

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

Pentecost
May 15, 2016

WELCOME!

We're 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.

PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God" Broughton
 "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide" Hughes
 "A Thousand Tongues" McNair

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

CALL to WORSHIP Pam Lyons

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN #241** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

Holy Spirit of God, on the day of Pentecost you came to the Church to abide with us forever. Come to us in your grace and power today, to make Jesus real to us, to teach us more about him, and to deepen our trust in him; that we may be changed into his likeness and be his witnesses in the world, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***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, who 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.

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM "Holy Spirit" K. and B. Torwalt

SCRIPTURE Acts2:1-8, 11-12 (*p. 109*)

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

***HYMN #257** "There's a Spirit in the Air"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Love in Any Language" Sandi Patti

***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**

***CLOSING HYMN #592** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Elite Syncopations" Joplin

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

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of my twin sister, Joan Meyer Glynn, on our birthday from Jean and Bill McDermott.

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Darryl Dombek and family on the loss of his wife, Sharon; **Jean Chaplin**; Maurice O'Brien, friend of Gilmay Markunas; Carol Whitney; Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; 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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Junior Choir: 11:30 AM, PF Room

New Members Class: 11:30 AM, Pastor Robin's office

Memorial Garden: 11:30 AM, Library

Missions: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

In Care Committee Monday, May 16, 7:15 PM, Library

June CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, May 17

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, May 17, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, May 18, 1 PM, Library.

Finance: Wednesday, May 18, 7:15 PM, Library

Basket Group: Thursday, May 19, 10 am, Fellowship Hall

Craft Group: Thursday, May 19, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 19, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 19, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 20, 10:30 AM, Library

Bible Study: Friday, May 20, 11 AM, Chapel

Line Dancing: Friday, May 20, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Tag Sale: Saturday, May 21, 9 AM-2 PM. Proceeds will be used to help our youth attend the UCC National Youth Event in July.

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, May 21, 9 AM, PF Room

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22

following the Worship Service to finalize the 2016 budget

FCCV FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 22, 2 PM, Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a variety of talents! Food! Drink! Fun!

Suggested donation: \$10. Proceeds to benefit the Les Childs Scholarship

Chicken Marsala Dinner: Friday, June 10, 5-6:30 PM, sponsored by Ways and Means. Chicken Marsala over noodles, carrots, Jell-O salad and dessert. Cost - \$12.

Please Note Jean Chaplin's new address and phone number: The Elms, Chestnut Cottage, 22 Elm St., Westerly, RI, 02891, 401-596-0134

FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2004. These worship services were available for viewing on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. While services are still available on the same schedule, copyrighted material has been expunged since we do not have a broadcast license. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times. Full length DVDs of the services are available for borrowing in the Library or you can stream complete services from our website.

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.

Evening Circle is **collecting items for a Center Road family.** Suggestions are...books, games, art projects, in addition to household items.

Needed! Our shopping carts (located in the Narthex and Breezeway) are running low. Each month Board of Missions members alternate taking non-perishable food to the Soup Kitchen in Rockville and to the Hockanum Valley Community Council. Folks are also need to help prepare meals at the Soup Kitchen. A sign-up sheet is posted in fellowship Hall.

To request a visit with the pastor, please contact the Church Office at 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, contact Jan Muro at 872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

Please Note: 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 later in the day or in the coming week.

Church Office	860-875-7580
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Website	firstchurchofvernon.org

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.

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