

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Puchita Ely 2nd; Selam Olson 4th;
Charlotte Beers 13th; Brittany Santiago
16th; Frank Sutton 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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October 11, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Oct. 11	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Oct. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Wed. Oct. 21	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Oct. 25	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs or his wife
Sun. Nov. 1	10 AM ***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Nov. 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Nov. 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Nov. 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. Nov. 29	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: open

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
Emily Bjornberg, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Life reveals itself to us with every season.
Gather once more to testify to life.

People: We declare to each other what we have experienced.
In community we find the life God intends.

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul.
We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

People: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity.

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate this day.
Christ is with us to renew our faith.

People:: We are here to testify to God's grace.
We will share our story and ourselves.

*Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Chalice RED #61

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: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Chalice RED #66

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 133; John 20:19-31, Acts 4: 32-35

Sermon: "The Sangha" Emily Bjornberg

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Chalice RED #56

*Benediction

*Response: "Open My Eyes That I May See" Chalice RED # 586

Postlude

Emily Bjornberg grew up on Hamburg cove and now lives in Hadlyme with her husband, Jason and their two children, Elliot and Anna. She has worked for the Deep River Congregational Church for the past nine years as the Youth and Family Ministries Director.

Prayers: Family & friends of Dr. Bill; Norma Courville and grandson Oliver Snow (Linda House's sister and grandnephew); Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; and Michael Sutton.