

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 19, 2012

Scout Sunday

PRELUDE

CHIMES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Register before passing it down the pew.)

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

Mariah Shivers, Arielle Shivers

WORDS of REFLECTION

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.

Whitney Young Jr.

*PRESENTATION of COLORS

*PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE (*unison*)

Carissa Horton

*POSTING of COLORS

HISTORY of the CHRISTIAN FLAG

Ian Macala

CALL to WORSHIP

Maddy Condry

Leader: God calls us together to worship and give thanks this day.

People: From our work and play, from our homes and schools, God gathers us as one people in this holy hour.

Leader: Let us give thanks together for the goodness and wonder of nature,

People: for the opportunity to serve others in the course of our days,

Leader: and for the fellowship we find with others who share our interests, dreams and goals.

People: May we as one people offer God our praise.

*OPENING HYMN #725 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Michael Leonard

Wondrous and holy God, whose mystery we feel as the wind blows and whose breath has given life to all creation. Today we gather as your people, grateful for one another and for the freedom which allows us to gather in peace. Let us always look for you in the beauty of the world we are a part of; in the promise of daybreak and sunrise; in the wonder of red and purple sunsets; in the incredible mystery of stars scattered as far as eye and telescope can see. May the blessings of creation and the gift of each other inspire us to live lives of faith and service. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING – The Scouts Beatitudes Scott Blanchard

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them,

People: for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding,

People: for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion,

People: for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth,
People: for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God,

People: for they will find God early and walk with God through life.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved,

People: for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

SCOUT REPRESENTATIVES

William Rivet, Boy Scouts

Debi Hockenberry, Girl Scouts

(Children may leave for Sunday School.)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

A TIME for CENTERING PRAYER

Joseph Tobin

PASTORAL and the LORD'S PRAYER (*unison... "debts"*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Mark 2: 1-12

*SERMON HYMN #73 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

Maddy Condry

Receiving the offering – Caleb Roggi, Thomas Rivet, GloryAnna

Hockenberry, Maddie Thibadeaux

OFFERTORY "God of Our Fathers"

D. Bish

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

Nick Murray

Almighty God of hill and plain, o'er which we hike in sun and rain, on mountain top and valley low, protect us God, where e're we go. And from our hearts, we'll grateful raise, glad words of thankfulness and praise.

Amen. (*The Philmont Prayer, adapted*)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #442 "We Are Walking" (3 verses)

Choir will sing vs. 1 in Zulu

vs. 2 - We are walking, vs. 3 - We are marching, vs. 4 - We are praying

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Board of Trustees

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a first time visitor, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Pay It Forward: Last week, Jim Wilson shared with us his gift that went toward the purchase of a tree for the Memorial Garden in recognition of FCCV's 250th Anniversary. This week we feature Dave Bower, last week's winner. The blessings of those who have benefited because of you are on display in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Prospective Members Class: 11:30 AM, PF Room in Kellogg Hall

Transformers: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Presidents' Day: Monday, February 20. The Church Office is closed.

Search Committee: Monday, February 20, 7 PM, Library

Crafts Group: Monday, February 20, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Squares: Tuesday, February 21, 1 PM, Library

Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 21, 5:30-7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Finance: Tuesday, February 21, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, February 21, 7 PM, Chapel

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22
7 PM

Trustees: Wednesday, February 22, 7 PM, Library

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 23, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 23, 7:30, Choir Room

Support Group: Friday, February 24, 10:30 AM, Library

Crafts Central: Saturday, February 25 from 9 AM-1 PM in Fellowship Hall
Stop in for a few minutes or stay for a few hours. You can learn a new craft or bring supplies to teach something new. We will be making 5-6 different craft items for the next Fair, suited for all crafting abilities. If you can paint, glue or stitch, there will be something for you. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Daryl at 860-871-8594.

Soup & Scripture: Join us for Soup & Scripture led by Joseph Tobin from 6-7 PM on February 28, March 13 and March 27. During this time together we will explore the Gospel lessons for Lent, reflect on the meaning of the season for our faith journey and lessons to be learned during this very sacred time that may influence our way of living. You will leave spiritually nourished and physically satisfied. If you are interested, please call or email the church office (860-875-7580 or fccv@snet.net).

Music @ First Concert- Guitar and Mandolin Duo, Saturday, March 10, 7 PM

Husband and wife duo Judy Handler and Mark Levesque blend Brazilian, Latin American, swing, gypsy, classical and folk music influences to create their sophisticated and expressive arrangements. For more information go to www.judyandmark.com.

Please Note: On Sunday, **March 4**, the 5th grade Sunday School class and the youth group are invited to attend Tolland Congregational Church for their 10 AM service to see the group "Sing Praise" from Silver Lake in a play on Jonah and the Whale. Two youth from our church will be participating, GloryAnna Hockenberry and Lydia Pettigrew. If you and your family wish to attend and want to go with us as a group, we will meet in the breezeway at FCCV at 9:15 AM and return to FCCV after the service. For those not attending, grades 4 and up will stay upstairs with their families for Family Communion and 3rd grade and under will meet in the end room of Kellogg Hall for a group Sunday School class.

Tag Sale, April 28, sponsored by Youth Fellowship. Please save items you no longer want and donate them to us.

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, please contact Margaret Klukas (643-0710) or Jan Muro (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com). **Volunteers Needed!** The Care Network is looking for volunteers to help with driving. Recently, we have had requests for rides to church as well as doctors' appointments. We are aware that volunteers will not always be available when a ride is needed, so we need to add more names to our list of drivers. If this request touches your heart, please contact Jan or Margaret or find us on Sundays at Coffee Hour.

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 for children 12-36 months** old is located downstairs with the classrooms. Donations are gratefully accepted in the free-will offering box.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... the family and friends of **Flora Batz**, friend of Jan Peacock, on her death; **Helen Dyar** recovering from a compressive fracture of her lower spine; **Martha Fowler** dealing with cancer; **Ann Garrison; Michael Bebrin**; the **leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Todd Lentocha and family** (Todd is the East Hartford police officer recently injured in an auto accident); **Ellie Cantlin** (Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer; **FCCV Search Committee; Mike Swan** undergoing chemo for a reoccurrence of cancer; **Kathy Fuller**, Barbara Evensen's sister; **Caleb**, son of Jessica Gwara (friend of Annie Longo); **Donna Peacock; Carol Whitney; Kyle**, son of Rob Czaplicki (friend of Rob Horton); **Joyce Smith; Dolores Tomolonis**, friend of Mary and Jim White, (cancer); **Thelma Gifford; Kaylin Gifford; Rick Gagnon**, brother-in-law of Michelle Bower (cancer); **Warren Clay; Gary Edwards**, friend of Serena Volovski; **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; Stephen Volovski; Donald Chase; Audrey Clay** (breast cancer)