

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 6, 2012

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC      “Recit de Hautbois”      Lefebure-Wely  
                                 “Freu dich sehr”      G. Near  
                                 “Prelude”      J. S. Bach

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE      “Mit Freuden Zart”      G. Near

WORDS of REFLECTION

*The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.*

*Albert Einstein*

*Debbie Marshall*

\*CALL to WORSHIP

*Leader: Come, let us worship together as a community.*

**People: We gather today as a community of saints.**

*Leader: Saints?*

**People: Yes, saints! Called by God, in covenant with God,**

*Leader: a consecrated people,*

**People: living God’s love in the world,**

*Leader: demonstrating God’s love in practical service.*

**All: Come, let us worship in words, song and Spirit.**

\*OPENING HYMN #53 “Morning Has Broken”

LITANY PRAYER of CONFESSION

*Leader: O God, the enormity of what we have done,*

**People: the enormity of what you have asked us to do what we have not done,**

*Leader: the seriousness of sins,*

**People: the consequences of our disobedience,**

*Leader: weigh heavily on our hearts.*

*(Pause for silent reflection)*

*Leader: We ask for your forgiveness,*

**People: your grace and mercy.**

*Leader: We ask for a turning of heart,*

**People: a turning to you and a cleansing of our hearts and spirits.**

**All: We humbly ask for your forgiveness and the promise of grace.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

*Leader: God is a God of justice and high expectations as well as being a God of compassion and understanding.*

**People: Understanding ourselves now to be forgiven by God, let us reach out to the world with compassion and understanding.**

**All: As we have been forgiven, let us proclaim the good news of God’s grace!**

\*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Joseph Tobin

MORNING PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER (*unison...“debts”*)

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE      Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY      “Bread of the World”

D. Eliot

\*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

Through these gifts, O God, we go where we cannot travel. Through these gifts, we give witness to your love in places where we cannot be heard. Through these gifts, we can speak in languages which we have never spoken. Through these gifts, we can love those whom we will never meet. Bless these gifts and those who share the blessings of your love this day and in the days to come. Amen.

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION to CHRIST’S TABLE

*Leader: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, that when he was at the table with two of his disciples, he took bread, broke it and shared it with them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.*

**People: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

BREAKING of the BREAD

*(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon serving communion. Please wait until all are served before eating the bread and drinking the cup.)*

SHARING of the CUP

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN #688 “When in Awe of God’s Creation”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      “Glory to God”

D. Paxton

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

**There is no Children’s Message today:** Sunday School grades 3 years – 4<sup>th</sup> will meet in Kellogg Hall. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet in their classrooms.

**There is a new addition to our Communion Table** – a silver ewer (pitcher) donated by Shirley Bryant in memory of her husband Richard.

**Deacons assisting with Communion:** Larry Bates (Deacon-in-charge), Jim Wilson, Don Peacock, Phyllis Chase, Marilyn Newton, Pat Lazeren, Mary Wheeler

**Pay It Forward:** Last week, Nancy Bright shared with us her gift to the Massage Therapy Program at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Children in the hospital are able to enjoy the relaxing and calming effects of massage, free of charge, to help them deal with the stress of being hospitalized. This week we feature Sarah Cutting last week's winner. The blessings of those who have benefited because of you are on display in Fellowship Hall. Take a moment to reflect during Coffee Hour.

### 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:** Deacons

**Coffee Hour:** Board of Christian Education and the Teaching Parish Committee

### TODAY DURING COFFE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

**Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9:** 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 order.**

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

**Nominating Committee:** 11:30 AM, Library

**Tolland Association Annual Meeting:** 3 PM, Sanctuary

**Giv2 (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):** We'll meet in Kellogg Hall at 1 PM for lunch before heading out. We'll be doing yard work at the homes of Susan DeProspero and Martha Fowler. Bring work gloves, rakes, etc.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Crafts Group:** Monday, May 7, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Search Committee:** Monday, May 7, 7 PM, Library

**Evening Circle:** Monday, May 7, 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. We are holding an "Awful, Awful Auction." Bring an item (in good condition) that you do not want and we'll 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.

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Golf Committee:** Tuesday, May 8, 7 PM, Library

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Wednesday, May 9, 1 PM, Library

**Missions:** Wednesday, May 9, 7 PM, Library

**BCE:** Wednesday, May 9, 7 PM, Chapel

**Bell Choir:** Thursday, May 10, 6:30 PM, PF Room

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, May 10, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

**Support Group:** Friday, May 11, 10:30 AM, Library

**Ways & Means Plant and Flower Sale:** Saturday, May 12, 9 AM-2 PM. Beautify your gardens and help us support the church budget.

### ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

All those responsible for providing reports for the **Annual Organizational Meeting** on June 3 should submit them to the Church Office no later than **Friday, May 11.**

**Confirmation News:** Contact Linda Shivers to schedule your interview before Confirmation rehearsal. All assignments must be completed before the interview. Rehearsal after church on May 13. Your sponsor and parents need to attend.

**Youth Fellowship:** Mission week July 23- 27. If interested, sign up on the bulletin board. We will be working in our community and other towns in the state, returning home each night.

**Vacation Bible School, June 25-29:** Registration forms are available in the Church Office or see Linda Shivers. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Linda Shivers or Debi Hockenberry if interested.

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.

**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.

**Missions and Outreach:** Vernon Center Middle School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11. Reading is vital to every child's success, and the book fair is a great opportunity for students to find books that really interest them. We know that kids read more books when they get to choose their own, and the more kids read, the more their reading skills improve. Unfortunately, many of our students are not able to purchase books due to financial constraints. Vernon Center Middle School is collecting funds to ensure that as many students as possible are able to get at least one new book. If you can donate to this cause, please know that your dollars will be making a difference in the lives and education of students right here in our community. There is a donation box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Board of Missions and Lauren Devin, Literacy Coach, Vernon Center Middle School

**Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters:** We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Library or feel free to make one at home. Questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

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.

**Please Wear Your Name Tag!** Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860)875-7580.

**In Our Ongoing Prayers...** **Richard Brooke**, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; **Debbie Marshall** and **family** on the loss of her mother, Dayle Marshall; the firstborn **son of Anna and John Henderson** (first grandchild of Richard Bryant's nephew); **Stephen Volovski** at Foxhill with a broken knee; **Jim White**, Linda Shivers' father; **Ann Garrison**; **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**; **Martha Fowler** dealing with cancer; **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 Gerakaris'; **John Mayhew**; **John Kaminski**, Susan Moreau's father; **Bess Howe**; **Jane Morse**; **Melissa Morse**; **Charlotte Driggs**; **Aaron Huneger**; **Donald Chase**; **Audrey Clay** (breast cancer)

## Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9

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. **Use the form below and submit your order during Coffee Hour today.**



**Deadline for ordering is TODAY.**

### BLANKET ORDER FORM

**I wish to donate \$5 for a blanket:**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**

**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!