

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.

Kat will be here today at 11:30 AM to discuss the Memorial Garden with anyone who is interested. She has volunteered to revamp the garden and now is the time to give her your input.

Please stay after worship today for Adult Ed beginning at 11 AM. The focus is John 14:6b "No one comes to the Father except through me."

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!

The CT Conference Choir which includes you and anyone else who'd like to sing will enjoy a musical retreat at Silver Lake on May 30-31.

Please note that our website address is: www.lymechurch.net (NOT .com).

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship (Adult Ed. Following 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 25, 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 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Invocation: **(ALL)**

**God, who called the heavens and earth into being—
show us how to love you today, heart, soul, mind and strength.**

**God who calls us into community—
show us how to love our neighbor today.**

**God who calls each one beloved, and in whose image we are made—
Show us even how to love our own selves today. Amen.**

*Hymn: "Blessed Quietness"

Chalice RED # 267

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: "Healer of our Ev'ry Ill"

Chalice RED # 582

Offering Invitation

Anthem: "Lead Me Lord"

*Doxology

Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: John 14: 15-21

Sermon: "Atticus Finch—The Advocate"

Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Love Divine all Loves Excelling"

Chalice RED # 517

*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 Grey, Francis Rand; Pat Sutton; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.

Many thanks to Len Lieberman for ushering today.