

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

Trinity Sunday

May 22, 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	"Concerto"	Druckmuller
	"Trinity Blessed"	Price
	"The Spirit of God"	Wilson
	"Holy, Holy, Holy!"	Prentiss/Livingston

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

CALL to WORSHIP Jim Wilson

Leader: God, Christ, Holy Spirit – our God of Trinity – you live within us and among us to guide our days.

People: **The Holy Spirit of God dwells within our hearts and we give thanks!**

Leader: God, Christ, Holy Spirit – our God of Trinity – you unite us in love and relationship.

People: **The Holy Spirit of God dwells within our hearts and sends us forth as bold apostles to spread the love of Trinity through word, deed, and prayer.**

All: **It is because the God of Trinity dwells within us and around us that we are able to carry the Divine Light out into the world.**

***OPENING HYMN** #280 "God Is Here!"

***PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

Our God in whom we live and move and have our being, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home away from home. We are here to praise you! We ask that you gather up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship and service, that we might truly be one body in Christ. Dear God, Light of the World, Christ, and Holy Spirit, still in us now the many voices that

clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you for you are our life. 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.

ANTHEM "With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord" J. S. Cool
Junior Choir

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.)

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-5 (*p. 142*)
John 16:12-15 (*p.103*)

SERMON Rev. Joanne Myer

***HYMN** #266 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Go Light Your World" C. Rice

***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** #450 "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Postlude" André

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

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by the church family in celebration of Geraldine Strong's 95th birthday.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Dave Hollister, Candy Buswell's father, in rehab; **Richard Brooke**, Betsy Gerakaris' brother, at home recovering from surgery; Darryl Dombek and family on the loss of his wife, Sharon; Jean Chaplin; Maurice O'Brien, friend of Gilmay Markunas; Carol Whitney; 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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

following the Worship Service to finalize the 2016 budget

Junior Choir: 11:30 AM, PF Room

FCCV Fun-Filled Festival, 2 PM, Fellowship Hall. A variety of Talents, Food, Drink, Fun! Donation: \$10. Proceeds benefit the Les Childs Scholarship.

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 (\$50), luncheon or a meal (\$25).

Want more information about the **Stephen Ministry?** See Joanne Myer before the congregational meeting.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mind & Spirit Support Group: Monday, May 23, 7 PM, Library

Open & Affirming: Monday, May 23, 7 PM, Chapel

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Ladies Lunch: Tuesday, May 24, noon, Mitchell's Restaurant

BCE: Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM, Library

Trustees: Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 PM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 26, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 27, 10:30 AM, Library

Bible Study: Friday, May 27, 11 AM, Chapel

Line Dancing: Friday, May 27, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship - a \$500 scholarship available to a church member furthering their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Please return to the Women's Fellowship mailbox by May 29.

A Reminder from the Furnishings & Memorials Committee: When making a donation to the church in memory of a loved one, don't forget to note on the check the name of the person being remembered. Please include your address as well so that your donation can be properly recorded and acknowledged.

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.

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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 hand-made quilt or a vacation get-away spot? Contact Taunya Bird (mzbird123@gmail.com).
- Be a Sponsor
Luncheon Sponsor (\$200), Contest Sponsors (\$100), Hole Sponsors (\$50). Contact Tony Muro.

SCRIP-YOUR-ALL UPDATE...Your participation has helped FCCV raise just over \$1,644 for 2016! Purchase gift cards during Coffee Hour (new cards have been added) or order online and get almost instantly with Scrip Now! (e-cards!).

Gift cards available during Coffee Hour with earnings for FCCV

Amazon	3%	Lowe's	4%
Barnes & Noble	9%	Macy's	10%
Bed, Bath	7%	Ninety-Nine	13%
Bertucci's	10%	Outback	8%
Best Buy	4%	Panera	9%
Big Y	6%	Papa Gino's	10%
Chili's	11%	Price Chopper	5%
CVS	6%	Rave	4%
Dairy Queen	3%	Shell	3%
Dick's Sports	8%	Staples	4%
Dunkin Donuts	3%	Starbucks	7%
Friday's	9%	Stop & Shop	4%
Home Depot	4%	Subway	3%
iTunes	5%	Sunoco	1%
JC Penny	5%	Target	3%
Kmart	4%	TJ Maxx	7%
Kohls	4%	Toys R Us	3%
LL Bean	16%	Walgreens	6%
Long Horn	9%	Walmart	3%

Thank you to all who are participating. We hope others will consider doing so! For more information visit www.ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment code **F2F1CF113843L**) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

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