

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 14, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC “Spring Song” Higgins
“In Meadows Green” Moore
“Fantasia on ‘Forest Green’” Smith
“All Creatures of Our God and King” Smith

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “All Things Are Become New” Hughes
*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Lynn Sweet

Leader: We are summoned by love,

People: Beckoned by grace,

Leader: Welcomed into peace,

People: Invited to find rest.

Leader: We are ushered into wonder,

People: Called to receive hope,

Leader: Blessed with joy,

People: Amazed into awe.

Leader: We are God’s people,

People: Gathered to give God glory, honor and praise.

*OPENING HYMN #233 “To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy God, since Easter, we have returned to our ordinary, busy lives. Reveal yourself to us again and help us to recognize your presence. Call us by name and rekindle in us our desire to follow you. Rescue us from our old ways and raise us to new ways of thinking and being, through the gentle, persistent love of Christ. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord.

Leader: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

*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 John 21: 1-19

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #337 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

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*)

Dear Lord, where would we be without music? You have given us such a gift in this art form and it comes to us everywhere and every day in our lives. We are grateful that our church has such a rich foundation in music as we sing and offer songs of praise and glory to you. With gratitude for your guidance, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #352 “Spirit Song”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Come Away to the Skies” Shearing

**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. 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 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 Finance

In Our Ongoing Prayers. . .

Steve Bright, diagnosed with cancer; **Rachel Meneses**, cousin of the Hockenberrys, diagnosed with cancer; Jim Anderson, friend of Bob Shoemaker; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher, diagnosed with breast cancer; Marine Corps Lance Corporal Steven Carr and his wife, Angel Hockenberry Carr – he has deployed to the Middle East; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; Libby Ann Parker; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; 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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Please Note: There is no Sunday School today but the Toddler Room is open.

Nominating Committee: 11:30 AM, Quilters' Corner

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

May CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, April 16

Crafts Group: Tuesday, April 16, 6-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. We will be making some simple crafts for the Apple Festival. Stop by and join us.

"Hats, Hats, Hats" Planning Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in the final planning for the hat show is invited to join us.

Finance: Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, April 17, 1 PM, Library

Search Committee: Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM, Chapel

HR: Wednesday, April 17, 7 PM, Library

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, April 18, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, April 19, 10:30 AM, Library

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, April 20, 2 PM, Sanctuary

On **April 21**, the Sunday School will celebrate **Earth Day**. All children will meet upstairs with their flowers for a blessing and the Children's Message. Wear play clothes. Bring in rakes, small shovels, gardening gloves and a cell pack or more of flowers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, April 21 following the Worship Service

Youth Fellowship Meeting: Sunday, April 21, 5-6:30 PM – Bible lesson, games, snacks

Can and Bottle Fundraiser: June 1, sponsored by the Youth Mission Group. Please drop donations off at the FCCV parking lot (Center Road side) between 9:30 AM-12 noon that day. Proceeds will help pay for our summer mission trip.

Confirmation Class: Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM-1 PM, Library

Music at First Concert: April in Paris - French Music Across the Centuries Sunday, April 28, 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Oboist Stephen Wade and flutist Barbara Hopkins of the Hartford Symphony orchestra join pianist and organist Kevin Murphy for a variety of great works. Proceeds from the concert support the Les Childs Music Scholarship. Suggested donation: \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students.

Hats, Hats, Hats: Sunday, April 21, 2 PM, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. The hat show will offer a display of designer hats. Tea sandwiches and sweets will be served. Guest speaker, Grace Durgin, will discuss how hat styles have changed over the past century. Attendees are encouraged to wear a hat! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, most creative and favorite hat of the day! This event is open to the public and space is limited, so reservations are required. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. A free will offering will be collected.

New Members Class: Tuesday, April 23, 7 PM in the Pastor's Study. Anyone interested in attending is asked to drop a note in the offering basket or call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

Vacation Bible School, June 24-28 at Rockville United Methodist Church, Grove St., Vernon. Family Night will be held at First Congregational Church of Vernon on Thursday, June 27. This year's theme is **"Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together."** Registration forms are available from Linda Shivers, Debi Hockenberry and the Church Office. Interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School? Contact Linda Shivers, necsvga@aol.com. All volunteers will have to fill out a volunteer form. Background checks, paid for by FCCV, will be done on all those 18 years and older.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: Our Fall Retreat, entitled "Transitions" will be held Friday and Saturday, September 27-28 at the CONNRI Camp in Ashford, CT. We will carpool and leave the church on Friday around 4 PM and return home on Saturday by about 4 PM. The cost is \$113 and includes double occupancy lodging with private bathrooms, dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Payment will be collected in two installments of \$56.50 on June 1 and September 1. The cost is based on at least 25 attendees. If you would like to be a part of this fun getaway, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Save The Date!!

Saturday, June 1

FCCV Golf Tournament

at Willowbrook Golf Course in South Windsor

- ✓ **Be a player:** **\$85 per person if you register by May 20**
 \$95 per person after May 21

- ✓ **Donate an item for the raffle, silent auction or live auction**

- ✓ **Be a sponsor:**
 - **Hole Sponsors** **\$50**
 - **Contest Sponsors** **\$100**
 - **Greens Flags Sponsor** **\$150**
 - **Lunch Sponsors** **\$200 and up**
 - **Advertising** **\$25**

Spread the word. Plan to attend. Tell a friend.

For information on sponsorship opportunities,
please see Paul Shimer or Harmon Howe.

For information on donations, please see Holly Boutwell.

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Raffle Prizes Needed for FCCV Golf Tournament

The success of our church's annual golf tournament is an integral part of our 2013 operating budget, as well as being a fun day for all who participate. We are counting on the support of church members, friends and the community at large to make this event a huge success. One way to assist is to donate a raffle prize. Ideas include: gift cards/certificates to local restaurants or businesses, gift baskets, tickets to athletic events, a weekend get-away, golf-related items, etc. We are also looking for a few "show stopper" items such as a handmade quilt or a week's vacation at a golfing location.

You can help by...

- Donating a prize
- Arranging for your business to donate a prize
- Soliciting a business you frequent to donate a prize

If you have any questions or wish to donate, please contact Holly Boutwell at 872-6359 (evenings) or hollyboutwell@comcast.net.

Many thanks!