

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC**  
**January 12, 2014**

**PRELUDE**                    “Madrigale”                    Simonetti  
   “Sonatina”                    Clementi

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*)                    John MacDougall

Leader: I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

**People: I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.**

Leader: I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired Him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

**People: I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share His Spirit, His mission and His ultimate victory over sin and death.**

Leader: I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

**People: I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service in the world.**

Leader: I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, the recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

**All: With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by God’s grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #284 “Gather Us In”

**PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus You revealed Him to be your Son, and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as Your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT of BAPTISM** – Colin William Olmstead  
Congregational Response (*unison*)

**We promise our love, support, and care to this child and his family as he grows in faith and faithfulness. With God’s help, we promise to guide and encourage him, by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ.**

**\*BAPTISM HYMN** #75 “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

**TIME with the CHILDREN**

**The LORD’S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**                    “At the River”                    Copland

**SCRIPTURE**                    Matthew 3:13-17

**SERMON**                    Rev. Meg Watson

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                    “It Is Well with My Soul”                    Bliss  
   Duet – Marissa and Ryan Fujimoto

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #431 “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                    “A Festive Trumpet Tune”                    Martin

*\*All who are able are invited to stand.*

**Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.**

**We rejoice in the baptism of** Colin William Olmstead son of Holly and Richard Olmstead. Welcome to Colin’s sponsor, Kristen Keska.

**WELCOME to FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of VERNON!**

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will encounter God here, experience the love God showed the world in Jesus, and be inspired to share that love with the world. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Table. There you will find a guestbook to sign and a welcome gift to take home with you. Let us know if we can be of service to you in any way, and come back again soon!

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Board of Trustees

### In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

**Will and Diane Livermore**, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Lazeren; **Bonnie Brenner**; Carol Whitney; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey, Margaret Klukas' sister, diagnosed with lung cancer; Joyce Smith; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Nell Michalik, Carol Whitney's mother; Ben Savage, Sharon Christman's brother, dealing with cancer; Lillian Burnett, Halene Fujimoto's mother; Dick Myer, Andy Myer's brother; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft; Jan Peacock; Candy Buswell; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Mike Swan; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs. *New additions in bold print*

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

**Confirmation Class:** 11:30 AM, Library

### TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

The Ways and Means Committee will be taking orders for **Super Bowl Grinders** today and on Sundays, January 19 and 26. You may choose roast beef, turkey, ham, a combo of all three and your toppings. Grinders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 2. Any questions, contact Michelle Bower at 860-872-7274.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Ways & Means:** Monday, January 13, 7 PM, Library

**Pictorial Directory Meeting:** Monday, January 13, 7 PM, Chapel

### February CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, January 14

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, January 14, 11 AM, Library

**Deacons:** Tuesday, January 14, 7 PM, Library

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, January 15, 1 PM, Library

**S & E:** Wednesday, January 15, 7 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, January 16 from 6-7 PM at Wood-n-Tap

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, January 16, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, January 17, 10:30 AM, Library

**Youth Fellowship Sleepover:** Friday, January 17, 7 PM

**Contemporary Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, January 18, 10 AM, Sanctuary

### ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26

following the Worship Service

Child care will be provided

**New FCCV Ministries:** Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study is launching its second 10-week series (a biblical look at friendship). We meet at 11 AM in the Library. "Theology on Tap" (an informal and informative discussion group) meets at the Wood-n-Tap on Thursday evenings from 6-7 PM.

### Youth Fellowship Activities (grades 6-12)

Sleepover: 7 PM Friday, January 17 to 8:30 AM, Saturday. Bring a snack and drink to share, your sleeping bag, movies, games, etc. Breakfast will be provided.

### Two Summer Mission Trips:

"Hands on Hartford" from July 14-18 (no sleepover), open to youth 10 years and older

"Next Step Ministries" (working to repair homes damaged during Super Storm Sandy) from July 20-26 in Long Island, NY, open to youth in grades 6-12

If you are interested in participating in either or both missions, you must let Linda Shivers know ASAP - planning is based on the number of participants. Chaperones are needed. Any questions, contact Linda.

Tag Sale, May 3: Volunteers will be needed. Please save your unwanted items.

They can be dropped off at church the last week of April.

**New Members Class:** Tuesday, February 4 at 7 PM in the Library

**Electronic Giving** at FCCV starts this month. For those who are participating, if you would like, small Giving Cards for electronic givers are available to place in the offering plate. They can be found in a basket as you enter the Sanctuary.

**Name Tags:** If you ordered a name tag on or before January 5, it may be picked up today during Coffee Hour at the "Scrip Your All" table. If you would like to order a new name tag, you can do so any Sunday during Coffee Hour or by contacting Jim Montlick at jamontlik@aol.com. You may choose a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

**Pictorial Directory Update:** If you participated in the Pictorial Directory and did not receive your free 8x10 through the mail, it is available for pickup in the Narthex before church or during Coffee Hour after the service. **Still need your picture taken for the directory?** Today during Coffee Hour we will be taking pictures in the back, left-hand corner of Fellowship Hall. The record information (name, address, phone, email) that will be included in the printed and online directories is being finalized this week. If you wish to check your information, please do so today or contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747.

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** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old**.

### **Scrip-Your-All**

Did you know?

1. Scrip-Your-All is a year-round program at FCCV
2. Your everyday shopping can help contribute to FCCV programs
3. You can use Kohl's Cares cards (available through Scrip-Your-All) to make payments towards your Kohl's charge
4. Presto-Pay allows you to receive eCards within minutes (no waiting for Sunday Sales!)

Want to know more about the Scrip-Your-All program? Stop at our table during Coffee Hour!

**If you placed a Gift Card order on or before January 5, your cards are available for pick up today during Coffee Hour.**

**Reminder:** FCCV records its Sunday worship services. These services are available for viewing on a one-week delay on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Check your local listings or go to [www.CVCCT.org](http://www.CVCCT.org) for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

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, contact Jan Muro (872-1757 or [jmoze@hotmail.com](mailto:jmoze@hotmail.com)) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

### **Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:**

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to [wfsb.com](http://wfsb.com).

**Acolytes Needed!** To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at [DelytheK@yahoo.com](mailto:DelytheK@yahoo.com) or (860) 872-3004.