

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

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

Communion will be the first Sunday of the month: (Jan 4; Feb. 1; Mar.1, April 5). See Len or Shirley if you would like to 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.

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8th following worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	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
	11 AM	Annual Meeting
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: Emily Bjornberg
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
Cell: 860-917-7102 or Home: 860-434-8445

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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
Emily Bjornberg, Guest pastor
Flora Kyle, Organist

Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation.
Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

People: God commanded, and we were created.
We are children of the Most High.

Leader: Praise God from the heights of heaven.
Praise God, all people of the Earth.

People: God opens our eyes to see the light.
We will be called by a new name.

Leader: Men and women, youth and aged,
Sing God's glory; shout your praise.

People: God has made us heirs of promise.
We will praise God's holy name.

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chalice RED # 56

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: "In Christ There is No East or West"

Chalice RED # 687

Offering Invitation:

*Doxology
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Psalm 145: 8-21
Ephesians 3: 14-21

Sermon: "The Breath and Length and Height and Depth of Love"
Emily Bjornberg

*Hymn: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Chalice RED # 102

*Benediction

*Response: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Else" NCH BLACK #403
"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."

Postlude

Please welcome this week's guest pastor, Emily Bjornberg. Emily lives in Lyme with her husband, son and daughter. .

Prayers: Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.

Please send a card to Francis Rand, 20 Princeton Terrace,
Oakland, NJ 17436