

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!**  
Bob Muszynski 5th; Jonah Lathrop 12th;  
Margaret Leathers 21st—will be 95 years  
old; Bob Sutton 22nd; Peyton Beckwith  
24th.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Our summer worship hour of  
9:30 AM continues through Labor Day. Please  
mark your calendars!

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	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. July 13	9:30 AM	Worship
Wed. July 16	7 PM	<i>possible Council meeting (TBD)</i>
Sun. July 20	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. July 27	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. Aug 3	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. Aug 10	9:30 AM	Worship
Aug. 15 to 17		Hamburg Fair
Sun. Aug. 17	9:30 AM	NO CHURCH—Hamburg Fair
Sun. Aug. 24	9:30 AM	Worship
Sun. Aug. 31	9:30 AM	Worship

**Reverend Carolyn Johns**  
**Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325**  
**Carolyn's email: carolyn.f.johns-emp@snet.net**  
**Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM**  
**Regular Office Hours Tues to Friday: 11:30 to 2:00 PM**

# First Congregational Church of Lyme

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**Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor**

**July 6, 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, July 6, 2014 at 9:30 AM**

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

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, loving God, maker of all, help us to bear the fruits of the Kingdom, for thorns do not produce grapes and figs do not produce thistles.

**People: Thy will be done, O Lord.**

Leader: The seed sown in faith and nurtured in love, and the plant pruned and tended with discernment, bears fruit. The fruit is the goal of our mission; it is also the witness that our mission is done in Christ's way.

**People: Thy will be done, O Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Now the Green Blade Rises" Chalice RED # 230

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: "In the Bulbs There is a Flower" Chalice RED # 638

Offering Invitation

Anthem

\*Doxology

Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

Sermon: "Managing the Vines"

Rev. Carolyn Johns

Communion ~ Absolutely All Are Welcome to Receive

\*Hymn: "For Each Day of Life, We Thank You" Chalice RED # 605

\*Benediction

\*Response: Chorus of "You are the Seed" Chalice RED # 478

"Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever till the end of the world."

Postlude

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Prayers: Family and friends of Richard Adam Beckwith (father of Martin and Sarah Beckwith); Lillian and Norm Misheloff; Friends & family of Gertrude Peterson; The United Churches of Durham on the death of their pastor, Rev. Elven Riggles; Friends & family of Marguerite (Margo) Shay; F & f of Alice Schmutz; Lorraine and Bruce Grey; Francis Rand; Pat Sutton; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.