

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
January 15, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC “Sonata No. 1” Beethoven
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” L. Smith

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Register before passing it down the pew.)

MINISTRY MOMENT - Search Committee

PAY IT FORWARD

CHIMING of the HOUR

ACOLYTE

Mariah Shivers

WORDS of REFLECTION

And yet, there is only one great thing, the only thing: to live to see in huts and on journeys the great day that dawns and the light that fills the world. Inuit song

PRELUDE “Jesus Calls Us”

Smith/Jude

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Chad Moreau

Leader: God is great and awesome.

People: In the light of God’s great gift in Jesus Christ,

Leader: Let us join now together in joyous celebration.

All: Our God is a mighty and wondrous God, and in this season of light and hope, we worship and give God praise.

***OPENING HYMN #469 “I Am the Light of the World!”**

PRAYER of INVOCATION *(unison)*

Luke Jensen

God of all creation, we, your children, come together in the spirit of hope. Hope for the fullness you have promised; that the pains of this present day are not even worth comparing to the glory you are going to reveal to us. God, we come here together to praise and to wait and to renew our strength in your Word and your presence. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 139

Maddy Condry

Leader: Lord, you have examined me and you know me.

People: You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts.

Leader: You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions.

People: Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.

Leader: You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power.

People: Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding.

Leader: You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart.

Leader: When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother’s womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there---you saw me before I was born.

People: The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book before any of them ever began.

Leader: O God, how difficult I find your thoughts; how many of them there are!

People: If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand. When I am away, I am still with you.

***GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)**

A TIME with the CHILDREN

Joseph Tobin

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

ANTHEM-CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

“Enough”

C. Tomlin

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come Follow Me”

Althouse

***DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)**

PRAYER of DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE John 1: 43-51

***HYMN #337 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”**

SERMON

Rev. Cynthia Carr

***CLOSING HYMN #458 “Ours the Journey”**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Arise Toward the Light”

T. Birchwood

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of Karen Heebner by her church friends.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in celebration of the birth of Abigail Bright Krusack, daughter of Emily and Matthew Krusack and granddaughter of Steve and Nancy Bright, born on January 3.

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: Today we feature Gaile Dembeck, last week’s winner. The blessings of those who have benefited because of you are on display in Fellowship Hall. Take a moment to reflect during Coffee Hour. A special **THANK YOU** for the continued gifts from our members and friends that have allowed Pay It Forward to continue for four more weeks.

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

Memorial Garden: 11:20 AM, Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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 **today** and on Sundays, January 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 16. The Church Office is closed.

Crafts Group: Monday, January 16, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Before packing them away, bring samples of your favorite Christmas crafts.

Search Committee: Monday, January 16, 7 PM, Library

February CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, January 17

Prayer Squares: Tuesday, January 17, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall

Finance: Tuesday, January 17, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings and Memorials: Tuesday, January 17, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, January 18, 1 PM, Library

Capital Campaign: Wednesday, January 18, 7 PM, Library

Human Resources: Wednesday, January 18, 7 PM, Chapel

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 19, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 19, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

Caring and Sharing Support Group: Friday, January 20, 10:30 AM, Library

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING
Sunday, January 22, 2012
immediately following the Worship Service

WANTED – Knitters and Crocheters! Our supply of finished Prayer Shawls has been depleted. We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. Please join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Church Library or feel free to make one at home. FCCV Prayer Shawl Ministry questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

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.



NOW HIRING!

The Stewardship and Evangelism team is seeking new members for their exciting and dynamic committee in 2012. If you're a church member, you're qualified! It's that easy. We meet once a month for an hour or two. M & M's provided 😊

For more information, contact Charlie Markunas,
oilcancharlie@gmail.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... Ann Garrison; Michael Bebrin; Charlie Nichols pursuing a call to the Pittsford Congregational Church in VT; the **leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Todd Lentocho 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; **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); **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)



ONCE UPON AN APRON

An Old Time Meal at Old Time
Prices...featuring recipes from FCCV
cookbooks through the years!

When: Saturday, January 28 (snow date, February 4)
Where: FCCV Fellowship Hall
Time: 5 to 7 PM
Menu: Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce/Baked Beans/
Scalloped Corn/Coleslaw/Gingerbread

Old fashioned cost: \$5/person. Children under 12 free.

Sign up: Women's Fellowship Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. There are sign-up sheets for attending and for helping with food prep, set-up or clean-up.

Special Display: As many aprons as we can get! Please check your cupboards and closets and lend us an apron or two. It would help if we could have them before the event. Please put your name on the apron and leave at the Church Office. For further information, contact Lynn Sweet, 860-875-3172 or lynn4447@aol.com. We hope to have a contest where people can vote for their favorite aprons in various categories.

