

# The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

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June 2016

## MAGIC SHOW AT JUNE 8 MEETING

A special treat awaits those who attend the program on Wednesday, June 8. A magic show at 7:30 will be preceded by the annual meeting at 7:00 in Room 5 of Sacred Heart Church (enter by the side door, west end). There will be no supper this year, due to ongoing renovations.

A professional conjuror and 46-year member of the Society of American Magicians, Barry Moran has entertained thousands of people in person and on television. His magic has taken him from the Hartford Civic & Arts Festival to the exclusive Sydney Rowing Club in Sydney, Australia.

Barry's philosophy is to entertain his viewers with the intention not of deception, but rather creation — creation of an atmosphere of mystery, mirth, and magic that brings viewers together and allows them to see each other having fun. Barry's show is filled with lighthearted family-oriented entertainment and good-natured audience participation, where impossible events become moments of delightful reality.

A person of two professions, Barry was a teacher of mathematics at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut, from 1972 until 2015. During his tenure, he served as a mathematics instructor, Chair of the Mathematics Department, Associate Director of Admission, and Director of Studies.



Photo and text courtesy of Barry Moran

**DON'T MISS IT! WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 AT**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, 26 WINTONBURY AVENUE, ROOM 5**

**ANNUAL MEETING AT 7:00, PROGRAM AT 7:30.**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board met on Wednesday, May 18, at the Bloomfield History Center. The president noted that Sheila Culbert's talk on April 6 was well-attended. He reported that the Bloomfield High Class of 1956 has asked us to do a program at its reunion in October on local history during the past sixty years. He also reported that gifts totaling \$965 have been received in memory of Fannie Gabriel.

For the period July 1, 2015 through April 29, 2016, the treasurer reported income of \$5,157 and expenditures of \$5,864. The biggest expenses were \$2,659 for utilities and \$1,837 for heating/air conditioning repairs and service. The Flea Market on April 30 brought in \$752. Finally, the Board voted to adopt a budget of \$7,800 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. From this we can build a 2016-2017 budget for timely adoption.

The president noted that nominations for June elections are not yet filled. We will be electing a president, vice-president, treasurer, historian, and eight directors. Roberta LaMonaca of Prosser Library has been helpful in suggesting names for the Board, but much more effort is needed before June 8.

The Department of Public Works receives our thanks for painting the ramp to the History Center. After July 1, we hope to have a new front walk to the Old Farm School, a ramp to the school's rear door, and new parking lot lights.

The Old Farm School summer schedule began May 15, when Bob Hubbard welcomed six guests. Volunteers are still needed to staff the History Center on Sundays. The Lions Club has begun work on the OFS gardens and deserves our wholehearted thanks.

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## Friends for the Journey

*Words and music by Greg Babal. Performed by Greg at the Fannie Gabriel Memorial Service, January 10, 2016. ©Gregory Babal. Printed by permission.*

### Verse 1:

So many people gathered here, faces so new and friends so dear  
Each of us precious in His sight  
Gifts He has given to us all, all are important, great and small  
None like the other, none just the same

### Chorus:

Friends for the journey, gifts we are to each other, friends for the journey  
Thank You, Lord, for the friends You've given to me  
Friends for the journey, gifts we are to each other, friends for the journey  
Thank You, Lord, for the friends You've given to me

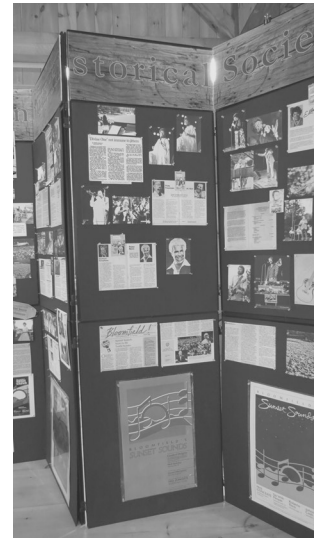
### Verse 2:

Pilgrims and travelers through this life, some brought together to be man and wife  
None of us can make it all alone  
We help one another along the way, making life richer day by day  
Given by God as a blessing from above

### Chorus:

Friends for the journey, gifts we are to each other, friends for the journey  
Thank You, Lord, for the friends You've given to me  
Friends for the journey, gifts we are to each other, friends for the journey  
Thank You, Lord, for the friends You've given to me

THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED BAKED GOODS FOR APRIL 30: Diana Barnard, Jean Buscarello, Ann Brock, Judy Dahlgren-Dechand, Mae DiFabio, Jane Double, Beth Ellison, Cheryl Fox, Winnie Granger, Florence Havens, Lois Hager, Yolanda Hesketh, Meta Hubbard, Marilyn Johnston, Paula Jones, Marion Kelliher, Ruthanne Marchetti, Libbie Merrow, Mary Murray, Pat Robair, Louise Schmolli,



The Sunset Sounds Exhibit opened April 17



Mary Murray selling Miller House bottles .



