

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.

Many thanks to everyone who worked hard on the Spring Rummage Sale!

BLANKETS+ Sunday: Today is BLANKETS+ Sunday. Please take an envelope and fill it with your donation to support our spring mission program of BLANKETS+. The flyer describes the important programs that BLANKETS+ 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:

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
Sun. June 16	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 12, 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 12, 2013

**Please stand if you are able*

Happy Mother's Day

Prelude: "To A Wild Rose" Edward McDowell

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,
People: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
Our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.

Leader: We come to this place of grace,
People: for here we learn compassion and joy,
And discover how deeply we are loved.

Leader: We come with these people called the church,
People: to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
To live as one for our God.

*Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" Chalice RED #575

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: "For All the Faithful Women"

Insert

Offering: "Carol of the Mother"
Solo: Becky Blomgren

Austin C. Lovelace

*Doxology

Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 17: 20-26

Sermon: "Mother and Child"

Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Pass It On"

Chalice RED # 477

*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: "Green Pastures"

Gerald Peterson

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

Please remember Dr. Bill Irving is at:
Crescent Point, 414 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357