

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 5, 2013

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC

“Cavatina”	J. Raff
“Jacob’s Ladder”	F. Ritter
“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”	Brahms
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”	Broughton/Neander

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Fairest Lord Jesus” Smith

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Debbie Marshall

Leader: In beauty and mystery,

People: We sense the Holy Spirit.

Leader: In the common and the ordinary,

People: We know the love of Christ.

Leader: In the bread and the cup,

People: We taste the presence of God.

Leader: In adoration and gratitude,

People: We offer praise to the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN** #25 “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

You are great in every way, O God, and greatly to be praised. Your mighty power far exceeds what mere humans can understand. Even so, we know that you are present at all times and in all places. Grant us, today, the power to live our lives in ways that honor you and the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 67

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

Leader: Let all the peoples praise the Lord.

People: For God, our God, has blessed us.

***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.

SCRIPTURE John 14: 23-29

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Do This and Remember Me” P. Choplin

***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*)

Loving God, we thank you for the many good gifts you have given us. We thank you for this opportunity to give something back. Accept these gifts as symbols of our love and devotion to you, and let them be used to strengthen your church and build up your kingdom in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN** #419 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL to PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(*Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.*)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God we give you thanks that through Christ Jesus you have spiritually nourished us with this sacred meal. Help us always to remember that these sacred moments communing with you and with one another are a blessed gift. We thank you for being within us and beside us with every breath we take. We pray this with grateful hearts in Christ’s name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #530 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G”

Peterson

**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!

Deacons assisting with Communion: Michelle Bower (Deacon-in-charge), Sue Pilkons, Jim Wilson, Marilyn Newton, Bob Warner, Mary Wheeler, Pam Lyons

Greeters: Deacons

Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Christian Education and Teaching Parish Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

The people of Boston and West, Texas; the Search Committee; Margaret Klukas' sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses, cousin of the Hockenberrys; Jim Anderson, friend of Bob Shoemaker; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher; Marine Corps Lance Corporal Steven Carr and his wife, Angel Hockenberry Carr; 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 Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; 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 DURING COFFE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Munson Candy and Mission Stock for sale. Help support our Youth Mission projects.

Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12: 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. **Today is the last day to place your order.**

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

All **Sunday School classes** meet in Fellowship Hall for the Children's Message.

Youth Fellowship – Peter's Retreat, 3-7 PM. Meet at FCCV.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

All Boards and Committees are asked to submit their reports to the Church Office no later than **Monday, May 6.**

Bylaws Committee: Monday, May 6, 7 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Craft Group: Tuesday, May 7, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Board of Music: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, May 8, 1 PM, Library

Search Committee: Wednesday, May 8, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

BCE: Wednesday, May 8, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, May 8, 7 PM, Chapel

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, May 9, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

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

Flower Sale, Saturday, May 11, 9 AM-1 PM: Just in time for Mother's Day, the Ways and Means Committee will be selling flower baskets and plants in the church parking lot. Any questions? Call Michelle Bower, 872-7274, or ask any committee member.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is available to any church member who is continuing their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Deadline for applying is May 31.

Vacation Bible School, June 24-28: There are still openings for children ages 3 years-5th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Library or from the Church Office. **Volunteers are still needed.** Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Linda Shivers or Debi Hockenberry.

We Need Your Help! We no longer have a need for the Baldwin organ located in the Chapel. Anyone who would like to have it should contact Sally Sullivan, 860-871-1473, or any member of the Furnishings and Memorials Committee. Savers in Manchester will accept it but we need a volunteer to drive it there. We are looking to remove it ASAP.

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.

Pringles Cans (rinsed, please) are needed. Please turn them in to Linda Shivers.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: Just a reminder that the first payment of \$56.50 is due June 1. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066. If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for the fun.

Hands on Hartford: Youth Mission Trip, July 15-19. We will participate in different projects each day. More information to come. Space is still available for youth 10 years old through high school.

The **HVCC Food Pantry** is in **urgent** need of canned fruit and canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, spaghetti and meatballs). The following items are also needed: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, pasta and sauce, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned spaghetti or ravioli, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, beverages, including juice boxes, bottled juice and dry or powdered milk; household items and toiletries such as toilet paper, paper towels, plastic wrap, soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Please check the expiration date of your donations. Items past their expiration date can not be accepted. Donations may be dropped off in the Mission boxes in the Breezeway.

FCCV Golf Tournament

at Willowbrook Golf Course in South Windsor

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

Contact Paul Shimer or Harmon Howe for more information!

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!