

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!
Linda House 8th; Elaine Muszynski 8th;
Pat Sutton 15th; Addie Dahlke 15th;
Jeannie West 20th; Ellie D'Arcy 24th
and Shirley Pennala.

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

The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held NEXT SUNDAY, February 8th following worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Please mark your calendar to attend the Maundy Thursday service here on Thursday, April 2nd at 7 PM. Rev. Susan Olson will lead the service.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Feb. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Feb 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Chauncey Harrison
	11 AM	2015 Annual Meeting
Sun. Feb. 15	10 AM	Worship, Rev. David Johnson & Flora Kyle (organ)
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
Thur. Apr. 2	7 PM	Maundy Thursday service: Rev. Susan Olson
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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February 1, 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
The Rev. David Johnson, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come, Lord Jesus, here where we have gathered in your name.

People: We need to hear your voice and learn of your counsel.

One: Speak to us of gentle living and strong faith.

People: In your compassion, draw us into your merciful embrace.

One: Banish the distracting thoughts clamoring for attention in our minds.

People: Center our spirits in your peace.

One: Open our hearts to your wise teaching,

People: that we may grow in the ways of your kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn: "Rock of Ages"

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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: "Rock of Ages" verses 1 & 4

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Offering Invitation:

*Doxology

Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:1-4; 1 Corinthians 8:4-12,
Matthew 7:24,25 and Matthew 16:15-18

Sermon: "Rocks and Blocks"

The Rev. David Johnson

Communion ~ Absolutely All are Welcome to Receive

*Hymn: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" NCH BLACK # 18

*Benediction

*Response: "Peace Be Upon You"

Chalice RED # 441

"Peace be upon you and guard you forever. Go in the
knowledge that God is with you."

Postlude

Today we welcome the Rev. David Johnson. After receiving engineering and business degrees and working in many industries and functions, he began eight years of part-time seminary study, earning his Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School in 2010 after internships at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and the Deep River Congregational Church, where he is now Minister of Visitation. David is also the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Masonicare Hospice in eastern Connecticut. He lives in Deep River with his wife Lyla. They have been married 54 years and have four children and eight grandchildren in four states.

Prayers: Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; Grier Sutton
& parents; and Dr. Bill.
