

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING MUSIC "Prelude on a Latin Easter Hymn" Wilson  
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Broughton  
"Variations on 'Coronation'" Smith

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNIVERSARY MOMENT Phyllis Chase

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother. Khalil Gibran

PRELUDE "Eastertide Fanfare" Balcombe

\*CALL to WORSHIP Rev. Cynthia Carr

Leader: Come, join and sing! Our God is ruler of all creation.

People: Come, stand and praise! Our God is sovereign over all the earth.

Leader: Come, lift your hearts! Jesus, our Savior, has risen from the dead.

People: Come, rest your souls! Jesus, our Savior, has defeated sin and death.

Leader: Come, watch and pray! The Holy Spirit is in this place.

People: Come, be still and listen! The Holy Spirit will guide us all into worship.

All: Come now and worship! Give praise to God, the Father; Jesus Christ, his son; and the sacred Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN #275 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Let us come together in joy, for each Lord's Day is a celebration of Easter, a festival of hope, a day of victory, an expression of new life.

We pray that during this hour, miracles will take place: that the discouraged will gain confidence, that the despairing will receive hope, and the disillusioned will regain faith. For Jesus lives and is present.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there God ordained the blessing, the blessing of life forevermore.

\*GLORIA PATRI I (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

Linda Shivers

The LORD'S PRAYER (unison... "debts")

(Children may leave for Sunday School after the Lord's Prayer.)

ANTHEM "My Redeemer" C. Berry

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – Jim White, Linda Shivers' father

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #231 "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 19-31

SERMON "Doubting Thomas" Joseph Tobin

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

\*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #637 "For All the Saints"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "And the Glory of the Lord" Handel

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Dick and Nancy Parker in celebration of the birth on April 2 of their grandson, Zachary Hanford Parker, son of Tom and Viktoriya Parker.

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.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Women's Fellowship and the Ushering Committee

Pay It Forward: Recently we featured Jack Longo who blessed The American Dog Pound with his Pay It Forward gift to give a dog a home. We also featured Dave Kemp who was chosen for Pay It Forward a few weeks ago. He blessed The American Red Cross with his gift in support of those suffering from the devastation caused by tornados in Kentucky. Pay It Forward took a break for Easter. We will resume today with a drawing. The blessings that have benefited because of you are on display in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

Nominating Committee: 11:30 AM, Library

Please Note: There is no Confirmation Class today. We will meet next Sunday, April 22 at 11:15 AM in Kellogg Hall for a quick lunch before going to Ladd Turkington Funeral Home.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**“Lizzie” Read Through:** Monday, April 16, 10 AM, Sanctuary

**Deacons:** Monday, April 16, 7 PM, Chapel

**Search Committee:** Monday, April 16, 7 PM, Library

**Crafts Group:** Monday, April 16, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Men’s Club:** Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Prayer Squares:** Tuesday, April 17, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Finance:** Tuesday, April 17, 7 PM, Library

**Furnishings & Memorials:** Tuesday, April 17, 7 PM, Chapel

**“Lizzie Rehearsal:** Tuesday, April 17, 7 PM, Sanctuary

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, April 18, 1 PM, Library

**HR:** Wednesday, April 18, 7 PM, Chapel

**Bell Choir:** Thursday, April 19, 6:30 PM, PF Room

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, April 19, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

**Support Group:** Friday, April 20, 10:30 AM, Library

**Broadway Rehearsal:** Saturday, April 21, 9:30 AM - 1PM, Sanctuary

### “LETTERS FROM LIZZIE”

Sunday, April 22

2 PM in the Sanctuary

Refreshments to follow

FREE!

**Youth Fellowship Tag Sale, April 28:** Items can now be dropped off in Fellowship Hall behind the yellow/white wall when the church is open. Youth are needed Friday night, April 27 at 5:30 PM to help sort and set up items and on April 28 to help at the Tag Sale from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM.

**Sunday School:** Earth Day next Sunday, April 22. There will be no Children’s Message. All children will meet in Fellowship Hall. Classes will be split up to work on the church grounds - rain or shine so dress accordingly. Please bring some flowers to plant and rakes, spades, work gloves, etc. **Giv2 (youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):** We’ll be doing yard work from 1-4 PM at FCCV. Bring work gloves, rakes, flowers, etc.

