

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 for Visitation Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

May 29, 2016 9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: Come, Peace of God E. Butler

\*Processional Hymn: #534 "O God of Earth and Altar"

\*Call to Worship - From Psalm 19 (Unison):

The heavens are telling the glory of God

And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts

Be known in thy sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Hymn: #531 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

J. Brahms

\*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 The Rev. Joan Priest

<sup>\*</sup>Invocation

<sup>\*</sup>The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: #535 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: Lead me, Lord



Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 4:11-16

John 15: 7-17 (NT, Pg. 104)

Sermon: A MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTION The Rev. Carleen R. Gerber

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\*Hymn: #532 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Benediction

Benediction Response: Go Now in Peace

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.

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The flowers this morning are given by Breck and Sue Lardner in loving memory of the Lardner and Hibbert families.

The host for fellowship hour is Cathy Mathis

The deacon on duty is Scott Mahon

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.

The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.

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# Sunday School JOIN THE FUN and bring a friend!

Children's Day Celebration June 5 10:00 AM
Please join us for this special service, to hear from our children.
Sundaes and watermelon for all on the lawn following the service!
(Children should arrive by 9:30 to prepare for the event.)

## Refugee Resettlement Update

Faye Richardson, Father Joe, Pamela Potter, Hafez Alsaidi and Steve Jungkeit welcomed our Syrian family on Tuesday evening, May 24, as they arrived in New Haven! Right now the family of five is settling into their new, temporary home. They are pleased to be here after a long journey, and we're giving them a little privacy as they adjust to their new surroundings. Thanks to all who have made this wonderful experience possible.

The LBS Sewing Group: The LBS Sewing Booth, featuring a selection of our wonderful creations, will return to the WES this year on Friday only! We are now accepting donations of sewing fabrics, supplies and a lightweight ironing board. These can be labeled "LBS Sewing" and dropped off at the rear of the Sheffield Auditorium – but please alert Eunice Taylor or Mark Testori. We meet Mondays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New ideas and sewing folks are always welcome. Bring your lunch, we provide the tea. Questions? Call: Eunice Taylor 860-447-3025 or email: eunicetaylor@me.com.

<u>The Food Pantry</u> is collecting non-perishable food for distribution at its Saturday pantry in the church basement. Donations of non-perishable food (including pet food) are welcome and can be placed in the boxes in the church lobby, in the hall by the stairs, or by the door in the library. **Volunteers** to help stock and distribute are <u>always</u> needed and welcome. Just show up on Thursday afternoons or Friday and Saturday mornings and ask for Marie for direction. Thanks!

The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education is in need of Foot Treadle Sewing Machines (non-electric) for use in Haiti, where they don't have electricity in their homes. These old sewing machines are of little practical use to us, but they will give a young woman in Haiti a new career for her lifetime. This is the ultimate way to recycle an old, unused sewing machine into a vital part of a new lifelong career for lives in our mission in Haiti. There is no cost to you. We will pick up your Sewing Machine, recondition it, ship it to Haiti, and give it to a young woman who has graduated with a Technical Certificate in Sewing. Please, please ask your relatives, your friends, and your neighbors to get us new leads to follow. You will truly be making a direct difference in the lives of our Haiti Mission. Please call any leads to Matt Winkler, 860-333-7962 (cell) anytime.

<u>Tribal Crafts Annual 25% off Pre-trip Sale</u> In preparation for our upcoming trip to Green Grass, SD, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tribal Crafts will be having a **25% OFF PRE-TRIP SALE**. All items must go! The 25% off discount will be offered **through June 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you can't make it between the services, please call Stephanie Kenny at 860 -884-3875 and she will be happy to open the room. We hope you will stop by and support our Lakota friends!

**FCCOL Run Club** The Run Club meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm for a group run. The course begins at the church and passes gorgeous water views and sleepy town roads. Beginners, experienced runners and everyone in between are welcome to join the fun. For more information contact the church office. We're going to try and do a cookout, also, on June 8th!

# <u>Tree of Life Journey 2017</u> The Wisdom of Jesus, Mohammed and The Prophets of Israel (Peace be upon them). March 8 to March 18, 2017. Extension to Bosnia, March 18 to March 22.

