

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 16, 2013

Father's Day

GATHERING MUSIC "See What His Love Can Do" Bach/Ritter  
"Evening Star" Wagner/Moore  
"Faith of Our Fathers" Hemi/Paxton

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE "God of Our Fathers" Warren/Martin

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Shirley Bryant

Leader: God has many names:

People: **Father, Mother, Shepherd, Lord, Creator, King...**

Leader: Each is a different way to envision God.

People: **Yet, our God is more than all of these.**

Leader: Come into the presence of indescribable love,

People: **Sing praises to the God of many names.**

\*OPENING HYMN #10 "Bring Many Names" (*vs. 1, 2, 3 and 6*)

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

**Holy God, Father of us all, meet us here this morning. Touch our hearts. Open our eyes. Feed our spirits. Let your great love change us and make us more like you. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 5: 1-8

Leader: Give heed to my words, O Lord;

People: **Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.**

Leader: Lead me in your paths of righteousness,

People: **For I enter the gates of your house in awe of you.**

\*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 "On Eagle's Wings" Joncas  
Joanne Myer, soloist

SCRIPTURE Luke 11: 1-13

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYNN #244 "Loving Spirit"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Wondrous Love" arr. Walters

\*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

**Father God, we thank you for the many blessings in our lives and for the opportunity to give back. Accept these gifts as symbols of our love and gratitude. Bless them, and multiply them, and use them to help bring about a more just and perfect kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #431 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "God the Omnipotent" Lvov/Chesterton

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

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

**The flowers on the Communion Table** are given in memory of Tor Rydberg and Frederick T. Kracke, loving fathers and grandfathers, by the Kracke family.

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Betty Worden; Mason Bower**, Michelle and Dave Bower's grandson, dealing with undiagnosed health issues; **Debbie Marshall**; Herb Slicer and family on the death of his brother Clifford Slicer; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Gregg Moffatt; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft, friend of Marilyn and Al Newton; Irene Wasco; the people of Oklahoma affected by the tornadoes; 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; 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*

## 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!

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

**Memorial Garden:** 11:15 AM, Library

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Furnishings & Memorials:** Tuesday, June 18, 7 PM, Chapel

**Finance:** Tuesday, June 18, 7 PM, off site

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, June 19, 1 PM, Library

**Search Committee:** Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Stewardship & Evangelism:** Wednesday, June 19, 7 PM, Chapel

**Support Group:** Friday, June 21, 10:30 AM, Library

The Trustees are planning **FCCV Work Days** on **Friday** and **Saturday, June 21** and **22**. We have much sprucing up to complete, both indoors and outdoors, before summer vacations begin. We'll be working outdoors pruning, planting, chipping years' worth of brush, and, perhaps, some outdoor Parsonage projects. We are also compiling a list of indoor projects, depending on the number of volunteers and the weather. Women's Fellowship will be providing coffee and muffins in the morning, as well as grinders or pizza for lunch. For planning and food purposes, please email Holly Boutwell (hollyboutwell@comcast.net) if you can assist either or both days.

### Summer Coffee Hour Schedule

Jul 7	Women's Fellowship
Jul 14	Ways and Means
Jul 21	Stewardship and Evangelism
Jul 28	Board of Trustees
Aug 4	Board of Missions
Aug 11	Board of Deacons
Aug 18	Board of Christian Education and TPC
Aug 25	Flower and Ushering Committees
Sept 1	Board of Finance

**Did You Know?** is the title of the new exhibit in our historical display case. Please take a look. You may learn something you never knew about your church. If these items pique your interest or if you have something to add to the information presented, please contact Lynn Sweet (860-875-3172 or lynn4447@aol.com).

There is space available on the **Flower Chart** for anyone wishing to have flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Consider sharing flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the chart located in the Narthex.

**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.

**Women's Fellowship Retreat:** If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A deposit of \$56.50 is required. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066.

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.

**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.

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.

**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 or (860)875-7580.

**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.