

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 8, 2014

Pentecost ~ Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDE “Fantasie Prelude on the plainchant Eliot
‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (Come, Holy Spirit)”
“Two Sonatas” Soler
“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide” Hughes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Ryan Moreau

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

ACOLYTES Cara Clay, Sarah Cutting

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Sophie Becker

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly wind,

People: Rush in and stir among us, unpredictable and untamed.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, cleansing fire,

People: Re-ignite our faith.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, dove of peace,

People: Rest upon us and within us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, breath of life,

People: Renew our strength and restore our souls.

***OPENING HYMN** #249 “Spirit” (*vs. 2 men only, vs. 3 women only*)

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Blow through the open doors of our hearts and light the fire again. Re-ignite our desire to make a difference in the world. Fill us with your holy love and power. Breathe new life into our ministries and missions. Encourage us, empower us, and inspire us again to be the people you created us to be.

UNISON READING UCC Statement of Faith (*insert*)

***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 “You Raise Me Up” Graham/Loveland
Youth Music

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

THE RITE of CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation of Baptismal Certificates by Parents

Confirmation of Candidates

Confirmation Prayer

Welcome and Church Covenant (*insert*)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Hannah Ramsdell

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

Megan Hasty

OFFERTORY

“Ain’t Got Time to Die”

H. Johnson

Harry Croye - 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**

***CLOSING HYMN** #244 “Loving Spirit”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Festival Toccata”

Fletcher

**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 worshipping 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.

When a child is baptized, the parents, with the support of the church, make a promise to do their best to raise their son/daughter in the Christian faith. The handing of the baptismal certificate to their son/daughter symbolizes the diminishing role of the parents as the youth now takes on the responsibility of his/her faith journey.

The Confirmation Sponsor’s role is to mentor, support and aid the Confirmand during the Confirmation program.

The red rose given by the Sponsors to the Confirmands symbolizes the Holy Spirit descending on the Disciples with flames of fire alighting above their head. This is a sign to the Disciples to spread the Christian message throughout the world.

The pink rose given by the Confirmands to their Sponsors symbolizes their gratitude and appreciation for their role during this past year.

The yellow roses on the piano are given in loving memory of those who could not be with us at this milestone in our faith journey...

Eleanor Becker, *Sophie Becker's grandmother*
Irene Wasco, *Sophie Becker's grandmother*
Royal William Hasty, Jr., *Megan Hasty's grandfather*
Elaine Holland Possell, *Megan Hasty's grandmother*

"Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear."

The Flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Board of Christian Education in congratulations to our 2014 Confirmation Class.

Please Note: Juliann and Joseph Bradford were inadvertently omitted from the Sunday School Attendance Awards last week. They receive their 1 year award today.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Flower and Ushering Committees

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Christine Moreau, Maurice Moreau's mother; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; 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; 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

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

If you placed a **Scrip-Your-All** order prior to June 2, your gift cards are available for pick up today.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Evening Circle: Monday, June 9, 6:30 PM for Pot Luck at Pam Lyons' home. All are welcome!

July/August Carillon Deadline
Tuesday, June 10

Men's Group: Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

Deacons: Tuesday, June 10, 7 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Wednesday, June 11, 1 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, June 11, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, June 11, 7 PM, Chapel

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, June 12, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 13, 10:30 AM, Library

Please Note: The Ham Dinner scheduled for June 13 has been cancelled.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 15

following the Worship Service

Scrip-Your-All Update: There is now "an app for that!" That's right, the FCCV Scrip-Your-All program is now supported through the use of the Great Lakes Scrip Company app. Downloading the app will make your "Scrip Now" eCards available from your smart phone or iPad! You can also make Scrip Now purchases while you're shopping...no need to purchase ahead of time! Learn more at Coffee Hour! Thank you to all who are supporting this program by using gift and eCards for purchases instead of cash or credit card. Your support has helped raise just over **\$3,000** for FCCV programs! Please stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour to pick up or order gift cards today. **Starting today**, by special request, we now have **\$10 Dairy Queen (3%)** gift cards available.

Pictorial Directory: If you haven't yet picked up your pictorial directory, there is still time! If you participated in the Directory, your free copy will be held for you until you can pick it up during Coffee Hour at the Scrip-Your-All table. If you did not participate, you can still receive one for a \$5 donation.

Summer Sunday School for grades 3 years – 5th begins today. Teachers are needed for a one-week commitment. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the Library.

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. Registration forms are available by contacting Linda Shivers or Deb Hockenberry or by stopping by the Church Office. VBS is in need of **cardboard** (not Styrofoam) **egg cartons**. Please give with Linda Shivers.

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).

Reminder: FCCV records its Sunday worship services. These services 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 for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.