

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

Our summer worship service time of 9:30 AM ends today. Regular worship hour of 10 AM returns NEXT SUNDAY on September 8.

Adult Education has ended for the season. It will resume in the fall.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!! Cindy Fogle 2nd; James Dahlke 7th; Frances Rand 13th; Ellie Sutton 19th; Grace Lathrop 20th; and Emily House 28th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship
Fri. Sept. 6	7:30 PM	Mystery Writer's Lecture
Sun. Sept 8	10 AM	Worship***Returns to 10 AM
Sun. Sept. 15	10 AM	Worship
Thurs. Sept 19	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Sept 22	10 AM	Worship
Sat. Sept. 28	9 AM to 1 PM	Fall Rummage Sale—See Jason Lathrop
Sun. Sept. 29	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Oct. 6	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Oct. 13	10 AM	Worship
Thurs. Oct. 17	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Oct. 20	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Oct. 27	10 AM	Worship

Reverend Carolyn Johns
Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325
Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM
Regular Office Hours Tues to Fri 11:30 to 2:00 PM

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
September 1, 2013



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
Rebecca M. Blomgren, Organist
Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 9:30 AM
**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: Fuge Johann Pachelbel

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the feast of life.

People: Come, let the Spirit be alive among us.

Leader: Let many guests come: the lame, the blind, the crippled, and the poor; that we might honor God by honoring them.

People: We come to celebrate meeting with the Lord.

Leader: Together, let us renew our commitment to the kingdom of God.

—Based on “Feast of Life” by Elsa Tamez in *Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource*, Vol. 2, ed. Susan A. Blain (Cleveland, Ohio: United Church Press, 1995), 24.

*Hymn: “Come Christians Join to Sing” Chalice RED # 90

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: “Jesu, Jesu” Chalice RED # 600

Offering

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon: “The Banquet Table” Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: “Take Time To Be Holy” Chalice RED #573

*Benediction

*Response: “Through It All” Chalice RED #555

“Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.”

Postlude: On Our Way Rejoicing Frances Havergal

PRAYERS: Frank Sutton (stroke); Dick and Helen Younger; Family & friends of Gary Reynolds; Jack Leonardo; Pat Berry; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Francis Rand (fall); Charlotte Beers; Gerry Beers; Dr. Bill; Phyllis Keel; Cindy Fogle and Cindy’s mom (Harrington Court, Colchester).