**Teacher/Shepherd/ Youth Advisor Appreciation Breakfast:** This breakfast provides us an opportunity to thank those who have worked with our children and youth throughout the year. Breakfast items are needed. Sign up in Fellowship Hall on April 22 or 29. Questions? Contact Debbie Bartos at ctdebbie@sbcglobal.net.

The **R. Leslie Childs Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship awarded each year to an FCCV church member or child of a member to provide assistance with musical training. The award can be used for music lessons, music education or toward the purchase of a musical instrument. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Board of Music no later than May 10, 2012. For more information contact musicatfirstfccv@gmail.com.

**Reminder:** Agenda items for the May 2 Council meeting should be submitted to Moderator Tony Muro no later than Sunday, April 29.

**Evening Circle:** Monday, May 7, 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. We are holding an "Awful, Awful Auction." For those who have not attended before, you bring an item (in good condition) that you do not want and we auction it off. If you place the winning bid, you pay for it with play money that is given to you prior to the auction, plus you can earn more. Come, join us for a FUN evening. Call Pat Lazeren, 860-644-0475, if you have any questions and to let us know you are coming so we can plan for refreshments.

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. We have had requests for rides to church as well as doctors’ appointments. We know that volunteers are not always available when needed, so we need to add more names to our list of drivers. If interested, 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...** Amy Shannon and family on the loss of her father, Don Shannon; **Corey Glidden**, son of Debbie Marshall; **Hudson Prewo**, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo; **Ray Turner**, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner recovering from a stroke; **Leanne Connolly**; **Judy Quinn**, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, diagnosed with breast cancer; the **Boutwell family**; **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 Lentocho and family** (Todd is the East Hartford police officer injured in an auto accident); **Ellie Cantlin** (Mary Wheeler’s sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer; **FCCV Search Committee**; **Mike Swan** dealing with a reoccurrence of cancer; **Caleb**, son of Jessica Gwara (friend of Annie Longo); **Donna Peacock**; **Kyle**, son of Rob Czaplicki (friend of Rob Horton); **Joyce Smith**; **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 Gerakariss; **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)

## Will You Serve?

The Nominating Committee invites members of First Congregational Church of Vernon to give serious thought as to how and where you can offer your services.

The following positions still need to be filled:

Church Clerk

Board of Deacons – 2 women, 1 man

Board of Missions – 2 members needed

Board of Music – 3 members needed

Ways & Means Committee – 2 members needed

Library Committee – 1 member needed

Memorial Garden Committee is looking for younger members to serve

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Tony Muro at 860-872-1757 or [tonymuro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonymuro@sbcglobal.net).

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# Broadway at First and Death by Chocolate

Saturday, April 28 at 7 PM

**Broadway Musicals**  
*South Pacific, Les Misérables, Showboat*  
*Lion King, The King and I and more!*

Performed by  
the Sanctuary Choir, the Carillon Singers and Soloists

**Concert Followed by**

***Delicious, Decadent, Chocolate Desserts***  
(other goodies will be available for those who can't eat chocolate)

## Save The Date!

**FCCV Golf Event**  
**Saturday, June 2**

**Willow Brook Golf Course in South Windsor**

**Be a player:** \$80 per person if you register by June 1  
\$95 per person after June 1

**Donate an item for raffle, silent auction or live auction**

**Be a sponsor:**

Hole Sponsors	\$50
Contest Sponsors	\$100
Greens Flags Sponsors	\$150
Lunch Sponsors	\$200 and up
Advertising	\$25

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

**For information on sponsorship opportunities  
contact Paul Shimer and Harmon Howe.**

**Visit with us during Coffee Hour and try out your putting skills.**

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### RAFFLE PRIZES Needed!

The success of our Golf Event is an integral part of our 2012 operating budget, not to mention that it is certain to be a fun day for all! We count on the support of church members, friends of the church and the community at large to make this event a huge success. One way you can assist is by donating a raffle prize. Raffle prize ideas include: gift certificates/cards to local restaurants and businesses, theme gift baskets, tickets to athletic events, a weekend getaway, 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.

How can you help?

- Personally donate a prize
- Arrange for your business to donate a prize
- Solicit a business you frequent to donate a prize

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Holly Boutwell at 872-6359 (evenings) or [hollyboutwell@comcast.net](mailto:hollyboutwell@comcast.net). Many thanks!