

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because he has anointed us to bring **good news** to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

~ based on Luke 4:18-19

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

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given to Suzanne with thanks and gratitude from the Deacons. Join us after the service for cake and fellowship as we say goodbye and wish her the best in her next endeavor.

Deacons assisting with Communion: Marilyn Newton (Deacon-in-charge), Delythe Kracke, Phyllis Chase, Karl Prewo, Greg Mias, Hannah Ramsdell

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Val Ellis on the loss of two close friends; **Maurice O'Brien**, friend of Gilmay Markunas, recovering from surgery; **Carol Whitney**; **Richard Brooke**, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; **Serena Volovski** on the loss of her brother, Stephen; Sharon Dombek dealing with bladder cancer; sisters, Tina and Maria, friends of the Muros, having serious medical issues; Donna Burgess, family and friends on the death of her husband, Frederick; Ryan Meneses; Joyce Smith; John Arthur (Susan DeProspero's father); Becca; Michele, daughter of Althea Madigan's cousin; Brian, 11 years old, fighting cancer; Meg (Bill and Holly Boutwell's sister/sister-in-law); the homeless; the hungry; Linda Rentler; gun reform; acceptance of religious diversity/skin color/sexual orientation; Terri Karr; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria, Belgium & Pakistan; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

*New additions in **bold print***

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

++In an effort to keep the Sabbath holy, we would like to refrain from talking with church leaders about church business before or after worship. If you need to speak with someone, please contact them late in the day or in the coming week.++

If you would like to become a member of FCCV, please speak with Rev. Robin or one of our Deacons. A New Member Class has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 AM.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Compassion Experience: 11:30 AM

Junior Choir: 11:30 AM, PF Room

Board of Music: 11:30 AM, Library

J*Walkrz: 3:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall
Stop by the Golf Committee table to place your bids on auction items, purchase raffle tickets, take part in a putting contest or sponsor a Hole (\$200), Luncheon or a Meal (\$25). See insert for more information on the Golf Tournament.

Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 8: Purchase a blanket 'in honor' or 'in memory' of a special woman in your life. Just \$5 will purchase a sturdy, wool blanket through Church World Services. These blankets are used in the United States and abroad in times of need and disaster.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Council: Wednesday, May 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Basket Group: Thursday, May 5, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Craft Group: Thursday, May 5, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 5, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 5, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 6, 10:30 AM, Library

Bible Study: Friday, May 6, 11 AM, Chapel

Line Dancing: Friday, May 6, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 7, 9 AM-2 PM, FCCV parking lot

Family Night Out: Saturday, May 7, 5-9 PM, Fellowship Hall

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

The **deadline** for Boards and Committees to submit reports for the **Annual Report** for the Annual Organizational Meeting in June is **Friday, May 13.**

No exceptions, please.

Reports should be turned in to Nancy in the Church Office. Thank you!

Help Needed! Ten youth, college students and adults are attending the UCC National Youth Event in Florida this summer. The trip is quite expensive – \$909 per person for plane flight and Conference. We have been fundraising but **we still need help.** If you'd like to donate, please contact Debi Hockenberry.

Instrumentalists Wanted to accompany the choir and/or to play a solo. Summer singers and players for special music are also needed. Anyone interested should contact Choir Director Leanne Connolly at 860-462-4694 or lconnolly1825@gmail.com.

FCCV Fun-Filled Festival, Sunday, May 22, 2 PM, Fellowship Hall: A fundraiser for the Les Childs Scholarship, sponsored by the Board of Music. Enjoy light snacks while our FCCV family and friends present their talents for us to enjoy.

Evening Circle is **collecting items for a Center Road family.** Now that winter is behind us, we are requesting more spring-like items. Suggestions are...books, games, art projects, in addition to household items.

Please Note: To request a visit with the one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Willow Brook Golf Course
Saturday, June 4

We Need Your Help!

The success of this event is an integral part of our 2016 operating budget, not to mention that it is certain to be a day of fun and laughter for all! We are counting on the support of church members, friends and the community to make this event a huge success.

Please consider how you might participate...

- Register to Golf (single, pair or foursome)
There is room for all skill levels from beginner to expert. Contact Holly Boutwell (hollyboutwell@comcast.net or 860-716-0758).
- Donate a Raffle Prize
Ideas include: gift cards to local restaurants or businesses, theme gift baskets, tickets to athletic events. Contact Tony Muro (tonymuro@sbcglobal.net).
- Donate a Silent Auction Item
Do you have a “show stopper” item, such as a handmade quilt or a vacation get-away spot? Contact Taunya Bird (mzbird123@gmail.com).
- Be a Sponsor
Luncheon Sponsor (\$200), Contest Sponsors (\$100), Hole Sponsors (\$100). Contact Tony Muro.

Many Thanks!