

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Bobbie Gustafson 2nd; Laurie Sulger 2nd; Margaret Skwarek 4th; Gunner Blomgren 4th; Tina Santiago 5th; Chip Dahlke 10th; Becky Blomgren 11th; Charlie Dahlke 24th; and Ed Sutton 31st..

We have new sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Greeter and Flowers. Please take a look and sign up for a date or two.

Many thanks to Barbara Gustafson who has volunteered to be the Hospitality & Welcome Leader!

Please see the notice on the bulletin board about Mission 4/1 Earth 2014. Let Carolyn know if you are interested in becoming involved.

PLEASE NOTE: Our summer worship hour of 9:30 AM will begin on Sunday, June 1 and continue through Labor Day. Please mark your calendars!

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE! Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 25	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Jun 1	9:30 AM	Worship (Preacher: Rev. David Johnson)
Sun Jun 8	9:30 AM	Worship & Bocain baptisms
Sun. Jun 15	9:30 AM	Worship
Wed. Jun 18	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. June 22	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. June 29	9:30 AM	Worship

Reverend Carolyn Johns

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Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM

Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:00 PM

Wed, Thurs. & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
May 18, 2014



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
Garrett Artman, Organist**

Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to worship:

Leader: In the name of God,

People: wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.

Leader: In the name of Jesus,

People: among us, beyond us, with us,

Leader: In the name of the Spirit,

People: strange, starting, shaking;

Leader: I call you to worship.

People: We come to lift our hearts and minds,

To open our lips and our lives, to celebrate God.

Leader: God calls us to God's way in our time.

People: We accept that call!

*Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living"

Chalice RED # 717

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: "I Know My Redeemer Liveth"

Chalice RED # 225

Offering Invitation

Anthem: "Irish Blessing"

*Doxology

Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 14: 1-4

Sermon: "Where Are My Instructions?"

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*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Chalice RED # 65

*Benediction: "God Be With You"

Chalice RED # 434

"Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again."

Postlude

PRAYERS: Alice Schmutz, Friends & family of Marguerite (Margo) Shay; F & f of Nivea Santiago; Lorraine GreyFrancis Rand; Pat Sutton; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.

Many thanks to Shirley Latham for ushering today.