

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!! Bobby Gustafson 2nd; Laurie Sulger 2nd; Tina Santiago 5h; Chip Dahlke 10th; Ed Sutton 31st.

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

The Annual Spring Rummage Sale was yesterday. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the sale a success!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

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
Sun. Jun 28	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun July 5	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. July 12	10 AM	Worship: Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun July 19	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. July 26	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Aug 2	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Aug 9	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Aug 16	10 AM	No church ~ Hamburg Fair
Sun. Aug 23	10 AM	Worship , Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Aug 30	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson

Communion Sunday

**If there is an emergency, please contact
Connie Hurtt at
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May 3, 2015



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, May 3, 2015 at 10 AM

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

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Here in this place of worship,
with the congregation of the faithful,

**People: we lay down our fears,
to boldly sing God's praise.**

Leader Here in the vineyard of the Lord,
with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

**People: grandparents tell stories of faith
to little ones sitting on their laps.**

Leader: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

**People: we shall be so filled with love
that we will run to serve others.**

*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: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: "Love"

Rev. Susan Olson

Communion ~ Absolutely all are welcome to receive

*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

Prayers: Family and friends of Margaret & Frank Skwarek; Evie Olson; Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; and Dr. Bill.
