

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!
Holden Leonardo 4th; Ashley Santiago
12th; Samantha Beers 13th; Frank &
Peggy Skwarek anniversary 20th;
Charlotte & Howard Beers anniversary
22nd.

Communion will be the first Sunday of the month. See Len or Shirley if you would like to help.

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.

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 7 AM at Gillette Castle. The 8 AM breakfast follows at the First Church of Haddam. If you would like to donate to the breakfast, please call Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick Nager at 860-873-9084

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Wed. Mar 18	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Mar 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Mar 29	10 AM	PALM SUNDAY, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
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
Sun. Apr. 26	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. May 3	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. May 10	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. May 17	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. May 24	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun May 31	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs

Communion Sunday

If there is an emergency, please contact
Connie Hurtt at
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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
Rev. Susan Olson, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 10 AM

**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: O give thanks to Christ the Lord, for God is so good.

People: God's steadfast love is without end.

Leader: The Lord gathers us in from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**People: Let us give thanks to God together,
proclaiming the Good News with songs of joy!**

*Hymn

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

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology

Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: John 3:14-21

Sermon: "Like It Or Not"

Rev. Susan Olson

*Hymn

*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:

Rev. Susan Olson is Assistant Dean of Students at Yale Divinity School. Her previous calls include serving as chaplain to Wilson, Wesley, Connecticut College and Yale University. She is ordained to the Presbyterian Church, USA and lives in New Haven with her 8 year old daughter, Selam.

Prayers: Family and friends of Lillian Misheloff; Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; Grier Sutton & parents; and Dr. Bill.

Today's altar flowers were donated by Shirley and Fred Latham in memory of their daughter Joan Marie Latham on the occasion of her birthday.