

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 23, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

INTROIT

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Bob Warner

Leader: God of Glory, our hearts are filled with joy and adoration for your love of us.

People: We rejoice in your love when we look around and see flowers, forests, oceans, and singing birds – all works of your hands!

Leader: We praise your name! We ask that you teach us how to love one another no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey.

All: We will, indeed, speak and sing praises together as we move forward. No matter what life brings, with God's help, we will be victorious over strife while we sing to God a triumphant song of life!

*OPENING HYMN #2 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Eternal God, for the sun and the stars, the mountains and the valleys, we your children come to you offering our thanks and seeking your Presence. Please be among us, opening our hearts to the sway of your power and your peace. We dedicate this service to you! We trust that you will work through our songs and our sayings so that we will leave this sacred space knowing you have touched us. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalms 42 and 43

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams

People: so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Leader: When shall I come and behold the face of God? People ask me, "Where is your God?"

People: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy!

All: Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

*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

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 42 and 43 (*a blending*)

Luke 8: 26-39

SERMON

Rev. Joanne Myer

*HYMN #529 "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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*)

Through our offerings we identify with the cause of Christ. We proclaim our concern for all people, and name them as our own next-of-kin. We identify with their suffering and grief and we rejoice when good comes to them. Both our material resources and our personal time and effort are offered here to extend the body of Christ into this moment in history and into the whole world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #530 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**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!

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Betty Worden; Mason Bower, Michelle and Dave Bower's grandson, dealing with undiagnosed health issues; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Gregg Moffatt; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft, friend of Marilyn and Al Newton; Irene Wasco; 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

Pay It Forward: Today is the 4th Sunday of the month - Pay It Forward (PIF) Sunday! Last month Jane Burr shared her PIF moment of making a donation to Valley Falls to help preserve the area for generations to come. Today we will hear how Chris Knuz has Paid It Forward. If you would like to be a potential PIF contender, please fill out an index card and put it in the PIF box (located in the Narthex near the stairs to Fellowship Hall). If you would like to support PIF monetarily, you can make a donation, designated to PIF, and place it in the offering basket.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Trustees: Monday, June 24, 7 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Search Committee: Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Trustees: Wednesday, June 26, 7 PM, Library

HR: Wednesday, June 26, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

VBS Family Night: Thursday, June 27, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 28, 10:30 AM, Library

Team Building Retreat: Saturday, June 29, 9 AM-Noon, Fellowship Hall

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

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-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

Jars Needed by Women's Fellowship for a craft project they are working on. Any size from baby food to pickle, tomato sauce or mason jars (old or used are great - not for food) are needed. Lids are needed, also but we can do some crafts without lids. Donations will be gratefully accepted until July 22.

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! We are reviewing 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. 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.

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 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 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.