

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!
Sharlie Barringer 4th; Connie Hurtt 19th;
Carol Dahlke 23rd; Barbara Gustafson
25th; Sarah Glover 25th; and Jason
Lathrop 28th.

Communion dates: December 21; Feb. 1;
Mar.1). See Len or Shirley if you would
like to help.

Please help with coffee hour, altar flowers and
ushering!!! It doesn't take much time and we
have fun doing it! We especially need a hand
during clean up. Please use the sign up sheets in
the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help!

Many thanks to Shirley and Fred Latham for
decorating the tree outside the church. It is
decorated each year in memory of their daughter,
Joan Marie Latham.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Kristen Provost Switzer
Sun. Dec. 7	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Dec. 14	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Miriam Samuelson
Sun. Dec. 14	4 PM	New London Community Meal Service (see Rich)
Sun. Dec. 17	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Dec. 21**	10 AM**	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Dec. 24	5 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight service
Sun. Dec. 27	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Jan. 4	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Jan. 11	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Mary Barnett
Sun. Jan. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Ashley Makar
Sun. Jan. 25	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Victoria Larsen
Sun. Feb. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Feb. 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Chauncey Harrison
Sun. Feb. 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. David Johnson
Sun. Feb. 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Mar. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Mar. 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: open
Sun. March 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. March 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: open

Communion Sunday

**If there is an emergency, please contact
Connie Hurtt at
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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
Kristen Provost Switzer, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, November 30, 2014 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

First Week of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We come into God's presence in hopeful anticipation.
We await the coming of the Son of God.

**MEN: The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light.
The stars may fall from the sky....**

One: Still the Divine Spirit is with us.

**WOMEN: God sends angels from the four winds.
From the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

ALL: We hear Jesus' words, "Keep awake! Be alert!"

*Hymn

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

Advent Lighting: The candle of Hope

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; Matthew 13: 24-37

Sermon: "Keep Awake"

Kristen Provost Switzer

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Response: "Go in Peace"

Chalice RED # 445

"Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in
peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and
share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in peace and the peace of God
be with you always."

Postlude

Please welcome to the pulpit, our guest pastor:
Kristen Provost Switzer is finishing up her seminary education at Yale
Divinity School. When she is not in class, she serves as the
Abraham's Tent Coordinator (a program that houses homeless folks in
winter) for Columbus House, a 501 (C-3) in New Haven. She is
married to Scott and together they enjoy their two cats, fostering dogs,
hiking and cooking vegetarian food. Kristen is happy to be
worshipping with this faith community this morning!

Prayers: Family and friends of Cindy Harding Fogle; Francis Rand;
Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.