

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 29, 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 "Silver Swan Rag" Joplin
"Prelude on 'America'" Smith

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

CALL to WORSHIP Hannah Ramsdell

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord!

People: Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Leader: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name.

People: Each day proclaim the good news!

Leader: Announce God's glorious deeds among the nations.

People: Tell everyone about the amazing things God does.

All: For great is the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #**

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

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for the good news, the gospel. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, 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 "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" C. Tomlin

SCRIPTURE Galatians 1:1-12 (*p. 173*)

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

***HYMN #610** "Living for Jesus"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "All the Earth" C. Hall
Duet - Leanne Connolly, Joanne Myer

***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 #552** "Standing on the Promises"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "The Diplomat March" Sousa

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

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister, Candy Buswell's father, in rehab; Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother, at home recovering from surgery; 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 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).

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day: Monday, May 30. The Church Office is closed.

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Council: Wednesday, June 1, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Basket Group: Thursday, June 2, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Craft Group: Thursday, June 2, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 2, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 3, 10:30 AM, Library

Bible Study: Friday, June 3, 11 AM, Chapel

Line Dancing: Friday, June 3, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Golf Tournament: Saturday, June 4, Willow Brook Golf Course

Family Night Out: Saturday, June 4, 5-9 PM, Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle: Monday, June 6, 6:30 PM at Pam Lyons' home for Potluck

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 today.**

Father's Day, June 19: Women's Fellowship is giving you the opportunity to honor or remember the special men in your life. Just \$5 purchases a tool through Church World Services. These tools will help people around the world gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to sustain themselves and their families. **Order during Coffee Hour on Sundays, June 5 and 12.**

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.

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.

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.