

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

### HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!

**Billy Fogle 3rd; Elise Leonardo 6th;  
Lillian Reynolds 9th; Megan Eno 10th;  
Bill Irving 16th; Erin Corbett 25th and  
Hillary Laubach 27th.**

Communion will be the first Sunday of the month: (TODAY; Feb. 1; Mar.1, April 5). See Len or Shirley if you would like to help.

Many thanks to Shirley and Fred Latham for decorating the tree outside the church. It is decorated each year in memory of their daughter, Joan Marie Latham.

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8th following worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Jan 11	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Mary Barnett
Sun. Jan. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Ashley Makar
Sun. Jan. 25	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Victoria Larsen
Sun. Feb. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Feb 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Chauncey Harrison
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
Sun. Feb. 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Feb. 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Mar. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Mar. 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Mar 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Mar 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: tbd
Sun. Mar 29	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: tbd
Sun. Apr 5	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson

\*\*\*Communion Sunday\*\*\*

**If there is an emergency, please contact  
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# First Congregational Church of Lyme

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**January 4, 2015**



### Welcome!

We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Lyme, CT, interpreting the Bible in the context of its times and our time and following the teachings and example of Jesus, declare our church to be an Open and Affirming church, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. We acknowledge God's acceptance of every individual and Jesus' commandment to love one another. Therefore, this church welcomes heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals to worship and enter into the full life and ministry of our church. In our community of faith, all people are encouraged to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship. Further, persons of every gender, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, and family structure are welcome in our church community; and the First Congregational Church of Lyme invites all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation.

**The First Congregational Church of Lyme**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Rev. Susan Olson, Guest pastor**  
**Garrett Artman, Organist**

**Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 10 AM**  
*\*Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone.  
This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter God.

**People: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth?**  
**You are the Alpha and the Omega,**  
**the beginning and the end.**

One: Look to the heavens and wonder at the magnitude of space.  
Look around you at the amazing variety of creation.

**People: You have made everything suitable for its time.**  
**You have made us and crowned us with glory and honor.**

One: Ponder the meaning of our days in the face of eternity.  
Consider again what God has called us to do and to be.

**People: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands.**  
**You have called us to minister to the least of your children.**

\*Hymn

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Offering Invitation:

\*Doxology  
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Another Road"

Rev. Susan Olson

Communion ~ Absolutely All Are Welcome to Receive

\*Hymn

\*Benediction

\*Response: "Go in Peace" Chalice RED # 445  
"Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always."

Postlude

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Please welcome to the pulpit, our guest pastor:  
Rev. Susan Olson is Assistant Dean of Students at Yale Divinity School. Her previous calls include serving as chaplain to Wilson, Wesley, Connecticut College and Yale University. She is ordained to the Presbyterian Church, USA and lives in New Haven with her 8 year old daughter, Selam.

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Prayers: Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; and Dr. Bill.

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Many thanks to Shirley Latham and Len Lieberman for assisting with communion today.