

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!
Faith Hendrix-Keel 2nd; Mike Sutton 3rd;
Bruce Grey 4th; Margo Shay 11th;
Ashley Hendrix-Keel 14th; Carolyn Johns
18th; and Rich Clippinger 29th.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: Church
School will resume soon. Many thanks to
Tina Santiago for spearheading the
school.

We have new sign up sheets for Coffee
Hour, Greeter and Flowers. Please take a
look and sign up for a date or two.

Please see the notice on the bulletin board about
Mission 4/1 Earth 2014. Let Carolyn know if
you are interested in becoming involved.

Next Thursday, May 1st at 4 PM, a ceremony
will be held at the Lyme Library to recognize
National Day of Prayer. The proclamation will
be read, then the Pledge will be said, then they
will pray. All are welcome. For more
information, call Mrs. Critchett at 434-6342. p

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE! Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Apr. 27	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 4	10 AM	Worship
Sat. May 10	9 AM -1 PM	<i>Spring Rummage Sale</i>
Sun. May 11	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 18	10 AM	Worship
Sun. May 25	10 AM	Worship

Reverend Carolyn Johns
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Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM

Regular Office Hours Tues 11:30 to 2:00 PM
Wed, Thurs. & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor
April 27, 2014



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
Garrett Artman, Organist**

Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Invocation: (Read in Unison)

God, we come with distracted hearts and busy minds. We are not fully present. Take away our anxiety, our fear and our doubts. Help us to lay them at your feet so that we may focus solely on you. You deserve our worship; so let nothing keep us from giving you all that we have today. This day is about you and for you. Guide us as we worship now. 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: "Let it Breathe on Me" Chalice RED # 260

Offering Invitation

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"

*Doxology Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "So That You Believe" Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River" Chalice RED # 530

*Benediction: (Based on John 20: 19-31)

Leader: We have seen the Lord!

People: My Lord and my God!

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Leader: Go forth believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Postlude

PRAYERS: Friends & family of Margo Shay; F & f of Nivea Santiago; Lorraine Grey; Cindy Fogle; Francis Rand; F & f of Doad Jewett; Pat Sutton; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); and Dr. Bill.
