

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!

Matthew Holden Leonardo 4th; Ashley Santtiago 12th; Samantha Beers 13th; Charlotte & Howards Anniversary 22nd.

Please see the notice on the bulletin board about Mission 4/1 Earth 2014. Let Carolyn know if you are interested in becoming involved.

Doad's daughters' addresses on on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to send a card.

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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship—Guest Preacher: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Mar. 16	10 AM	Worship
Wed. Mar. 19	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Mar. 23	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Mar. 30	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 10	9 AM -1 PM	Spring Rummage Sale

Reverend Carolyn Johns
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Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM

Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:00 PM
Wed, Thurs. & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
March 9, 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
Garrett Artman, Organist**

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are able

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Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 40)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord,
who inclined to me and heard my cry,

**People: who drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure,**

Leader: who put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

People: see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God.

Leader: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**People: I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Leader: Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;

**People: let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.**

*Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Chalice RED # 433

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: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Chalice RED # 61

Offering: "Eventide"

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Sermon: "A Drum Major for Unity" Emily Bjornberg

*Hymn: "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Chalice RED #677

*Benediction: "Shalom to You Now" Chalice RED #436

Postlude

PRAYERS: Pastor Carolyn as she travels on vacation; Family and friends of Tony Camarra; F & f of Gerald Dahlke; Ellie Sutton; F & f of Doad Jewett; F & f of Jeffrey Peloquin; Pat Sutton; Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Dr. Bill; Cindy Fogle and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester)

Today's altar flowers are given by Shirley and Fred Latham in memory of their daughter, Joan Marie, who would have turned 50 on March 12th.