Space is limited to a maximum of 25 travelers, and so please apply as soon as possible if you would like to reserve your place for this journey. You can find an application on our website, www.tolef.org. You can also contact Mary Tomassetti at Mary@tolef.org.

<u>Environment Committee</u> "Take a hike" this June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>; discover treasure in the "rocks and rills and templed hills" of our lovely land. Fall in love all over again with the gifts of nature that God charges us to esteem. Check this website to learn more. <u>www.ctwoodlands.org</u>. Join your neighbors. "Take a hike." And pass the word to friends, "Stay on the trails!"

The Church office will be closed *Monday*, *May 30th*, in observance of Memorial Day.

#### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Get out your calendars out and mark these dates —. *Friday, July 8th, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm* and *Saturday, July 9th, from 8:00 am - Noon*. This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until the first intake day, **Thursday June 23th.** 

**Daily sorting and intake** [6/23 to 7/1 from 9-2 pm except for Sunday 6/28].

For those who can, please stop in and help unload cars or sort inside -- All are welcome for as long as you can stay. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about - "people helping people." Thank you in advance.

## Help Wanted !!!!!!

**Co-Chairs in Toys** -- help manage the sorting and & pricing of Toys during intake and sale - good family project.

Workers in Toys - to organize, price and box toys during intake.

**Package check** - good job for the Jr. high kids - to check, store and then retrieve purchases during sale days [call Deanna Donovan 859-1171].

**Worker refreshments** - good job for Jr. high kids - mix ice tea, etc., and bring trays of drinks around to departments during sale days July 8 & 9 [call Connie Hurtt 434-8455].

#### SUPERSTORM SANDY SLAPPED US

The next one could wipe out our beaches.

Come to Old Lyme Town Hall to discuss and learn what to expect from weather extremes on our beaches.

<u>Thursday, June 9</u>, 6:30-8:00 p.m. — Long-Term Aspects <u>Thursday, June 16</u>, 6:30-8:00 p.m. — Emergency Measures

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.- noon — Insurance, Real Estate, and Business Concerns

Three forums sponsored jointly by the Town of Old Lyme and the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme are dedicated to Dick Blair.

### Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School TODAY.

Sewing Group Monday, May 30 at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**TOL Scholarship Meeting** Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

**Poetry Group** Wednesday, June 1 at 4:30 pm in the Hoag Parlor.

FCCOL Run Club Wednesday, June 1 at 5:00 pm.

Children's Choir Wednesday, June 1 at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Who Am I?** Thursday, June 2 at 9:30 am in the Hoag Parlor.

# Wheels of Justice: America, Palestine, and Global Solidarity

"Wheels of Justice" is a one week sojourn through the American South, inspired by the Freedom Riders of 1961. As various struggles for human and civil rights have erupted across the globe in the past several years, it has become increasingly clear that each of these struggles is inextricably linked – by common challenges and by shared tactics of resistance. The journey is designed for those who believe that another world is possible, for those who wish to have their spirits and consciences quickened, for those with religion and without it, for those who wish to connect things up. It is a journey for those who wish to listen, to witness, and to act against the systemic injustice of Occupation.

Get on the Bus! Let us know you are interested by returning the bottom of this form to the church office (just tear and return), or share your interest by email - send contact details to Mary@tolef.org.

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Journey Details	
Dates: October 1	6 <sup>th</sup> through October 25 <sup>th</sup>
entry fees and acc There are two pri-	des all ground travel, two meals per day, snacks and drinks on the bus, commodations. ce points— which do you prefer (check one)? Sleeping in Hotels - \$1,100 Accommodations at a modest hotel/motel each night of the Journey.  Local Immersion - \$500 Accommodations at a modest hotel/motel a few nights, but mostly sleeping on church floors, host homes, tents on a lawn, or maybe even hammocks in a tree.
A deposit of \$2 available, so jum	00 will be due by July 15 to secure your seat. There are only 40 seats p on soon!
	For the Wheels of Justice Fall Journey!!
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