

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.

Our next New London Community Meal Center will be on Feb. 9th. Please let Rich know if you can help with cooking, baking or serving. Rich: 434-8749

Many folks had asked for Doad's daughters' addresses so you could write condolence notes. Their addresses are posted on the bulletin board. I made several copies so you can take one.

If church is closed due to weather, we will announce it on the TV stations (NBC 30 Channel 4 and WFSB Hartford Channel 3), 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.

ATTENTION: The church's Annual Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, March 2nd at approximately 11:30 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Reports are due from Chairs by Feb. 15.

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Feb. 2	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Feb. 9	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Feb. 9	4 PM	NLC Meal Center: See Rich Clippinger
Sun. Feb. 16	10 AM	Worship
Wed. Feb. 19	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Feb. 23	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Mar 2	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Mar. 2	11 AM	Annual Meeting
Wed. Mar. 19	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
May 10	9 AM -1 PM	Spring Rummage Sale

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 26, 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 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

"Prelude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr J. Bert Carlson

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Invocation: (Unison)

ALL: Since you, our Lord, during your life on earth, performed a ministry to the eyes, granting both physical and spiritual sight, we come in these latter days seeking the same blessing, asking that you will open our physical eyes to see the beauty you've created all around us, and that you will also open the eyes of our souls to see the reality which exists beyond the material world. Amen.

*Hymn: "We Have Gathered Jesus Dear" NCH BLACK #74

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: "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" NCH BLACK#551

Offering:

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 9: 1-4

Sermon: "The Story of Fanny Crosby" Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" NCH BLACK # 473

*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:

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 visit or send Dr. Bill a card at:
Crescent Point, 414 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357***