

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

**PRAYERS:** Pat Berry; Elaine Muszynski (surgery 5/16); Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Francis Rand (fall); Charlotte Beers; Gerry Beers; Linda Courtney; Dr. Bill; Phyllis Keel; and Cindy Fogle.

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:**

Today  
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-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 28, 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**

Prelude: "Ricercar (to Seek)" Johann Pachelbel

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise God, all people!

**People: Praise the Lord, all creation!**

Leader: Whales doing backflips in the air,  
Squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor;

**People: Giant redwoods stretching to the sky,  
Tomato vines cuddling around a stake.**

Leader: Mountains blocking the sunrise,  
Moles tunneling through our front lawns;

**People: Five-year-olds sitting in a story-time circle,  
Grandparents singing 'their song.'**

Leader: Redbuds decorating our backyard,  
Grass growing faster than our children'

**People: Seals getting a suntan on the rocks,  
Teenagers knotted together at church.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all creation!

**People: Praise God, all people!**

\*Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Chalice RED # 97

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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Chalice RED # 586

Offering: "Come, See the Winter is Past" Mark Kellner  
Solo: Becky Blomgren

Composer's Note: It is significant to me that amidst the theology, prophecy and history of the Old Testament, the Bible contains a beautiful book of poetry dedicated to love. The Setting of Solomon's poetry is a love song. Think of this Anthem as Christ calling to His Bride, the Church: "Arise, my love, for I come."  
Mark Kellner

\*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Selected Passages from Acts 11: 1-18  
Revelations 21: 1-6

Sermon: "Visions from God" Rev. Carolyn Johns

\*Hymn: "When All is Ended" Chalice RED # 703

\*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: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" G.F. Handel

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