

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!**  
**Paul Kotowski 4th; Shirley & Fred's**  
**anniversary 13th; Shirley Latham 18th;**  
**Morgan Ely 25th.**

Communion will be the first Sunday of the month.  
See Len or Shirley if you would like to help.

# First Congregational Church of Lyme

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**August 16, 2015**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Aug 16	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Aug 23	10 AM	No church: Hamburg Fair
Sun. Aug 30	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Sept 6	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Sept 13	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Sept 20	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Sept. 27	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Oct. 4	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Oct. 11	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Oct. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun, Oct. 25	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs

\*\*\*Communion Sunday\*\*\*



### 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.

**If there is an emergency, please contact**  
**Connie Hurtt at**  
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**The First Congregational Church of Lyme**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Jacob Stubbs, Guest pastor**  
**Garrett Artman, Organist**  
**Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 10 AM**

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me:  
Come, it is our holy day.

**People: Let us go into the house of the Lord;  
Let us take sweet counsel together.**

Leader: Let our feet stand within his gates,  
and heart and voice give thanks unto him.

**People: Blessed be the temple hallowed by God's name;  
pray for peace within its walls.**

Leader: Peace to young and old that enter there,  
peace to every soul abiding therein.

**People: For friends' and brethren's sake  
I will never cease to say: Peace be within thee!**

Leader: Let the dead and living praise thee, O God above;  
Below: let all the generations praise thee.

**People: Let angels in the height praise thee,  
who dwells in the heavens. Amen.**

\*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.**

\*Hymn

Offering Invitation:

\*Doxology  
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-22

Sermon: "Sowing Seeds for God's Kingdom" Jacob Stubbs

\*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

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Mr. Jacob Stubbs was born and raised in Marietta, Georgia, and he is currently pursuing a M.A.R. in Philosophy of Religion at Yale Divinity School. Prior to his time at Yale Divinity School, Mr. Stubbs graduated from Berry College in 2013, which has a ration of seven deer for every one student. Upon graduation, Mr. Stubbs hopes to pursue further study in the field of law and religion.

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Prayers: Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; and Dr. Bill.

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