

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

PRAYERS: Mary Lacey (Mother of Ann Evans); Cooie Harper; 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 next week, May 6 to 9. Sale is May 11th. If you can volunteer, please see Jason Lathrop, or call him at 860-501-1806.

BLANKETS+ SUNDAY: Next Sunday, May 11th will be Blankets+ Sunday. Please take an envelope and flyer from the table this week and return it next week with your donation to support our spring mission program of Blankets+. The flyer describes the important programs that Blanket+ sponsors. Thank you for your support.

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:
May 26 (possible brunch)

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS! Bobbie Gustafson 2nd; Laurie Sulger 2nd; Margaret Skwarek 4th; Tina Santiago 5th; Chip Dahlke 10th; Charlie Dahlke 24th; and Ed Sutton 31st.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Today	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 11	9 am to 1 pm	RUMMAGE SALE!
Sun. May 12	10 AM	Worship and Blankets+ Sunday
Sun. May 19	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 26	10 AM	Worship~Church School~Possible Brunch
Sun. June 2	10 AM	Worship
Sun. June 9	10 AM	Worship

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
May 5, 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, May 5, 2013

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude: "Now Winter Fades from Sight" J. S. Bach
Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements
Call to Worship Rev. Carolyn Johns

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make God's face to shine upon us,

**People: that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge
the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

Leader: May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.

*Hymn: "Living for Jesus" Chalice RED # 610

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: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Chalice RED # 501

Offering: "A-Men/I Want to Be a Christian" arr June Edison

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 5: 1-9

Sermon: "Do You Want To Be Made Well?" Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" Chalice RED # 95

*Benediction

*Response: "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" Chalice RED # 444

"Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our
homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world
claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.
Amen."

Postlude: "Sanctus" David Paxton

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