

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

PRAYERS: Family & friends of Gertrude Emerson; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Megan Eno (broken hand); Rev. Dr. Mike Penn-Strah (knee injury); Francis Rand (fall); Charlotte Beers; Gerry Beers; Linda Courtney; Dr. Bill; Phyllis Keel; Cindy Fogle; and Graham Moore (Megan Eno's brother).

Start getting your Rummage Sale items together. Drop off begins May 6 to 9. Sale is May 11th. If you can volunteer, please see Jason Lathrop, or call him at 860-501-1806.

Church School News: We will be meeting twice a month. Children will come to church at 10 AM and remain until after the children's sermon. The children will then go to the Sunday School room for the remainder of the time. Each week the children will read a bible story & create a craft. Juice & snacks are provided.

Church School Schedule:

April 28

May 26 (possible brunch)

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS! Faith Hendrik-Keel 2nd; Mike Sutton 3rd; Bruce Grey 4th; Doad Jewett is 100 years old on the 11th!!; Marguerite Shay 11th; Chelsea Evankow 11th; Ashley Hendrik-Keel 14th; Rev. Carolyn Johns 18th; Jay Fogle 29th; and Rich Clippinger 29th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Apr. 28	10 AM	Worship-Church School
Sun. May 5	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 11	9 am to 1 pm	RUMMAGE SALE!
Sun. May 12	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 19	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 26	10 AM	Worship~Church School~Possible Brunch

Reverend Carolyn Johns

Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325

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

Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:30 PM

Wed -Thur - Fri 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

First Congregational Church of Lyme

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor

April 21, 2013



Drawing by Alta Bauer

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

Rebecca M. Blomgren, Organist

Sunday, April 21, 2013 10:00 AM

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "How Can I Keep from Singing" Robert Lowry

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship Rev. Carolyn Johns

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd

People: I shall not want

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures

People: And leads me beside the still waters

Leader: He restores my soul.

People: And guides me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

People: I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

Leader: Thy rod and thy staff

People: They comfort me

Leader: Thou prepares a table before me

People: In the presence of mine enemies

Leader: Thou anointest my head with oil

People: And my cup overflows

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me

People: All the days of my life

Leader: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

People: Forever.

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Chalice RED # 56

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: "God Is My Shepherd" Chalice RED # 79

Offering: "Go Into the World" Natalie Sleeth

Duet: Becky Blomgren & Laurie Sulger

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 10: 22-30

Sermon: "The Lord is My Shepherd" Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" Chalice RED # 337

*Benediction

*Response: "Shalom to You" 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: "Hornpipe" Henry Purcell

Please stay after church today for Adult Education. No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.