

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 17, 2013

First Sunday in Lent ~ Scout Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC “Theme from ‘Romeo and Juliet’” **Rota**
“Romance” **Raff**
“Andante con moto” **Guilmant**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “O Savior, Sweet, O Savior Kind” **Bach/Blake**

WORDS of REFLECTION

“God is far less likely to abandon us in times of hardship than in times of ease.”
Dom Helder Camara

***PRESENTATION of COLORS**

***PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** (*unison*)

***POSTING of COLORS**

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Peter Melander

Leader: Amazing grace,
People: Lifting us up when we have fallen,
Leader: Bringing us hope when we despair,
People: Healing our hearts when they are broken.
Leader: Amazing grace,
People: Making a way in the wilderness,
Leader: Shining a light on our path,
People: Leading us back to joy.
Leader: Amazing grace,
People: Surprising in the wideness of its reach,
Leader: Amazing!
People: Grace.

***OPENING HYMN #546 “Amazing Grace”**

SCOUT REPRESENTATIVES Mark Kalina, Boy Scouts
Louise Theriault, Girl Scouts

PRESENTATION of SCOUT AWARDS Linda Shivers
Arielle Shivers - God and Me
Mariah Shivers - God and Family

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*) Maddy Condry
God of love, we confess that our silence is noisy, our minds are filled with distractions, our thoughts are focused on problems, and our lives are bombarded with things that lead us away from you. How hard it is to be still and rest in your holy presence. In this hour, quiet the storms within us that we may hear your still, small voice of love calling us by name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
People: Whom shall I fear?
Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
People: Of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
People: Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***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 “Walking in High Places” **H. Helvey**

SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 1-13

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN #180 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” **G. Martin**

***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*) Pat Lazeren

Dear Lord, we thank you for the opportunities you give to us to do your will. You send them to us in our daily lives so we can respond through our actions of giving and caring. Please accept these offerings to be used to show our love for one another, those we know and don’t know throughout the world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “March” **Guilmant**

**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 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!

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of Don Newton on his Valentine's Day birthday with love from Mom and Dad.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Missions

Please Note: There is no Sunday School today but the Toddler Room is open and staffed for children up to the age of five.

In Our Ongoing Prayers...

Phyllis Chase recovering at home; 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 Kermod; 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

Presidents' Day: Monday, February 18. The Church Office is closed.

Evening Circle: Monday, February 18, 1 PM at the church (re-scheduled from February 11). We'll be baking Valentine cookies for the homebound. Call Pat Lazeren (860-644-0475) or Candace Buswell (860-869-2470) with any questions.

Men's Club: Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, February 19, 7 PM, Chapel

Library: Wednesday, February 20, 1 PM, Library

Trustees: Wednesday, February 20, 7 PM, Library

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 21, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, February 22, 10:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade) Meeting: Sunday, March 3, 11:30 AM, Library. We'll be planning our summer mission project, 24-hour famine and other activities.

Please Note: Rev. Joanne Myer has accepted the position as our Interim Associate Pastor. Church Council will be forming a Search Committee for a

settled Associate Pastor. We are looking for people willing to serve on this committee which will consist of one member from each of our 6 boards and 6 members at large. The Connecticut Conference suggests that we have different representation from those who served on the Search Committee for our Senior Pastor. Anyone interested should contact Tony Muro, 860-872-1757 or tonymuro@sbcglobal.net.

Youth Group Girls (6th-12th 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. 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.

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.

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.

2013 LENTEN SEASON



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 Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28, 7 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

MUISC at FIRST
Fanfare Brass Choir
February 24 at 4 PM

Founded in 2008, this group consistently performs to a high standard and includes the top musicians in Western New England. The choir performs music from the 16th century to the present and covers many styles of music including, classical, jazz and light popular. The program will include Purcell, Gershwin, Rodgers, Strauss, Sousa and many more. Come, join us to hear this 10-piece brass choir – 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, a tuba and French horn!

Suggested donation: \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students
Proceeds benefit the Les Childs Music Scholarship