

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

Many thanks to everyone who helped with Fair parking. We made \$3826. Special thanks go to Charlotte Beers, George House & Jason Lathrop.

The Fall Rummage Sale is Sat. Sept 28 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We need volunteers for drop off collection from Sept 23 to Sept 26 and on the day of the sale. Please see Jason Lathrop to help. 860-434-1835.

### HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:** We will be meeting twice a month. Children will come to Church at 10 AM and remain until after the children's sermon, then go to the Sunday School room for the remainder of the time. Each week the children will read a bible story & create a craft. Juice & snacks are provided. All are welcome!  
 Schedule for Church School:  
 October: 6 (Brunch) & 20  
 November: 3 (Brunch) & 10  
 December: 1, 8, 15 (Pageant & Brunch)  
 January: Break  
 More dates to be added for Feb to May.

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

### IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	<b>Worship***Returns to 10 AM</b>
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/Church School/Brunch
Sun. Oct. 13	10 AM	Worship
Thurs. Oct. 17	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Fri. Oct. 18	11 AM	Memorial Service for Diana Lathrop
Sun. Oct. 20	10 AM	Worship/Church School
Sun. Oct. 27	10 AM	Worship

# First Congregational Church of Lyme

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**Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor  
September 8, 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.

**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**

**The First Congregational Church of Lyme**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Rev. Carolyn Johns, Acting pastor**  
**Rebecca M. Blomgren, Organist**

**Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 10:00 AM**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: God is Here! John Ferguson

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,

**People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,

**People: and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.**

\*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Chalice RED # 65

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: "Near to the Heart of God" Chalice RED # 581

Offering: Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day  
Philippine Folk Melody ~ Sung by the Choir

\*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Sermon: "Life Choices" Rev. Carolyn Johns

\*Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Chalice RED # 560

\*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: In The Courts of Praise Colin Curtis

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**PRAYERS:** Frank Sutton (stroke); Family and friends of Dick Younger; F & f 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).