

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.

There will be a brunch following the Palm Sunday service. Please see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Tina Santiago 434-5404.

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 East Haddam. If you would like to donate to the breakfast, please call Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick Nager at 860-873-9084.

Get your baskets ready!!!! Tina Santiago will organize the annual Easter Egg Hunt following service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Mar 29	10 AM	PALM SUNDAY, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson <i>Brunch</i>
Thur. Apr. 2	7 PM	Maundy Thursday service: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Apr 5	10 AM***	EASTER, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sun. Apr. 12	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Elizabeth Gleich
Wed. Apr. 15	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
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
Sun. Jun 7	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Jun 14	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Jun 21	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson

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
The Rev. David Johnson, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 51:10-12))

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**ALL: Restoe in me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.**

*Hymn: "Praise to God" NCH BLACK # 5

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: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" NCH BLACK #292

Offering Invitation:
*Doxology
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: John 14:18-20, 25, 26 and Acts 18:5-10

Sermon: "For I Am With You" The Rev. David Johnson

*Hymn: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" NCH BLACK # 433

*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

We welcome our guest pastor 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; and Dr. Bill.
