

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

The Fall Rummage Sale is next Sat. Sept 28 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We need volunteers for drop off collection this week from Monday, Sept 23 to Thursday, 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; Connie's 28th
wedding anniversary 14th; Charles
Montesanto 16th; 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	Worship
Thurs. Sep. 26	11 AM	Discussion of upcoming Sunday sermon
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

Reverend Carolyn Johns
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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 22, 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 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: Aurelia Martin Dicke

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Once there was a man about to lose his job. In desperation, so his family wouldn't starve, he made deals with many people who owed large amounts of money to the company.

People: Very shrewd! Buying friends!

Leader: I wonder if that could work with God? If I give a big enough donation to the church, could I buy God's friendship?

People: God doesn't work that way. God's friendship isn't for sale.

Leader: If God doesn't want money, then what?

People: God desires things of eternal value: humility, honesty, kindness, faithfulness and worship.

Leader: Then let us worship God in truth and spirit.

*Hymn: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" Chalice RED # 21

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: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Chalice RED # 602

Offering: I Will Call Upon The Lord Michale O'Shields Choir

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Luke 6: 1-13

Sermon: "The Mysterious Parable of the Dishonest Steward"
Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Take My Gifts" Chalice RED # 381

*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: March arr. E. Power Biggs

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).