

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 25, 2014

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

A TRIBUTE to OUR VETERANS and ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Charlie Markunas

Leader: Let us open our hearts and every part of our being to be filled with the breath of God!

People: We are here to receive God's loving Spirit through Jesus Christ.

Leader: God is ever-present!

People: God, you are present in our waking and our sleeping, our joys and our sorrows, our prayers and our worship.

All: We give thanks that God, through Christ, has brought us together in community this morning!

*OPENING HYMN #64 "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

God, who touches earth with beauty, we give thanks for your abiding presence with us and within us. Your steadfast love continues to guide us as we pursue the paths of discipleship. We lay our worship before you this hour with our voices raised in song and praise. Bless us, we pray. 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.

ANTHEM "Bring Him Home" Schonberg/Kretsmer
Solo – Stan Possell

SCRIPTURE John 14:15-21

SERMON Rev. Joanne Myer

*HYMN #283 "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Precious Memories" J. B. F. Wright
Solo – Stan Possell

*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 #514 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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

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

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

If you have not picked up your Church Directory you can do so today. If you participated in the directory, yours is free! If not, we are asking for a \$5 donation.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26. The Church Office will be closed.

Men's Group: Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, May 27. We will meet at the church at 11 AM and go to lunch. This will be our last meeting before taking a break for the summer.

Library Committee: Wednesday, May 28, 1 PM, Library

Trustees: Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, May 28, 7 PM, Chapel

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 29, 6 PM at R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, May 29, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

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

Women's Fellowship Steering Committee: Tuesday, June 3, 7 PM, Library.

Anyone interested in helping us plan for the coming year is invited to join us.

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 worshiping 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.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Paul Munns, Deb Hampton's brother; Kim and David; Marge Salmon; Mary White; Eleanor Sweet; Joyce Smith; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; Bob O'Gara; Bonnie Brenner; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Stephen Kasevich; Will and Diane Livermore; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Ben Savage; Lillian Burnett; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs

*New additions in **bold print***

The **Card Ministry** would like to thank everyone who donated cards. We now have PLENTY of all types so will be putting the basket away for awhile. We appreciate the thoughtfulness shown by the congregation to help this wonderful ministry.

Raffle Prizes needed for FCCV's 6th Annual Golf Tournament on June 7

The success of this event is an integral part of our 2014 operating budget, not to mention that it is certain to be a fun day for all! We are counting 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 help is by donating a raffle prize. Raffle prize ideas can include: gift certificates/cards to local restaurants and businesses, theme gift baskets, tickets to athletic events, a weekend getaway, golf-related items, etc. Consider purchasing a gift card from our Scrip-Your-All table to donate. FCCV benefits from the original purchase, as well as the donated card!

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27 from 9 AM-noon at Rockville United Methodist Church, Grove Street, Vernon with Family Night held here on Thursday, June 26. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders, Imagine & Build with God." Registration forms are available by contacting Linda Shivers or Deb Hockenberry or by stopping by the Church Office.

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 and should be returned to the Women's Fellowship mailbox by May 31.

Please Note: 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. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. A staffed **Toddler Room**, located downstairs in the Kellogg wing, is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old**.

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 (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).