

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 9, 2014

Laitly Sunday

PRELUDE “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” Hayes
“Morning Has Broken” Smith
“Love Lifted Me” Pethel
“Jubilation” Sandresky

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Michelle Harlow

ACOLYTES

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Steve Boucher
Leader: For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to you, Creator God that your love, your Word, like a seed, may grow to produce in us good fruit.

People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

Leader: For the leaders of various nations and cities, that they may lead with compassion and mercy, with wisdom and grace. May they reflect your will, guiding all their actions and decisions.

People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

Leader: For those who serve in harm’s way, those who live in areas of war and strife, those who live in fear, and struggle just to find dignity in life. May your grace bring peace and safety to all people, one to another.

People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

Leader: For those who suffer from any illness or disease - of mind, body, or spirit. Restore these, and all those we carry in our hearts, to fullness of health - health as only you, O God, can bring. May your mercy shower each of us with healing mercy and love.

All: May your love, be like a seed, taking root and growing strong. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** #293 “Out of Need and Out of Custom”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Lord, we come before you today and we thank you for all the blessings that you have given us. Many times our lives are so full of busy work that we neglect our relationship with you. For that we are sorry. We know that you never neglect us, for if you did, our lives would cease to be. Continue to guide us in our journey. Pull us to you and hold us close until the day we come home to be with you forever. Be with us now as we gather in your name. May we feel your presence among us. In Jesus’ precious name we pray. 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.

TIME with the CHILDREN Millie Oliphant

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 “Shine, Jesus Shine” G. Kendrick

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9 Karen Bradford

SERMON Tom Sweet

***HYMN** #623 “Woke Up This Morning”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Gaile Dembeck

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING Emily Westerberg

OFFERTORY “God Will Make a Way” D. Moen

***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** #579 “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

***BENEDICTION** Dave Kemp

POSTLUDE “Credo” Haydn

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

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

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

Greeters: Janet DiTarando and Holly Olmstead

Coffee Hour: Board of Missions

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 worshipping 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 . . .

Heather Lazeren (Pat Lazeren's niece) and **family**, on the death of her father, Stanley Lazeren; Stephen Kasevich, brother of Louise Theriault, dealing with cancer; Will and Diane Livermore, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Lazeren; Bonnie Brenner; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Joyce Smith; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; 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; 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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Trustees: Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Evening Circle: Monday, February 10, 7 PM at Marilyn Newton's home. We'll be making candy and cookie bags for the homebound. Any questions, contact Pat Lazeren or Candy Buswell.

Ways & Means: Monday, February 10, 7 PM, Library

March CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, February 11

Men's Club: Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, February 11, 11 AM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, February 11, 7 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Wednesday, February 12, 1 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, February 12, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, February 12, 7 PM, Chapel

Council: Wednesday, February 12, **7:30 PM**, Fellowship Hall. *Please note time change.*

Theology on Tap: Thursday, February 13, 6 PM at R House Restaurant

Bell Choir: Thursday, February 13, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, February 13, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, February 14, 10:30 AM, Library

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, February 15, 10 AM, Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship - Nomads, Sunday, February 16, 5-8 PM

We will meet at Nomads in South Windsor (parents, please drop off and pick up there. If a ride is needed, please contact Greg Mias, Debi Hockenberry or Linda Shivers). Group cards at \$15 each will be purchased. Youth Fellowship will pay \$10 but you will need to bring \$5 minimum. This allows you unlimited time (over 3 hours) for Laser Tag, bumper cars, wall climbing and other activities. If you want to play arcade games, you will need to purchase a card and add points (50 cents each with games costing 2-6 points). Food will also be available at additional cost. If cost is an issue, please contact Linda Shivers or Pastor Robin. Invite your friends to join us. You may just show up that day, but to give us a general idea of how many are attending, we ask that you sign up on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library.

Volunteers Still Needed for Reading Buddies: Anyone interested should contact Millie Oliphant at 860-87872-7106.

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.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** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old**.

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 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) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

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.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee

March 4

5:30-7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Menu

Pancakes - Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip

Sausage

Fruit

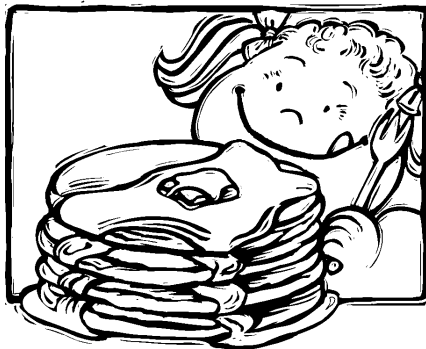
Beverages

\$8 adults

\$5 children under 12

\$20 (family of 4)

PANCAKE SUPPER



Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.