April 30 was a fine day for the annual WHS Flea Market. At right, Libbie Merrow and Ruthanne Marchetti sell baked goods.



# CATALOG OF CONGREGATIONS, #6 of a series

## St. John's Full Gospel Deliverance Church, 27 Brown Street

### Editor's notes:

The term *Full Gospel* is often used as a synonym for *Pentecostalism* and *Charismatic Christianity*. The term had its origins in the holiness movement growing out of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Methodism. A. B. Simpson (1843-1919), the Canadian founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and an early holiness leader, framed his core beliefs around the "Fourfold Gospel" (Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Soon-Coming King). Many Pentecostals were influenced by his views and adopted the term Fourfold, Foursquare, or Full Gospel into their organizations. Such groups emphasize a return to the doctrines and power of the Apostolic Age or New Testament Church.

*Deliverance* is a term used to refer to the activity of freeing people from difficulties, problems, and troubles that oppress their lives. These include personality disorders, destructive behaviors, and other serious maladaptive syndromes. The deliverance church identifies the spiritual causes of such problems, and, by a variety of methods, seeks to liberate the individual

In 1964, John E. Wilson had a vision, a vision of establishing a new church, a church which would help people deal with the trials and tribulations which weighed down their lives. From that vision came St. John's Full Gospel Deliverance Center in the Portland/Middletown area of Connecticut, a ministry for the healing of minds, souls, and bodies. The new church began meeting in a union hall at 565 High Street in Middletown. It was the beginning of a faith-filled journey.

During those first years many people would come and go. People came to find out what deliverance was all about and how it could affect their lives. While many were uncertain, there was a strong core who kept the church going: Mother Juanita Warner, Sister Elizabeth Hicks, Deacon Andrew Hallums, Mother Ruby Welborn, Sister Coretha Turner, Sister Ivory M. White, Sister Leona Nelson, Sister Barbara Stephens, Sister Evelyn Roomes, Rev. Mary Perkins, Minister Milton Copeland, Sr., Minister Clifton Copeland, Sr., Sister Eloise Copeland, Brother Ben Hallums and Mother Mary P. Watson.



The Reverend John Wilson made every stumbling block into a stepping stone. He was paying bills from his own pocket, working at manual labor to sustain his own needs and the needs of the church. His great faith and his constant slogan, "I believe God," kept him moving upward. Wilson started looking at the Hartford area and held a series of successful crusades there. People started to come to his church, and there were good workers among them. The congregation grew, the membership increased, the finances improved, and there was a definite feeling of having been divinely blessed. Miracles, healings, and prophecies came forth. A bus service was begun between Middletown and Hartford to bring people to services. Eventually it was decided to make Hartford "home base." In 1966 a building at

687 Albany Avenue was purchased, affectionately called “little St. John,” and during this period the ministry began to grow.

During these years, successful crusades were held in Boston, Springfield, and Hartford. The Voices of Deliverance choir was formed. The Youth and Young Adult Convention was established, convening each year in August. In August, 1967 the Rev. Mr. Wilson was installed as Elder and General Overseer of the church. Sunday night services began to be broadcast as The Hour of Deliverance on radio station WINF.

In October, 1968 the church’s Day Care Center was established, opening its doors in February, 1969 along with a record shop and bookstore. The ministry was on the increase, and once again its building had become too small. It was time to move again.

Pastor Wilson encouraged the church to go forward on faith. The church began holding services at Rawson School in the Blue Hills neighborhood. The bus service continued bringing people from within the city and from Middletown. The people’s faith ultimately bore fruit when the church was able to move into a new building at 290 Cornwall Street, at which time it adopted the name Greater St. John’s Full Gospel Deliverance Temple. The late Bishop E. E. Cleveland preached the dedicatory sermon.

After this move, The Hour of Deliverance began broadcasting live on Sunday mornings on WKND. The basement of the new building was utilized as a coffee shop. A magazine, Showers of Blessing, became a quarterly reality. The church purchased a car to transport the senior mothers of the church. It was a time of progress in several directions. In 1970, the church purchased a camp in Barkhamsted, and Elder Wilson earned his doctorate degree.

