

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!

Matthew Holden Leonardo 4th; Ashley Santtiago 12th; Samantha Beers 13th; Margaret Skwarek's wedding anniversary 20th; Charlotte & Howards Anniversary 22nd.

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

We will participate in the Easter Sunrise Service at Gillette Castle this year. More information to follow or see Carolyn.

Please let Carolyn know if you would be willing to help with communion on April 6. Also...we have new sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Greeter and Flowers. Please take a look and sign up for a date or two.

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.

The annual CWS CROP Walk will be held on Good Friday, April 18th at 10 AM. It will begin at St. Ann's Church in Old Lyme and will go to the OL Congregational Church and back (about 3 miles). For more information, see Laura Beth.

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Mar. 30	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Apr. 6	10 AM	Worship, Communion
Sun. Apr. 13	10 AM	Worship, Palm Sunday
	4 PM	NL Community Meal Center (see Rich)
Fri. Apr. 18	10 AM	CROP Walk in Old Lyme (see Laura Beth)
Sun. Apr 20	10 AM	Worship, Easter Sunday
Sun. Apr. 27	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 4	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 10	9 AM -1 PM	<i>Spring Rummage Sale</i>

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Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:00 PM
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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
March 23, 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 23, 2014 at 10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We enter now into God's holy presence.

People: Come, let us worship.

Let us bow before the Lord, our God.

Leader: It is fitting that we come with thanksgiving.

People: God deserves our songs of praise.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God.

**People: He is Creator of all—the highest mountains
And the depths of the earth.**

Leader: The vast waters and the dry land were all God's idea.

People: This holy one is our God, and we are his people.

Leader: We are called and chosen,
fed and nurtured as the sheep of his flock.

People: Let us listen today for the voice of our Shepherd.

Leader: Let us come with open ears and hearts.

People: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

*Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Chalice RED # 73

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: "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Chalice RED # 351

Offering: "Peace Like a River"

*Doxology

Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Passages from John 4: 5-42

Sermon: "Healing Powers"

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*Hymn: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" Chalice RED # 80

*Benediction: "Shalom to You Now"

Chalice RED #436

"Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom."

Postlude

PRAYERS: Lorraine Grey; John and Tina Lemieux; Cindy Fogle; Francis Rand; 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 (surgery on 3/13); Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Dr. Bill; and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester)

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