	2013

DELEGATES TO WAIM CONFERENCE 2012 Meeting, One Year

* (2012-2013)

DELEGATES TO ABC CONFERENCE 2012 Meeting, One Year

* (2012-2013)

AUDITORS, Two Years

Evelyne Parizek	2013
* (2012-2013)	

DELEGATES TO UCC CONFERENCE 2012 Meeting, One Year

* (2012-2013)



REMINDER!
 All the Boards, Committees & Officers,
 The Church Annual Reports are due
 Monday, January 9, 2012!

ANNOUNCEMENT!
 The Annual Meeting of the
 Federated Church of Willington
 Tuesday, February 8, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
 Preceded by Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M.
 at Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church.

Happy New Year!

January, 2012

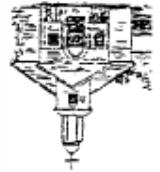
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Sunday Morning Worship/Sunday
 School - 10:00 AM
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 All are Welcome!