The Voices of Deliverance held concerts at Arsenal School. Services were held in Keney Park, on Constitution Plaza, and at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Hartford. The church began distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to those in need and put on a Saturday morning free breakfast program. On May 6, 1984 the mortgage on 290 Cornwall Street was burned.

Some nine years later, on September 11, 1993, the congregation relocated once again, to its present home at 27 Brown Street, Bloomfield. The building provided much more space: several offices for church staff, two state of the art kitchens, a fellowship



Dr. John E. Wilson



Dr. Wilson with  
Pastor Marian McIntosh

hall and dining hall facility, ample parking, larger lavatory facilities, and more. In 2000, seven years after the move, the mortgage was paid off.

In May, 2001, the church recognized Dr. John E. Wilson for his forty-eight years of exemplary preaching and teaching by giving him the title of Apostle. The church's Youth and Young Adult Convention was renamed The New England Prophetic Conference with the idea of expanding beyond the local congregation. Other churches joined in.

The new conference began advertising in Charisma Magazine, a magazine that reaches charismatic and Pentecostal Christians all over the world ([www.charismamag.com](http://www.charismamag.com)). In April, 2002, The New England Prophetic Conference held its first international conference in Trinidad, West Indies. Each year since over 1,200 delegates have attended this conference.

St. John's broadcasts on Public Access Television in Hartford, Windsor, New Haven, Farmington, and Springfield. With all of its various radio and television ministries, the church reaches out to over a hundred million people today.

Over its many years of service, St. John's has contributed to the communities of Bloomfield, Hartford, Middletown, and Springfield. Food and clothing pantries have been in operation for forty years. The church is a partner with Foodshare and a biweekly stop for the Foodshare truck. In 2003, the church established an accredited Christian Counseling Ministry under the training of the American Association of Christian Counselors. This ministry provides help in all areas of need, including substance abuse. In October 2015 a new program called Young Adults Preparing for Purpose was started. It is designed to work with youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen, helping them prepare for high school, college, and public speaking.

The church's vision is summed up in this purpose statement: "This Deliverance Ministry rises in a critical hour to call to the attention of the world that there is a God, that man can rise to new heights, his soul can take wings and his mind can dream dreams, his body can stand tall and whole, that he can go into a troubled world and make mankind whole again."

The building at 27 Brown Street was built as a home for Teferes Israel Synagogue (founded in 1926 in Hartford) and dedicated on November 1, 1970. The striking Burning Bush sculpture was erected by the synagogue. In August 1993 Teferes Israel merged with Beth David synagogue in West Hartford and sold the building to its present owners. *(Thanks to Jeanne Lowrey at the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.)*

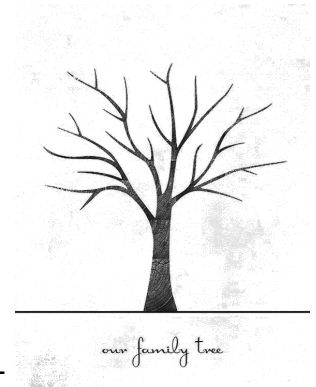
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# GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS by Jean Perreault (Part 2)

## OFF LINE GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

**Family Tree Maker:** Family Tree Maker just announced that *Software MacKiev* acquired the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. *Software MacKiev* has made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy desktop software program publisher, to connect to Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on Ancestry and Family Tree Maker and incorporate future features and benefits. Family Tree Maker has 10 types of printable charts and 27 reports. You can combine these publications to create full books about your ancestry. Among the web-friendly features in FTM are tree sync, web matches, and lightning quick exporting and importing times. Family tree software can create charts and keepsakes to map your lineage and share discoveries with the rest of your family. However, using this software, you won't be able to dig into all of the available resources and records without an Ancestry membership.



**RootsMagic:** RootsMagic has highly customizable listing options and web hints from genealogy sites to keep large expanding databases organized. RootsMagic genealogy software stores and organizes a variety of data, such as marriage date, health information, burial date, occupation and religion. You can attach photos, sound clips and video to any person, family, place, source or event. It has 60 predefined and customizable categories for family facts. This genealogy software has similar features to higher-ranked products; however, its interface isn't as polished and the layout within the toolbar is slightly confusing. Using RootsMagic, you can publish pedigree charts, group sheets, combo pedigree charts and group sheets, descendant narrative, ancestor narrative, and alphabetical narrative.

