

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!
Billy Fogle 3rd; Elise Grace Leonardo 6th; Lillian Reynolds 9th; Megan Eno 10th; Bill Irving 16th; Erin Corbett 25th; Hillary Laubach 27th.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: Church School will resume in February. Many thanks to Tina Santiago for spearheading the school.

Thank you to Fred & Shirley Latham for decorating the Christmas tree in front of the church. It is lit annually in memory of their daughter, Joan Marie Latham.

If church is closed due to weather, we will announce it on the TV stations, but the first way to know is to check the church answering machine! Closing are always announced on the machine! And we will try to call those who are regulars.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

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| TODAY | | Worship |
| Sun. Jan. 5 | 10 AM | Worship |
| Sun. Jan 12 | 10 AM | Worship |
| Wed. Jan. 15 | 7 PM | Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall |
| Sun. Jan. 19 | 10 AM | Worship |
| Sun. Jan. 26 | 10 AM | Worship |
| Sun. Feb. TBA | | Annual Meeting |

Reverend Carolyn Johns
Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325
Carolyn's email: carolyn.f.johns-emp@snet.net
Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM
Regular Office Hours Tues & Thurs. 11:30 to 2:00 PM
Wed & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

First Congregational Church of Lyme

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
January 5, 2014



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. Carolyn Johns, Acting pastor
Rebecca M. Blomgren, Organist**

Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

"Prelude: Now Let Us Come Before Him J.S. Bach
Go, Tell It On the Mountain Traditional Spiritual

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: A clear light on a winter night,
People: Piercing the darkness,
Leader: Revealing the next step,
People: Touching hearts with wonder.
Leader: Step into God's light; sing and shout.
People: Cast off fright; let go of doubt.
Leader: For love shines in each light
People: And the morning hastens to dawn.

*Hymn: "As with Gladness" Chalice RED #173

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: "Sing of God Made Manifest" Chalice RED #176

Offering: Lovely Star in the Sky Korean Hymn

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Passages from John 1: 1-18

Sermon: "Let There Be Life!" Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" Chalice RED #484

*Benediction

*Response: "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life" Chalice RED#432
"O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth to do your will this day."

Postlude: Bourree from "The Water Music" Handel

PRAYERS: Family and friends of Doad Jewett; F & f of Carroll Johnston; F & f of Jeffrey Peloquin; Frank Sutton (stroke); Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Dr. Bill; Cindy Fogle and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester).

Please remember Dr. Bill Irving at:
Crescent Point, 414 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357