

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

January 13, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC      “Second Organ Sonata”  
                                  “*I Allegro moderato*”                      Guilmant  
                                  “*II Larghetto*”  
                                  “*III Allegro vivace*”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

CHIMING of the HOUR

WORDS of REFLECTION

*“Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us.”*                      Marianne Williamson

PRELUDE                      “The Name of Jesus”                      Lorenz/Rasley

\*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: New every morning is God’s love,

**People: Poured out upon us,**

Leader: Washing away the past,

**People: Shining hope upon our path,**

Leader: Awakening joy deep within,

**People: Renewing our souls.**

Leader: New every day is God’s grace.

**People: God’s steadfast love and mercy never end.**

\*OPENING HYMN #254 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION

Gracious God, we come seeking a fresh encounter with you. We long to love and be loved; to dare to hope again; to feel our hearts quicken and our souls expand in the shadow of your wings. Let your Holy Spirit linger in this place; Let your presence rest upon your people. Lead us in your ways of love, that we will bear the fruits of a life with you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of the Lord howls over the waters.

**People: The God of glory thunders.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord sings through the trees.

**People: God is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord roars like a fire.

**People: God shakes the wilderness.**

Leader: May God grant strength to his people!

**People: May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER (*unison... “debts”*)

ANTHEM      “The Church’s One Foundation”      D. Althouse

SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 43: 1-3a

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

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

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY      “Go, Congregation Go”

E. Butler

\*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

\*UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give us every day. Thank you also for the opportunity to give back. Make us more aware of our blessings, that we may never take them for granted, and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #352 “Spirit Song”

\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      “And the Glory of the Lord”      Handel

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

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign our Guest Book (on the table in the Narthex) and help yourself to a Welcome Bag made especially for you.

Guests are encouraged to use the Pew Cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates with the offering.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Trustees

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM, Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Super Bowl Grinders: The Ways & Means Committee will be taking orders during Coffee Hour today and on Sundays, January 20 and 27. Grinders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 3. Questions? Contact Michelle Bower, 860-872-7274.

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Ways and Means: Monday, January 14, 7 PM, Library

February CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, January 15

Men’s Club: Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Finance: Tuesday, January 15, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, January 15, 7 PM, Chapel

Library: Wednesday, January 16, 1 PM, Library

HR: Wednesday, January 16, 7 PM, Library

**Trustees:** Wednesday, January 16, 7 PM, Chapel

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, January 17, 7:30 PM

**Support Group:** Friday, January 18, 10:30 AM, Library

**Youth Basketball (open to 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade):** January 19, February 2 and 16, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Wapping Church in South Windsor. Parents must drop off and pick up at Wapping Church. Advisor - Randy Ramsdell. **Reminder:** Check our Facebook page for more information on youth activities and missions.

**ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, January 27**  
*following the Worship Service*

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**.

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) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

**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.

**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.

**In Our Ongoing Prayers...** Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah (friends of Becky Burr); **Will Livermore**, Pat Lazeren's brother; **Shirley Bryant; Dick Saich; Mike Kermode** deployed in Afghanistan; **Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross**, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); **Deborah Costello**, friend of Angel Hockenberry, (breast cancer); **Richard Brooke**, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; **Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Ray Turner**, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner (stroke); **Martha Fowler** (cancer); **Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; 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; Donald Chase**

**"Clothes Exchange"**  
*sponsored by Women's Fellowship*

**Friday, January 25, 6 pm**

(snow date February 2)

Do you have a case of the winter blahs? Are your clothes too big because of that great new exercise class you joined? The here's the solution...**"Clothes Exchange."**

Donate a few gently-used wardrobe items...**jewelry, shoes, scarves, purses, skirts, pants, coats, tops, sweaters, etc.** that you no longer use. Then come and "shop" through the items and find something you can use. We would like to have all the items arranged by size, so, if possible, please drop the items off on Sunday, January 20 or Thursday, January 24. This is a great chance to clean out your closet and end up with something new to wear (or a little something for your mom or daughter). Items not chosen will be donated to the HVCC Second Chance shop.

**Assorted soups will be served for dinner at 6 PM**  
**followed by the Clothes Exchange**

Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. Feel free to call or e-mail Daryl Gottier for more information, (860)871-8594 or edengott@sbcglobal.net.

**MUSIC at FIRST**  
*presents*

**The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble**  
*performing "Melodies of Mark Twain"*  
**Sunday, January 27 at 4 PM**

This new program will include music and stories from Twain's life, including songs that were known to be his favorites and readings by and about him.

The members of the Rosewood Chamber Ensemble are Barbara Hopkins, flute and Judy Handler, guitar. A special feature of Rosewood concerts is their use of historical instruments. In this program, Judy Handler will be playing a Martin parlor guitar that is the same make and model as was used by Mark Twain. Barbara Hopkins will be playing period flutes, including her wooden Asa Hopkins flute which was made in Litchfield, CT circa 1830.

Suggested donation - \$7/\$5 for students and seniors

A reception will follow the performance.

For more information go to BarbaraHopkins.com or firstchurchofvernon.org.