**Legacy Family Tree:** Legacy creates appealing charts and reports that help you visualize your family line and share your research with others. Legacy links directly to popular genealogy sites like FamilySearch and Ancestry.com. It has an in-app browser that allows you to research your family online directly from the software, and when you find new information, the program can import it directly to your family tree. It has the capability of producing 25 different charts and 20 reports. Legacy exports and imports GEDOM files offline quickly. This family tree software checks for duplicate entries and potential problems or gaps in time throughout your tree. Entering a source into Legacy takes longer than other processes in the software. This is because the fields and requirements change based on what you enter into the system. Legacy is easy to use, but lacks useful features like web hints that guide your research.

**Family Historian:** Family Historian shines when it comes to ease of use and accuracy. Family Historian's data entry process is speedy. You can tab through most of the data fields and add new individuals in fewer than five clicks. Family Historian is best used for online publishing. While you can print the reports and charts you create, they won't measure up to other programs' wall charts and physical publications.

**Ancestral Quest:** The organizing and listing features in Ancestral Quest make it a good fit for genealogists with large databases; however, the program does have issues with catching errors and overall design. Ancestral Quest connects to popular genealogy websites like Ancestry, FamilySearch and

WorldVitalRecords. This program is a good fit for people with thousands of recorded ancestors. One useful feature in Ancestral Quest is the ditto tool. For siblings, multiple marriages or any kind of relationship linking many people to an individual, the ditto tool connects individuals in bulk. Ancestral Quest has a flawed problem spotter feature, and source citations may not always format correctly.

**Heredis:** This genealogy software's synching tools allow you to share and edit your family database on the go using the most popular devices. While Heredis has a few quirks, it also has a slick look and many easily accessible and useful features. If you work closely with online sources and share your research often, Heredis is a good choice. Heredis produces correctly formatted citations for print and digital sources, which allows professional genealogists and academic researchers to add many sources quickly and accurately. Heredis doesn't stop at charts and printouts; it can transfer your tree's footnotes and sources into a Microsoft Word document automatically. It is a relatively new program and still has a few bugs, but overall this genealogy software does a good job of keeping your research organized and useable.

**Family Tree Heritage:** With this software if you notice an error or add new information, you can replace names, dates and places in bulk. When it comes to customizing publications, you can edit content but design features are limited. Family Tree Heritage covers the must-haves of ancestry software; however, there's room for improvement with its customizing and publishing features. It links directly to FamilySearch.org, Ancestry and Rootsweb.com. If you find any other genealogy sites you enjoy using, you can also add them to Family Tree Heritage. Also it can produce an extensive list of reports about your family history. One of Family Tree Heritage's unique features is the ditto tool. This great timesaver means you don't have to search through your files for the same source applied to multiple people. This software doesn't create the most aesthetically pleasing charts and reports.

**Brother's Keeper:** The outdated look of this program makes it hard to navigate. Brother's Keeper hasn't changed much since the days of DOS, but this family tree software has had a fiercely loyal user base since the 1990s. Navigating through Brother's Keeper can be confusing. Thankfully, the program walks you through the process as you go. However, if you miss connections like parents or marriages, it can be tricky to reconnect these people. Brother's Keeper can create over 25 reports and charts. Charts are basic but can fit up to 1,200 nodes for a pedigree chart.

**Genbox Family History:** If you want a basic genealogy program that allows you to chart, organize and build a database quickly, Genbox is a good candidate. You can add parents, spouses and children to an ancestor with only a few clicks. You can link pictures and other media directly to each person's profile. Genbox has an array of chart styles, but they are all basic. The software's data entry and charting features may excel, but the program lacks some essential tools like problem spotters to catch errors and web-enabled tools that help with research.

**WinFamily:** WinFamily puts the focus on individuals in your family tree. You can create a highly detailed profile for each person to form a narrative of your family. However, you have to link relationships manually to ensure that all of the people in your database are connected, adding and connecting people may be confusing. When it comes to web capabilities, the closest WinFamily gets is web page creation. If you need to share your database with other genealogists, you can export and import GEDCOM files. Some dialogue boxes and custom fields look clean and modern while others appear to be very outdated.



#### IN MEMORIAM

Former member Barbara Ash passed away on April 16 at Elim Park Place in Cheshire. Barbara and her late husband, Albert, lived on Tiffany Lane in Bloomfield for many years. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.