

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

January 8, 2012

First Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC “Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” Brahms
“Noel and Variations” Guilmant

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Cynthia Carr
(Please sign the Friendship Register before passing it down the pew.)

PAY IT FORWARD

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose Is Growing”
“A Great and Mighty Wonder” W. Vogel

WORDS of REFLECTION

If you develop the absolute sense of certainty that powerful beliefs provide, then you can get yourself to accomplish virtually anything, including those things that other people are certain are impossible.

Anthony Robbins

*CALL to WORSHIP

Barb Melander

Leader: We are God’s work of art – each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter’s delight.

People: We are God’s handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

Leader: We are the church of Jesus Christ – diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourself.

People: We are the Body of Christ – living his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, in the world he loved so much.

Leader: We are here to be reminded once more who we are and what our lives are about.

People: We are here to be lifted, renewed, and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working among us.

Leader: Together let us worship the living God.

All: We open ourselves to God who makes all things new.

David Inglis

*OPENING HYMN #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty and Eternal God, whom we worship in awe and wonder, you are the author of all beginnings, of all that is pronounced good. In you both day and night have purpose; both calm and storm have meaning. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive your gifts and discern your activity in our midst. Keep us, your faithful, born of water and the Spirit, true to our calling in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We ask it in his name. Amen.

Richard Fairchild

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96: 1-6 p. 748

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER (unison...”debts”)

BAPTISMAL INTRODUCTIONS – Nolan Oliver Darcy and his parents, Lindsay and Ryan Darcy; Jacob Daniel Bilodeau and his parents, Arista and Daniel Bilodeau

ANTHEM

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Todd Lentocha and family (Todd is the East Hartford police officer recently injured in an auto accident); Ellie Cantlin (Mary Wheeler’s sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17: 14-20

*HYMN #595 “Be Thou My Vision”

SERMON “Anything Is Possible” Joseph Tobin

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #66 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “A Regal Procession” Traditional

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Board of Missions and Outreach

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a first time visitor, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table. There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Pay It Forward: Prior to our Christmas break, we featured Mille Oliphant who shared with us her gift to the Trinity Cooperative Preschool to assist families in the early Christian training of their children. That Sunday our recipient of the drawing was YOU as we prepared to receive the gift of the birth of Jesus.

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

There is no Confirmation Class today. Classes will be held on January 22 and 29.

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

Giv2: 12:30-4 PM. Meet in Fellowship Hall. We are going to Buckingham Nursing Home to do a sing along. If you can play the piano or another instrument, please join us as we entertain the residents.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

The Ways and Means Committee is selling chili and cornbread.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Crafts Group: Monday, January 9, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, January 11, 1 PM, Library

Board of Missions: Wednesday, January 11, 7 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, January 11, 7 PM, Chapel

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 12, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 12, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

Caring and Sharing Support Group: Friday, January 13, 10:30 AM, Library

Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: Saturday, January 14, 10 AM, Sanctuary

Super Bowl Grinders: It's time for the Super Bowl and time to order your grinders for the game. The Ways & Means Committee will be taking orders during Coffee Hour on Sundays, January 15, 22 and 29. Grinders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 5 – Super Bowl Sunday. Questions? Contact Michelle Bower, 860-872-7274 or any committee member.

A **Crib Room** is available upstairs near the balcony for **parents with infants up to 12 months of age** where the worship service can be heard via intercom. A staffed **Toddler Room for children 12-36 months** old is located downstairs with the classrooms. Donations are gratefully accepted in the free-will offering box.

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

Please listen to any of the following radio stations: WTIC AM (1080), WTIC FM (96.5), WRCH FM (100.5), watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.

The **Care Network** is offered by the Deacons as a helping hand during difficult times. If you are in need of a ride to church, the doctor, hospital, grocery store, etc., in need of meals or a visit, please contact Margaret Klukas (643-0710) or Jan Muro (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com).

In Our Ongoing Prayers... FCCV Search Committee; **Alexandra Fisher**, granddaughter of Pat Aldrich; **Mike Swan** undergoing chemo for a reoccurrence of cancer; **Kathy Fuller**, Barbara Evensen's sister; **Caleb**, son of Jessica Gwara (friend of Annie Longo); **Debbie Morris**, Jan Peacock's niece; **Donna Peacock**; **Carol Whitney**; **Kyle**, son of Rob Czaplicki (friend of Rob Horton); **Joyce Smith**; **Dolores Tomolonis**, friend of Mary and Jim White, (cancer); baby **Ava**; **Thelma Gifford**; **Kaylin Gifford**; **Rick Gagnon**, brother-in-law of Michelle Bower (cancer); **Warren Clay**; **Gary Edwards**, friend of Serena Volovski; **Cooper Doyle**, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; **Paul** and **Susan Shimer**; **Candy Buswell** (heart); **Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger**; **Horst Pohlmann**, friend of the Gerakaris'; **John Mayhew**; **John Kaminski**, Susan Moreau's father; **Bess Howe**; **Jane Morse**; **Melissa Morse**; **Charlotte Driggs**; **Aaron Huneger**; **Stephen Volovski**; **Donald Chase**; **Audrey Clay** (breast cancer)

WANT to PARTICIPATE in PAY IT FORWARD?

Here's how it works. This is strictly voluntary.

- Write your name on a blank index card or a piece of paper and place it in the offering basket or the Pay It Forward box located on the table in Fellowship Hall. Index cards are located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or on the table in Fellowship Hall.
- Each week a winner is selected. You must be in attendance during the worship service to receive the Pay It Forward gift. The winner receives a \$50 bill that they may do with as they wish, as long as the money is given to a worthy charity, cause, family or person in need in the community.
- The winner returns the following week to share with the congregation what they chose to do with the \$50 gift. The winner then selects a person who will have the opportunity to share a blessing next week.

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Want to Meet New People? Volunteer to Serve! Whether it's welcoming others at the door before the Worship Service or providing a baked good or snack, making coffee or setting up and cleaning up after Coffee Hour, volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. All help is welcome.

Please Wear Your Name Tag! Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860)875-7580.

Reminder: Our Sunday morning worship services (on a one week delay) are available for viewing on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5 Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Uncut DVD's (DVD's submitted for viewing on Comcast are edited to fit a 60 minute format) of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library. Check your local listings or go to CVCCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and events.