

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 12, 2015

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: **Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: **Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

People: **Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

*OPENING HYMN #284 "Gather Us In"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

God, how very good and pleasant it is to be drawn together by you as brothers and sisters in Christ as we continue to celebrate the resurrection. Empower us with the Easter message so that it becomes more than words upon a page. Fill us with your presence as we listen for and lean toward your voice. Move us past our doubts that we might step forward with a faith that does not end when we leave this place. This we pray in the name of the One for whom you rolled away the stone. 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

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 "Eternal Life" O. Dungan
Solo - Stan Possell

SCRIPTURE Psalm 132
Acts 4:30-35

SERMON Barbara Hesse

*HYMN #264 "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" (*sing twice*)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross"
Duet - Steve Westerberg and Gretchen Fisher Orr

*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 #494 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Ed, Alayna and Justin Graziani on the loss of Alma Graziani; Linda Heim, Michael and April Calvelli on the loss of Max Heim, father and grandfather; Phyllis Chase; Dillon and Tanner Peterson and family, friends of Christa and Ryan; Mike Lazeren; Becky Burr; Deborah Liebl; Gilmay Markunas and family; Hal Cummings; Pat Lazeren; Margaret Klukas; Karen Rowell; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Jack Allen; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Joyce Smith; Bess Howe; Paul Westerberg; Michelle Darby; people struggling with mental illness; Debbie Chase; Sharon Lacey; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer's brother-in-law; Maggie and David Minnick; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Pat Melville; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Donna Peacock; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Golf Meeting: 11:15 AM, Library

J*Walkrz: 3:30 PM, PF Room

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

FCCV Mugs are back! Only \$10 each and the money goes towards supporting our outreach efforts. As an added bonus, when you purchase a mug, you will receive a recipe for a **Five-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake** (if you've previously purchased a mug, stop by and pick up your recipe).

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MSSG: Monday, April 13, 7 PM, Library

Ways & Means: Monday, April 13, 7 PM, Chapel

May CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, April 14

Men's Group: Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, April 14, 11 AM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, April 14, 1 PM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, April 14, 7 PM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, April 15, 1 PM, Library

Finance: Wednesday, April 15, 7:15 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, April 16, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Support Group: Friday, April 17, 10:30 AM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Mother/Child Banquet: Wednesday, April 22, 6 PM hosted by Women's Fellowship. This year, a dinner of pizza and salad will be served followed by a fun evening of Minute-to-Win-It challenges provided by the youth group. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board and bring a dessert to share.

Vacation Bible School will be held here at FCCV July 6-10 from 9 AM to 12 PM. This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!" Cost is \$20 per child, \$40 max per family. Funds are available if this is a financial burden. Just talk to Debi Hockenberry. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail they are available in the Church Office, DCE Office and on the Sunday School bulletin board. Deadline for sign up is May 30! Volunteers (young and old) are needed as singers, storytellers, science teachers, folks who like to play games, food preparers, shepherds, decorators who want to help us transform FCCV into Mount Everest - those who just love kids and want to take part. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Debi Hockenberry at 860-712-6466 or dir.christian.ed@firstchurchofvernon.org.

Tag Sale: Saturday, April 25, 9 AM sponsored by the J*Walkrz. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the Quilters' Corner the week of April 18-24 or bring it the night of April 24 and we'll be happy to help you haul it in! Thank you for supporting the youth!!

Please Note: DVD's of the Maundy Thursday service, recorded by Tim Madigan, are available for \$5 each. If interested, please contact the Church Office.

The **deadline** for Boards and Committees to submit reports for the **Annual Report** for the Annual Organizational Meeting in June is **Monday, May 5** - no exceptions, please. Reports should be turned in to Nancy in the Church Office. Thank you!

Applications for the **Les Childs Music Scholarship** may be picked up in the Church Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Board of Music no later than April 15, 2015. Questions? Contact mgiorzano2@gmail.com.

Ongoing Sunday School Mission: We're collecting pre-packaged, non-perishable snacks and juice boxes for kids in Vernon who may not have a snack when they get home from school. Donations may be left in the box outside the DCE Office door.

Please Note: The **Pay It Forward** program hasn't ended but we skipped last month since the Pay It Forward cards have gone missing. If you are interested in participating in Pay It Forward, please put your name on an index card (available in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour).

Scrip-Your-All Update: We are already ¼ of the way through the year! Our goal for 2015 is \$7,000. To date we have earned \$1,076 - a bit behind where we hoped to be at this time. We encourage you to participate in this great program. You receive full value of the gift cards that you purchase, and FCCV receives earnings on each card purchased - a win/win situation. Some gift cards are available to purchase during Coffee Hour, but many more can be ordered or gotten almost instantly through Scrip Now! (e-cards!) Thank you to all who are participating, and we hope that others will consider doing so! Visit www.ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment code **F2F1CF113843L**) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Please Note: Rev. Joanne Myer is away this week attending the Stephen Ministry Series Leadership Training Course in St. Louis, MO. FCCV has enrolled in the Stephen Ministry program, a not-for-profit, trans-denominational, religious and educational organization. Lay people are trained by the Stephen Leader(s) to support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide. For more information, check out the next Carillon.

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. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. 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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.