

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
May 13, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC “Ave Maria” Henselt
 “Wildflowers Are Blooming” Moore
 “A Mother’s Day Bouquet” Moore

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Cynthia Carr
(Please sign the Friendship Register before passing it down the pew.)

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

*If I knew you and you knew me, and each of us could clearly see by that inner light
divine the meaning of your heart and mine; I’m sure that we would differ less and
clasp our hands in friendliness, if you knew me, and I knew you. Howard Thurman*

PRELUDE “I Love Thee” Grieg

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather here as the people of God.

People: To do the work of God.

Leader: We gather here as a people of love and hope.

People: To be for the world the grace of Christ.

All: Let it be so. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #611 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison) The Rev. David Minnick

Holy God, we meet you in this hour to encounter our Creator, Sustainer
and Redeemer, for the love of Christ urges us on. We meet you to be
renewed in faith, to trust that which we cannot see and often do not
understand, because the love of Christ urges us on. We worship you in
order to be immersed in mystery, to be reminded that you are at work in
our lives and in our world, that you are sovereign and good, because the
love of Christ urges us on. We gather as your people to share together the
fellowship of your Spirit, to bear one another’s burdens and celebrate one
another’s joys, because the love of Christ urges us on. We thank you for
that love and welcome you here. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 133 p. 764

***GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)**

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER (unison...“debts”)

ANTHEM-TTRANSFORMERS “God Bless the Children” P. Stevens

(Children may leave for Sunday School after the Anthem.)

DECOMMISSIONING of FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENT

COMMENTS

Karen Prewo, TPC Chairperson

DECOMMISSIONING

Leader: (Question ends with “attending seminary and exploring ministry?”)

People: We do with God’s help.

Leader: (Question ends with “the ending of our covenant with Joseph Tobin”)

People: We stand in celebration of the ministry we have had together as a teaching parish and field placement student. We honor the ending of Joseph’s ministry here and we promise to prayerfully consider the ways in which God’s holy spirit may be asking us to be in mission with other students in the future. We give thanks for God’s love given to us and the opportunity to serve as Christ’s church in this world.

JOSEPH’S COMMENTS

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – Hal Cummings

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

***HYMN #586 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

SCRIPTURE READING I John 3: 11-17

SERMON “If I knew you, and you knew me” Joseph Tobin

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” D. Burton

***DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)**

***PRAYER of DEDICATION (unison)**

***CLOSING HYMN #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

BENEDICTION (unison)

May the Spirit of God be before you to light your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, beneath you to support you, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Trio” J. S. Bach

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

Pay It Forward: Last week Sarah Cutting shared with us her gift to Relay for Life, a global event that she participated in after her grandmother, Carole, was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago. The money raised is used by the American Cancer Society for research of all types of cancer and to provide support for patients and their families. This week we feature Robert Warner and Bill Kerr last week’s winners. 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.

Transformers: Nicholas Giordano, Jack Longo, Heather Morgan Russell, Arielle Shivers, Mariah Shivers, Sarah Turner, Lillian Westerberg

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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Rehearsal: 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Crafts Group: Monday, May 14, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Search Committee: Monday, May 14, 7 PM, Library

June CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, May 15

Men's Club: Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Finance: Tuesday, May 15, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, May 15, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, May 16, 1 PM, Library

Bell Choir: Thursday, May 17, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, May 17, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

Support Group: Friday, May 18, 10:30 AM, Library

Craft Central: Saturday, May 19 from 9 AM-1 PM at Daryl Gottier's home
Drop in for awhile to work on a craft. We will be wet felting wool to make ornaments, trivets and felted soap. Materials and instructions will be provided. Join in the fun. Snacks and lunch will be available. If you need directions to Daryl's home, email her at edengott@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

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 2nd 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.

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.

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.

Want to Meet New People? Volunteer to Serve! Whether it's welcoming others at the door before the Worship Service or providing a baked good or snack, making coffee or setting up and cleaning up after Coffee Hour, volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. All help is welcome.

Reminder: Our Sunday morning worship services (on a one week delay) are available for viewing on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5 Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Uncut DVD's (DVD's submitted for viewing on Comcast are edited to fit a 60 minute format) of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library. Check your local listings or go to CVCCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and events.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . . Deborah Costello, friend of Angel Hockenberry, undergoing surgery for breast cancer; **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 Lentocha 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)



FCCV Golf Event

Saturday, June 2

Willow Brook Golf Course
South Windsor

\$80 per person if registered by June 1
\$95 per person after June 1

PLAYERS and RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Be a Player
Sponsor a Tee
Sponsor the Luncheon
Bid on Silent Auction Items
Buy Raffle Tickets

***Try your putting skills in Fellowship Hall
during Coffee Hour***

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

If you wish to donate Raffle items, please contact
Holly Boutwell at 872-6359 (evenings)
or hollyboutwell@comcast.net.