

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: (Feb. 1; Mar.1, April 5). See Len or Shirley if you would like to help.

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: Mary Barnett
Sun. Jan. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Ashley Makar
Wed. Jan. 21	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
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
	11 AM	Annual Meeting
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: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Mar 29	10 AM	PALM SUNDAY, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Apr 5	10 AM***	EASTER, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Apr. 12	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Elizabeth Gleich
Sun. Apr. 19	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson

Communion Sunday

**If there is an emergency, please contact
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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
Ashley Makar, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: *(adapted from a house blessing in Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne, Jonathon Wilson-Hartgrove and Enuma Okoro):*

One: The son of Peace smiles among us
whenever we open our doors.

People: Let us be a house of the Lord.

One: Seeing a stranger on the way,
may we put food in the eating place,
blankets in the resting place,
music in the listening place.

People: Let us be nourished together.

One: Lord, kindle in our hearts
a flame of love for our neighbors.
May we welcome all with the Spirit of Life.

People: Let us be the body of Christ.

*Hymn: “ Chalice RED #

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: “ Chalice RED #

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology

Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Leviticus 19:34 and Ephesians 2:17-22

Sermon: “We Were Strangers”

Ashley Makar

*Hymn: “I Will Trust in the Lord”

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*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

Please welcome to the pulpit, our guest pastor:
Ashley Makar is the Community Liaison for IRIS--Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, in New Haven. She's the author of *You Were Strangers*, an ebook of essays about refugees, prayer, and living with illness.

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