

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!
Elizabeth House 2nd; Sandy Peterson
3rd; George House 13th; Gretchen
Gaughran 18th; and Jesus of
Nazareth 25th.

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: TBA

Many thanks to Shirley & Fred Latham for the decorated Christmas tree in the front of the church. It is lit annually in memory of their daughter, Joan Marie Latham.

If you have kindly donated a poinsettia for the altar, please make arrangements to pick it up after the Christmas Eve service. If it is left after the Dec. 29th service, Carolyn will take it to a shut-in. Thank you!

Prayers: Family and friends of Doad Jewett; F & f of Carroll Johnston; F & f of Jeffrey Peloquin; Frank Sutton (stroke); Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Dr. Bill; Cindy Fogle and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester).

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	Lessons & Carols Praise Service
Tues. Dec. 24	5 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 23 to Dec. 27		Church office Closed
Sun. Dec. 29	10 AM	Worship
Wed. Jan. 15	7 PM	Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall
Sun. Feb. TBA		Annual Meeting

Reverend Carolyn Johns
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Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM
Regular Office Hours Tues & Thurs. 11:30 to 2:00 PM
Wed & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
December 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, December 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude: O Come, Little Children Dale Wood

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We have come here to celebrate; a child has been born for us.

**People: His name is called Wonderful Counselor, Good Shepherd,
Lamb of God.**

Leader: He is the babe of Bethlehem and the mighty Lord.

People: His name is called Savior, author of life, bread of life.

Leader: He is called friend and guide,

**People: and we call him everlasting life and Prince of Peace and the
one who brings love to all humankind.**

Leader: Let us worship with joyous and thankful praise, God is with us.

Advent Lighting: The candle of Love

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.**

Lesson #1: Luke 2: 1-7, "The Message"

*Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lesson #2: Luke 2: 8-14, "The Message"

*Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

Lesson #3: Luke 2: 15-16

*Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Lesson #4: Luke 2: 17-20, "The Message"

*Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lesson #5: Matthew 2: 1-9, "The Message"

*Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Lesson #6: Matthew 2: 10-12, "The Message"

*Hymn: "The First Noel"

Meditation

*Hymn: "Silent Night"

Offering: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Offering Prayer

Anthem: Sussex Carol, Martin Dicke

Choir: Laurie Sulger, Charlotte Beers
and Paula Lieberman

*Benediction

*Response: "Angels We Have Heard from High" Chalice RED #155
"Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!"

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo

R.L. Pearsall
