

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 26, 2013

Trinity ~ Memorial Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC      “The Favorite”                      Joplin  
                                 “Peace to All Nations”                  Turner  
                                 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”      arr. Hughes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE                      “Once to Every Man and Nation”      arr. Pethel

A TRIBUTE to OUR VETERANS and ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

\*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)                                      Mary Wheeler

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.**

Leader: Serve God with gladness! Come before God’s presence with singing!

People: **Enter God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God, and bless God’s name.**

\*OPENING HYMN #4 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy God, the earth is full of the glory of your love. You have gathered us here, as your children, born of the Spirit, to bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, that all the world may believe and have eternal life through the One who saves, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING      based on Romans 5: 1-5

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

Leader: Our sufferings produce endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

People: **And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

\*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                                      Rev. Joanne Myer

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                      “Sanctus”                                      Bach/Fetke

SCRIPTURE                      John 16: 12-15

SERMON                      “Trusting the Guide”                      Rev. Stan Possell

\*HYMN #450 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      “Thy Will Be Done”                      Rev. Stan Possell, soloist

\*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 heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: the Author of creation, the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shared with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #721 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE                      “The Beau Ideal March”                      Sousa

*\*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 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!

**There is no Sunday School today** but the Toddler Room will be open and staffed.

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

### **In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Irene Wasco**, Monica Becker's mother, dealing with multiple aging issues; **Theresa Melanson**, Rey's mother, at Vernon Manor; the **people of Oklahoma** affected by the tornadoes; **Nancy Bezzini** and family on the death of her husband, Guy; **Dick Wurst** recovering; **Jan Peacock**; **Muriel Schiebel**; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; 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; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Mayhew; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

*New additions in bold print*

**Oklahoma Disaster Relief:** Moore, Oklahoma and surrounding towns were devastated by tornadoes that caused mass destruction. Your donation will help support the disaster relief efforts to help those affected. Money collected will be sent to The American Red Cross. Please use the "Emergency Relief" envelopes provided in today's bulletin. If writing a check, please make it payable to FCCV with "disaster relief" noted in the memo. The Board of Missions thanks you for your support.

**TODAY DURING COFFE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

**Munson Candy and Mission Stock** for sale. Help support our Youth Mission projects.

**Golf Tournament Silent Auction:** Bid today or at the tournament on June 1.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 26. The Church Office is closed.

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Search Committee:** Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 PM, Chapel

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

**Support Group:** Friday, May 31, 10:30 AM, Library

**Can and Bottle Fundraiser:** June 1, sponsored by the Youth Mission Group. Please drop donations off at the FCCV parking lot (Center Rd.) between 9:30 AM-12 noon that day.

**Vernon Chorale - A Choral Tapestry:** Saturday, June 1, 7:30 PM at FCCV.

Led by Assistant Conductor Christopher Wasko, the concert will feature solo and small ensemble performances by chorale members, as well as full choral works by Thompson, Stroope, Vaughn Williams and more. Suggested Donation: Adult \$15; Senior/Student \$10.

**Women's Fellowship Retreat:** Just a reminder that the **first payment** of \$56.50 is **due June 1**. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066. If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for the fun.

**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.**

**Women's Fellowship Steering Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, June 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Associate Pastor Position On-line:** To view the listing for our Associate Pastor, go to [www.UCC.org](http://www.UCC.org), then click on the topics below. Quick links >> Ministerial Resources>>UCC Employment Opportunities >> UCC Ministry Opportunities On-line. You can then search by location (CT), find our listing and click View Details.

**Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants.** It is one class for ages 3 years-5<sup>th</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tsweetasc@aol.com).

**We Need Your Help!** We no longer have a need for the Baldwin organ located in the Chapel. Anyone who would like to have it should contact Sally Sullivan, 860-871-1473, or any member of the Furnishings and Memorials Committee. Savers in Manchester will accept it but we need a volunteer to drive it there. We are looking to remove it ASAP.

**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](mailto:fccv@snet.net) or (860)875-7580.

**TODAY**

*during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall*

**SILENT AUCTION**

Place your bids today and next Sunday, May 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

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 **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).

**Acolytes Needed!** To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at [DelytheK@yahoo.com](mailto:DelytheK@yahoo.com) or (860) 872-3004.

**Reminder:** FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2004. These worship services, edited to 58 minutes, are available for viewing on a one week delay on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Check your local listings or go to [www.CVCCT.org](http://www.CVCCT.org) for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library