

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 10, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

WORDS of REFLECTION

*“Our biggest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.” Nelson Mandela*

\*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Hal Cummings

Leader: In the presence of God,

People: **We are filled with hope,**

Leader: We are overwhelmed by love,

People: **We sense a holy mystery.**

Leader: In the presence of the God,

People: **We stand in awe,**

Leader: We fall on our knees,

People: **We are made new.**

Leader: In the presence of God,

People: **Our voices rise in songs of joyful praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Loving God, come in word and silence, in song and prayer, and lead us to the heights of glory. Fill us with your peace and power, and touch us with your grace, so we may know your love and be forever changed. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from 1 John 4:7-8

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,

People: **For love is from God.**

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: **Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

\*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

SCRIPTURE Luke 5: 28-36

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYMN #480 “I Love to Tell the Story”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*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)

Accept these gifts, O God, as symbols of our love and gratitude. Shine your light through them and us, that your glory will be known throughout the world, and throughout the generations. In the name of your Son, your Chosen, we pray. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #477 “Pass It On”

\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*\*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!

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Missions

### In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

**Phyllis Chase** recovering at home; the **family of Elizabeth Sayles** on her death; Charlie Nichols (former FCCV Field Placement Student) and his family on the loss of his daughter, Jackie; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid, son-in-law of Cathy and Gary Foote; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Dick Saich; Mike Kermode; Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; 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*

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Ways & Means:** Monday, February 11, 7 PM, Library

**Evening Circle:** Monday, February 11, 7 PM at Betty Ann Wurst's home. Please bring one roll of sugar cookie dough as we will be making Valentine cookies for the homebound. Call Pat Lazeren (860-644-0475) or Candace Buswell (860-869-2470) with any questions.

### March CARILLON Deadline

*Tuesday, February 12*

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Deacons:** Tuesday, February 12, 7 PM, Library

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Wednesday, February 13, 1 PM, Library

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, February 13, 7 PM, Sanctuary

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, February 14, 7:30 PM

**Support Group:** Friday, February 15, 10:30 AM, Library

**Youth Basketball (open to 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):** February 16 and 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.

**Youth Group Girls** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): The Revolve Tour 2013, March 2 at First Cathedral in Bloomfield. We'll leave 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](http://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 Fellowship (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Meeting:** Sunday, March 3, 11:30 AM, Library. We'll be planning our summer mission project, 24-hour famine and other activities.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee*

## Tuesday, February 12

5:30-7 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

### Menu

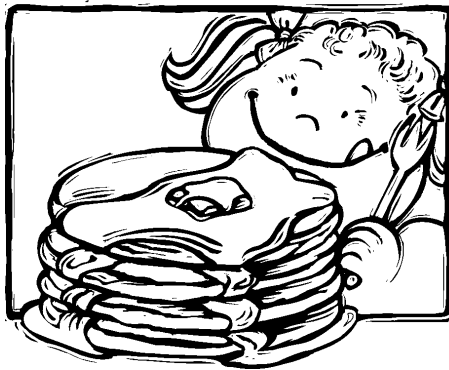
Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes  
Sausage  
Fruit  
Beverage

### Cost

\$7 adults  
\$3 children under 12

Please sign upon the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

## PANCAKE SUPPER



## 2013 LENTEN SEASON



### Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7 PM,  
Fellowship Hall*

### Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, February 13, 7 PM in the Sanctuary*

### Music @ First Concert – Fanfare Brass Choir

*Sunday, February 24, 4 PM in the Sanctuary*

### Bread and Broth Lenten Series

*Thursdays, February 28, March 7 and 14, 6-7 PM in the Pastor's Study*

Nourish your body and soul this holy season with an overview of classic spiritual disciplines while enjoying homemade soup and bread. We will cover the topics of prayer, worship, Sabbath-keeping, scripture reading, Christian hospitality and more. Please sign up by sending an email to RevMeg@yahoo.com or by calling the Church Office.

### Agape Dinner

*Sunday, March 17, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall*

Dinner and activities related to Lent

### Palm Sunday

*Sunday, March 24, 10 AM worship service*

### Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Office of Tennebrae

*Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary*

### Easter Sunday, March 31

*Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM in the Memorial Garden*

Coffee, juice, muffins, etc. following in Fellowship Hall

*Worship Service, 10 AM*