

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

January 27, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC “Sonata in D” Mozart
 “Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet”
 “Echo Alleluia” Parker/Scott
 Purcell/Smith

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Mit Freuden Zart” Near

WORDS of REFLECTION

“You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him.” *St. Teresa of Avila*

INTROIT - TRANSFORMERS “Love” Traditional

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Mary Wheeler

Leader: Day after day, an abundance of God’s love.

People: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing;

Leader: A beautiful sunrise, a clear starry night,

People: A friend’s embrace, a child’s smile,

Leader: A new insight, a sense of peace,

People: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

Leader: All around us and deep within us are signs of God’s presence.

People: How can we not sing of God’s faithfulness?

***OPENING HYMN #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Ever-present God, you are forever teaching us and reaching for us.

Open our minds to the truth of your care. Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love. Open our lips to share stories of faith. Open our hands to show generosity and kindness. Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

RECOGNIZING the SEARCH COMMITTEE

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 19 (*paraphrase*)

Leader: God’s glory is on display in the skies.

People: God’s handiwork can be seen to the horizons.

Leader: Day after day, and night after night, all of creation sings God’s praise.

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

***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.

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, which 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 “Many Gifts, One Spirit” A. Pote

SCRIPTURE Luke 5: 1-11

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN #556 “Trust and Obey”**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Phyllis Chase having surgery on Tuesday; Charlie Nichols (former FCCV Field Placement Student) and his daughter, Jackie and family. Jackie is dying of liver failure

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee” J. Berger

***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** (*unison*)

God, thank you for the gift of this day, this hour, this breath. Receive our gifts, bless them and multiply them, and use them to bring light and love to your people everywhere. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “A New Beginning” (*insert*) J. Burr

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(*Congregation, please join in*)

POSTLUDE “A Joyous Air” Purcell/Spong

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

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

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON!

We are glad you are here. 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!

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

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 West Haven Baptist Church, on the loss of his father, Leo Nelson; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Dick Saich; Mike Kermode; Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeran; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Mayhew; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase

New additions in bold print

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Ferguson family in memory of Olive B. Ferguson (December 18, 1922 – January 24, 2012)

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by the Sanctuary Choir and the Board of Music in celebration of Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger's birthday today.

Transformers: Nicholas Giordano, Jack Longo, Avery Prewo, Arielle Shivers, Mariah Shivers, Sarah Turner, Lillian Westerberg, Paul Westerberg

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Trustees

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

Today

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, today 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.

Music at First Concert – The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble: 4 PM in the Sanctuary

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Super Bowl Grinders: Today is the last day you may order grinders. They will be available for pick up next Sunday, February 3.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Board of Music: Wednesday, January 30, 7 PM, Library

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

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 31, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, February 1, 10:30 AM, Library

Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat: Women's Fellowship is planning another retreat in September. Any woman interested in being part of the Planning Committee for the retreat should contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

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.

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 2004. 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 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.

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.

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Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee

Tuesday, February 12

5:30-7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Menu

Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes

Sausage

Fruit

Beverage

Cost

\$7 adults

\$3 children under 12

Please sign upon the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.