

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Sharlie Berringer 4th; Connie Hurtt 19th; Carol Dahlke 23rd; Barbara Gustafson 25th; Jason Lathrop 28th.

Adult Education will resume again soon.

The next New London Community Meal Center service is Sunday, December 8. Please let Rich know if you will be available to serve or to participate by preparing food in advance. We need chili prep, cornbread, and salad/fruit (advance order). Rich will prepare yellow and white rice. We need around eight or so people to serve on Sunday afternoon (arrive around 4 PM for 5 PM service.)

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: Please join Church School on Dec. 1 and 8 to practice for the Christmas Pageant. On December 15, we will perform the pageant and share an all church brunch.

Holiday Adopt A Family: Please take a tag from our "Angel Tree" in the Fellowship Hall to support our annual Adopt a Family mission. *Unwrapped* items are due back by Dec. 8th. See Laura Beth if you have questions.

Child #1 is a 3 year old female
Clothes size 4 toddler or Shoes size 9 toddler
Leap Frog Leap Reader book
Baby Alive Real Surprises doll
Lego Duplo Set size Med. Or Mega Blocks
Play dough sets Prettiest Princess or Rapunzel Hair

Child #2 is a 12 year old female
GameStop gift cards
Movie passes
Costume Jewelry
Kindle Fire
Dress Boots size 8.5
Clothes size women's Med.

Mother:
Grocery/Gas/Department Store Cards

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship
Sun. Nov. 24	7 PM	Grassy Hill Church Thanksgiving Service
Thurs. Nov. 28		Thanksgiving
Sun. Dec. 1	10 AM	Worship, Church School (pageant practice), Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, guest preacher
Sun. Dec. 8	10 AM	Worship, Church School (pageant practice) Emily Bjornberg, guest preacher
Sun. Dec. 15	10 AM	Worship, Pageant, Brunch
Sun. Dec. 22	10 AM	Christmas Music Praise Service
Tues. Dec. 24	5 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
Wed. Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Sun. Dec. 29	10 AM	Worship

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
November 24, 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, November 24, 2013 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: O Word of God Edward Broughton

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We are gathered together to fix our eyes on Jesus.
We come to this place to acknowledge his reign over our lives.
Join me in celebrating our Savior and God.

**ALL:; God, we worship you, we love you, and we adore you.
We bring you our songs and prayers and actions that you
may know the true depth of our love and adoration for you.
Amen.**

*Hymn: "We Gather Together" Chalice RED # 276

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: "Bringing in the Sheaves" Insert

Offering: Who is Like You, O Lord? Hal Hopson Choir

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: Colossians 1: 11-20

Sermon: "Jesus" Rev. Carolyn Johns

Communion ~ Absolutely all are welcome to receive

*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" Chalice RED # 715

*Benediction

*Response: "May the Blessing of God" Chalice RED #448
"May the blessing of God go before you. May her grace and peace abound. May her Spirit live within you. May her love wrap you 'round. May her blessing remain with you always. May you walk on holy ground."

Postlude: The Trumpet Shall Sound G.F. Handel

PRAYERS: Family and friends of Carroll Johnston; F & f of Jeffrey Peloquin; Lorrie King; Frank Sutton (stroke); Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Francis Rand (fall); Dr. Bill; Phyllis Keel; Cindy Fogle and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester).

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Wed & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM