

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Wed. May 20	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
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
Wed. June 17	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
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
Wed. July 15	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
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 17, 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 17, 2015 at 10 AM

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

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather in the presence of our God:

**People: where grieving people and children with skinned knees
have their tears wiped away.**

Leader: We gather as the little children of God:

**People: to worship the One who provides what we need,
not what we want.**

Leader: We gather around the Table of God:

**People: to taste the goodness of God,
to drink deeply from God's mercy.**

*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.**

Baptism of Matthew Curtis Hull

*Hymn

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18

Sermon: "In Search of Shepherds"

Rev. Susan Olson

*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.
