

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 12, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

Leader: Like a tender parent who supports a child's first steps,

People: God guides us along.

Leader: Like a loving grandparent who gathers us into an ample lap,

People: God holds us close in times of need.

Leader: Like a lasting friend who cares about what we think and feel,

People: God draws near and listens when we pray.

***OPENING HYMN** #570 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Touch us, tender God, with the holiness of this new day. Sing to us in the beauty of this morning. Pour your blessings over us and let us know the peace of your presence, the joy of your great love and the warmth of your companionship as we walk together on the way. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people.

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Leader: For the Lord, the Most High is awesome,

People: A great King over all the earth.

***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 Ephesians 1: 15-23

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN** #585 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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*)

God of Love and Light, we give you thanks that you make yourself available to us throughout our lives to speak with you at any time of the day or night. We know that you hear every word, every sigh, and every thought. We know that you understand our prayers, even if our thoughts are jumbled and confusing to us. It is with our gifts of time, talents, and treasure that we show your importance in our lives and demonstrate to you and to others our love for you. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We ask that you bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #431 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**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 worshipping 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!

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Flower Committee.

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

Please Note: Our Interim Associate Pastor Rev. Joanne Myer's office hours will vary week to week and she will be covering for Rev. Meg Watson during her time away. If you cannot reach Joanne at the Church Office, you may always reach her at home, 860-872-9222.

In Our Ongoing Prayers...

The Apels' neighbor, **Kathy**, whose mother is in hospice care; 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.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Sanctuary

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Ways & Means Committee: Monday, May 13, 7 PM, Library

June CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, May 14

Men's Club: Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Deacons: Tuesday, May 14, 7 PM, Library

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

Library Committee: Wednesday, May 15, 1 PM, Library

Search Committee: Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Trustees: Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

HR: Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM, Library

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, May 16, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 17, 10:30 AM, Library

Rehearsal (Leanne Connolly): Saturday, May 18, 10 AM, Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship: Sunday, May 19, 5-6:30 PM for games and fellowship

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.

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** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**

*The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.*

The **Memorial Garden** is awake after a long winter's nap and there is work to be done. We are looking for volunteers to join us as we prepare the Garden for summer. Come spend some time in God's garden,
Saturday, May 18 at 9 AM. Bring your rakes and shovels.

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

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, from the Church Office or contact Linda Shivers or Debi Hockenberry.

The **By-Laws Revision Committee** needs your input! FCCV members, Tony Muro, Karl Prewo, Hal Cummings and Tom Sweet have begun to review the church by-laws to determine what changes or corrections need to be made to insure our church organizational guideline is current as we move forward. To complete this process, we need input from each Board/Committee. July 1 ushers in our new organizational year with new Board/Committee members. We ask each Board/Committee to look at the section of the by-laws that pertains to them so we can have further discussion this fall. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172 or tsweetasc@aol.com.

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.

Music at First
presents
James Burr, organist

Sunday, May 19
4 PM

Sunday Matinee: Classical Goes to the Movies
featuring the William Tell Overture, Scheherazade,
variations on the Star Spangled Banner
and many more great and familiar pieces

Suggested Donation: \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students
Proceeds benefit the Les Childs Memorial Scholarship

TODAY

during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

SILENT AUCTION

Place your bids today and on Sundays, May 19 and 26
or at the **Golf Tournament** on June 1

Zulu Nyala – 6-day photo Safari in South Africa

2-day stay at Breakfast on the Connecticut Inn in Lyme, NH
(owned and donated by Donna and John Anderson)

Several Spectacular Quilts

(handmade by church member, Nancy Parker)

Dinner at Katie's Café, Ogunquit, ME

(owned and donated by Donna and John Anderson)

2 Water Color Paintings

(by church member Fran Discount)

Truro Wine Collection

Photos by Paul Shimer

RAFFLE

Buy your tickets in advance of the Golf Tournament

For more information on the Silent Auction and Raffle,
see Holly Boutwell