

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

January 20, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC “Impromptu” Schubert
 “Trio” Richter
 “Largo in G” Handel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

CHIMING of the HOUR

WORDS of REFLECTION

“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Scott/Hegarty

*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP Jon Dunlap

Leader: Wherever you have been,

People: Welcome back.

Leader: Whatever you have done,

People: Welcome home.

Leader: Here is a story to change your life.

People: Here is a song to warm your heart.

Leader: Here are friends with whom to laugh and cry.

People: Here is a Spirit that renews your soul.

Leader: Wherever you have been,

People: Welcome home.

*OPENING HYMN #4 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION

Help us, O Lord, to prepare our spirits for deeper levels of communication with you. Let your Holy Spirit stir us, strengthen us in every way, and prompt us to use the gifts that you have placed within us for the common good, according to your Word and your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness, O Lord, reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

People: Your judgments are like the great deeps.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (unison...“debts”)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

*SERMON HYMN #265 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – the people of Syria including the family of Tarek Eid, son-in-law of Cathy and Gary Foote; David Nelson, former FCCV Field Placement student and current Pastor of Westhaven Baptist Church, on the loss of his father, Leo Nelson

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

For every gift we have received, we give you thanks. For every gift we can give to you or to others, we give you thanks. Accept these humble gifts, we pray. Bless them and multiply them and use them to strengthen your church and the faith of your people. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #543 “Blessed Assurance”

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Toccata Sonabile” Smith

*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.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Flower Committee.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Trustees

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Garden Committee: 11:15 AM, Library

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM, PF Room (re-scheduled from January 27)

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 21. The Church Office is closed.

Deacons: Monday, January 21, 7 PM, Chapel

Men's Club: Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Board of Music: Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 PM, Library

Library: Wednesday, January 23, 1 PM, Library

Stewardship and Evangelism: Wednesday, January 23, 7 PM, Library

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 24, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, January 25, 10:30 AM, Library

Clothes Exchange: Friday, January 25, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. See elsewhere in this bulletin for more information.

Confirmation Class and Sponsors: On January 25 we are going to Temple Beth Hillel, 20 Baker Lane, South Windsor, for the Tu B'Shevat service. Your Sponsor can drive you but if you need a ride, contact Linda Shivers. Please be at the Temple by 6:40 PM.

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27
following the Worship Service

Please Note: Child care for children of all ages will be provided in the Toddler Room during the meeting.

Youth Group: Bowling, Sunday, January 27 from 2-4 PM. Drop off at Spare Time. Cost - \$14.50 for bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. If a ride or assistance with cost is needed, contact Linda Shivers. Sign up on the CE bulletin board.

Youth Group Girls (6th-12th grade): The Revolve Tour 2013 is coming to First Cathedral in Bloomfield on March 2. We'll be leaving the FCCV parking lot at 9 AM. Cost - \$59 (does not include \$2 service fee). For more information and to register, go online at revolvetour2013.com. If cost is an issue, please contact Linda Shivers. Debi Hockenberry will be the lead advisor for this event. Please sign up on the CE bulletin board so we know how many chaperones/drivers are needed.

Youth Basketball (open to 5th -12th grade): 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.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7 PM in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Ways and Means Committee. Menu: plain, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage. Cost: Adults \$7, children \$3. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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: FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2006. These worship services, edited to 58 minutes, 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 for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and events. Full length DVDs 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.

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 or (860) 872-3004.

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.

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.

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?

Then 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

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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.