

# August-September 2024

## Lyme Congregational Church

~ An Open and Affirming Church ~ Reverend Amy S. Hayden, Pastor ~

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***"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you my faith." James 2: v14-18***

In this passage, James states the basis of the fourth tenet of our mission: **acting on our faith by serving in our world.** His message is not confined to a specific community dealing with a specific issue (as is Paul's message in Galatians 2) but applies to all believers in all times. James is concerned with a faith that is revealed by works which aid those less fortunate than us.

In May of this past spring, Jenny Prileson and several LCC volunteers led a fundraising event to support the people in war-torn Ukraine, raising over \$5,600. We acted upon our faith and worked together, contributing our talents and our money to an important cause. The success of this fundraising effort has us planning how we can act again in the future to aid others in need somewhere in the world.

We continue to serve the world in many other ways. Last fall, we co-sponsored a wonderful dinner where 1/3 of the proceeds were used to support a school in Laos. And closer to home, we hold an annual CROP Walk, led by Bill and Abbe Murphy, to help feed the hungry. Here in Lyme, we sponsor SouperCare, host the CCL food pantry, Happy Feet and VegiCare services, and support an active Parish Nurse program. These are just some of the works we perform in support of our faith.

Let us thank God that we continue to find ways to serve in the world by acting upon our deep faith, working to serve the needy, wherever those needs may be found.

Blessings,

David Perlman



### Summer Sunday Services

[please visit LCC website for details]

### August Calendar of LCC Events

#### August 4

🌸 Special Visit to Weston Priory (VT) for 11:30 Prayer Service and Eucharist  
→ Meet at LCC 9:00 am to carpool!

#### August 11

🌸 9:30 am "Holy Humor" Worship  
Service at LCC

#### August 13

🍉 TUESDAY 5:30 – 7:00 pm:  
**LCC Picnic on the Common!**  
→ \$10 per adult, children by donation.  
→ 🎵🎶 The Lyme Town Band will perform at 7:00 pm! 🎵🎶

#### August 17

🌸 SATURDAY 6:30 pm Vespers at LCC  
🎵 with harpist Patty Williams 🎵

#### August 25

🌸 10:00 am Lyme/Etna/Hanover Center joint worship at **Hanover Center UCC**

### September Calendar of LCC Events

#### September 1

🌸 9:30 am Worship Breakfast at LCC

#### September 8

🌸 10:30 am LCC Church History Sunday

#### September 15

✚ 10:30 am Communion at LCC  
(Pastor Amy returns)

#### September 22

🌸 10:30 am Worship at LCC

#### September 28

SATURDAY All Day on the Lyme Town Common: **Health & Wellness Fair!**

#### September 29

🌸 10:30 am Homecoming Sunday:  
Youth & Family Worship at LCC



'God is Still Speaking'

## Stewardship & Wider Missions

✚ **Stewardship Campaign:** Although we are close to meeting the income required for our 2024-25 annual budget, there are several line items still in need of funding, such as part time administrative assistance and building maintenance personnel. There are many requests for church building usage, communication and general access to benefit the wider Lyme community. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for the current fiscal year, please send yours in soon. If you did not receive a pledge letter in the mail, you can make a pledge on line (go to [lymeccc.org](http://lymeccc.org)) or contact a member of the Stewardship Committee to request one by mail.

🏠 **LCC's Women's Fellowship** has received some fantastic financial reports from the **Utility Club** regarding **Bargain Barn** sales this summer. So far, we've raised over \$10,000 to benefit the Lyme Parish Nurse program, as well as Lyme student scholarships. Invite your neighbors, bring a friend and stop by to browse and shop!

## Updates and Other News

### Recent Events

👓 **Our Summer Solstice Cookout:** About 30 folks gathered at the Prilesons' for fantastic barbecue fare plus all sorts of sides and desserts. A combination of 'old-timers' and recently arrived 'Lymies' had time to get to know new faces and catch up on each others' news. Children played the piano, indoor game & toy areas, and backyard activities.

### ✚ Another Gould Baptism!

On Sunday July 21, Rev. Lee Oliver presided over the baptism of George Noah Swanson, with many Gould family members and friends in attendance.



### Interested in "Going Green"?

LCC's Stewardship Committee is in the midst of researching solar panels for the church roof and considering other infrastructure, such as heat pumps, to reduce both our electric bills and our use of fossil fuels. Anyone interested in this project, especially if you have expertise in this field, please contact Jenny Prileson at ([jenprileson@comcast.net](mailto:jenprileson@comcast.net), or 603-795-5025) to learn more.

## Out in the Community

### Bargain Barn: Better than Ever!

The Bargain Barn opened **June 1** with a new schedule: Wed & Fri 1:30 – 4 pm; Sat 10 am – 4 pm. Donations still being accepted. Any interested in volunteering, email Sue Ringer: [srchampagne@msn.com](mailto:srchampagne@msn.com)



### LCC Picnic on the Common!

**TUESDAY August 13, 5:30-7 pm:** Join **LCC** on the Lyme Town Common for a **Summer Picnic Supper!** Build your own sub sandwich, enjoy salads, sides, desserts, & beverages. **\$10** per adult, children by donation. Stay & listen to the Lyme Town Band, at **7:00 pm!**

### You Belong at LCC!

The **LCC** Deacons and Reverend Amy Hayden invite you to learn more about membership in our open and affirming faith community. Please contact Cathie Hopper if you are interested in attending our next information session:

**603-795-2850, ext. 1005.**

### Useful Reminders:

✚ **Lyme's Parish Nurse** is a free service for checkups, referrals, homecare visits and more! Please contact Missy Ball or Van Wilmott at 603-795-2850, ext. 1003.

👣 **Happy Feet** foot care is available most Thursdays by appointment. Please call **Susan Hanna Rose** at 802-222-4196

🥕 **CommunityCare of Lyme** distributes a wide variety of perishable and non-perishable food items every **Tuesday** from 1-2 pm in Fellowship Hall.