

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

January 14, 2018

9:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Call to Worship: (from Isaiah 41)

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them.

I their God will not forsake them.

I will open rivers on the bare heights and fountains in the midst of the valleys.

I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

I will set in the desert the cypress and the pine together

so that all may see and know, and consider and understand that the hand of the Lord has done this. I, their God, have created this.

Let us worship God

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #78 “There Is Love All Around You”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Children’s Sermon

God’s Neighborhood leading us in singing *La Paz Sea Contigo*

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain

As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each

Fine

oth-er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it

to Refrain

built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.

Scripture: Isaiah 49:8-13 (OT, pg. 644)

Matthew 25:31-40 (NT, pg. 27)

John 17:11-19 (NT, pg. 106)

Sermon: "AND THE END OF ALL OUR EXPLORING WILL BE TO ARRIVE
WHERE WE STARTED, AND TO KNOW THE PLACE FOR THE FIRST
TIME" (T.S. Eliot)

The Rev. Carleen R. Gerber

*Hymn: #232 "Send Down Your Truth, O God"

Benediction

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.



*This morning we thank Eileen Sypher, our organist.
Eileen served as an Associate Minister here for several years. We welcome her back!*



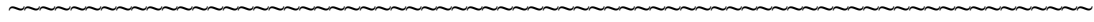
*The flowers this morning are given by Joan and Henry May in loving memory
of Alfred and Mildred Cooley and Eleanor Goldborough May.*



*The hosts for fellowship hour are Peter and Margie Barndt.
The deacon on duty is Don Gonci.
Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 AM service.
If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.*



*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you
to join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.
We invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule.
We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with
our church and its activities and programs.
Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule.
They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members.
Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.*



*The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.
The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.
Thomas Burke (4th year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.*

Adult Forums: **TODAY:** Erin Duran, head of Connecticut College student counseling services. **January 21:** Joe Standart, highly acclaimed photographer, will show slides of his upcoming project in New Haven, "Portrait of America, WE ARE: A Nation of Immigrants."

Refugee Resettlement Committee News! The Refugee Resettlement Committee of Lyme/Old Lyme is excited to announce that we have decided to help a wonderful family of four from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane Maria. They are climate refugees. We have been working with Junta for Progressive Action, an organization in New Haven that advocates for Puerto Rican families, to make this happen. Both parents, Adrian and Maria Colon, will be seeking employment. They have two sons, Gustavo, age 2, and Adrian Jr., age 12. This hardworking family just needs a new start. We are so proud to say that we are prepared to give them that start. What a gift for the family and for us all!

Old Lyme Ringers We are looking for a few good ringers for our newly formed handbell choir, the Old Lyme Ringers. We will meet for seven rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:25 pm in the Meeting House, *January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 21 and 28*. We will be ringing in worship several times during the seven week season. Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. If interested, please contact Gary Jungkeit at gjungkeit@charter.net.

Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Our 5th annual SPF trip to Deschapelles Haiti is scheduled for April 13 to April 20. The experience includes a wide variety of activities from learning about the culture and history of Haiti, to engaging with young children through arts and crafts projects, and older youth through soccer games and tutoring English. The youth will also experience Haitian life through walks to the market and visiting Haitian artists' homes. The trip is fun and emotionally challenging, and we recommend travelers be at least 15 years old to travel with us. The trip cost is around \$1,350.00 per child. If you or your child is interested in joining us this year, **please contact Becky Crosby by email <rtercros@ftcrosby.com>**. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 21, at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium at FCCOL.**

Bible Study Becky Crosby will continue the study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul this winter and spring. We will read his letters and the Book of Acts and explore how Paul shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus in to the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we are reading A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:45 in the church library on the following dates: January 25, February 1, February 22, all Thursdays in March and April 5th. It is not too late to join our group.** Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

God's Neighborhood Today in God's Neighborhood we will learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Day of Service named for him. We will then do a service project.

JPF and SPF

Bowling — new time! On *January 28, 2018* from 6-8 pm we will meet at the Coast Guard Academy's bowling alley. You may have friends join us, but please RSVP how many by *January 21*. We can bring snacks to share at the alley. Parents can stay and join in the fun in their lanes as well—we will hold a couple lanes aside.

February 11 — **Mardis Gras Breakfast**

February 25 — **Skiing** after church at Powder Ridge for SPF and JPF. Parents may ski as well!

March 24 — **Midnight Run for SPF**

LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. Cookbooks, \$10, available at the church office.

The Ladies Who Stitch are back at work - sewing, knitting, and repairing - in the Sheffield Auditorium on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to stop in to see what we're doing, make a special request, and/or shop from our inventory. A few of our creations are now also available at the **Women's Exchange/The Lyme Tree in Old Lyme**. Currently, we are requesting donations of boy's and girl's underpants and tee-shirts - small sizes, elementary school age, - to send to Haiti in April with the Crosby Foundation's student trip. These will be added to the things we are making for the children. Donations can be brought in during our Monday working hours, or labeled and left on our storage shelves in the Sheffield, or dropped into the labeled basket in the connector. Questions? Contact Eunice via email: eunicetaylor@me.com.

Fuller Center for Housing Disaster Relief Fuller Center is making plans to respond to the environmental disasters in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. There is the possibility of a group responding to these needs in the spring of 2018. Please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com, for more information. We'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

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"We Depend Upon One Another!"

"Generosity is the flower of justice."

-Nathaniel Hawthorn

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign results are now within 85% of our \$630,000 goal, but we still need to raise over \$95,000 to meet that goal. Please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Sunday Memorial Flowers The third week in October and the second week in March are available for Sunday Memorial flowers. Please call Gisele Perry at 860-382-3115 for more information.

2018 Offering Envelopes have arrived and are available for you to pick up from the cart in the connector. If you desire envelopes and do not see a box with your name, please write your name on the clipboard and they will be available next Sunday. Thanks, Bob McCracken.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

*The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15th
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Endowment Committee *Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Library.*

Board of Stewardship *Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30 pm in the Hoag.*

Green Grass Meeting *Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm in the Library.*

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Poetry Group *Wednesday, January 17th at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Grief Group *Friday, January 19th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.*

Haiti Group Meeting *Sunday, January 21st at 12:00 pm in the Library.*

Partnership Co-op Meeting *Sunday, January 21st at 12:30 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018,
AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.**

**Annual reports from Boards and Committees were due
Wednesday, January 10, 2018.**

Please send as a Word Document to fccol@fccol.org.

**NOTICE OF FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF**

**OLD LYME WILL BE HELD ON
THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018
AT 12:15 PM IN THE MEETING HOUSE
AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT.**

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2017;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR;
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018;
- TO APPROVE 2 ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH BY-LAWS;
- AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.