

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 7, 2013

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC “The Easy Winners” Joplin
 “Variations” Beethoven
 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” arr. Ritter

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

CENTERING CHANT Psalm 30: 2, 4, 10-12

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Triumphant Fanfare” Chesterton
CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Michelle Bower

Leader: We gather as God’s people;

People: We lift our voices in praise knowing God, through Christ, has called us here.

Leader: We gather for the blessing of Communion this morning as Christ’s friends

People: to receive the gift of renewal and transformation in bread and juice.

All: We give our thanks to God for a love that knows no bounds.

***OPENING HYMN** #294 “Here We Gather as God’s People” (*sing twice*)

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Loving God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work in our neighborhood and the world. We ask that you be here in this sacred space with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We rely on your love every second of our lives to transform our lives in hope. We pray this in Christ’s name. 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.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

SERMON Rev. Joanne Myer

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*)

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Please expand our vision to embrace new possibilities to do your work even as we continue with the tried and true. In the Spirit of Christ we pray and live. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN** #386 “We Come as Guests Invited”

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(*Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.*)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we give you thanks that through Christ Jesus you have spiritually nourished us with this sacred meal. Help us to remember always that these sacred moments communing with you and with one another are a blessed gift. We thank you for being within us and beside us with every breath we take. We pray this with grateful hearts in Christ’s name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #725 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

BENEDICTION (*unison*)

As pilgrims on our journey of discipleship, we will keep the light of Christ around us, in us, and before us. From quiet meditation and joyous hymns of praise, we go forth empowered to do God’s mission!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Semper Fidelis” Sousa

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

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!

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Robert and Nancy Shoemaker and family on the death of his father on June 22 and her mother on June 24; 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

Please Note: There is no Summer Sunday School today but a Bible-based movie will be shown with supervision in the Library during the worship service.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, July 8, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Deacons: Tuesday, July 9, 7 PM, Library

Hands on Hartford Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 7 PM, Chapel

Search Committee: Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 PM, Library

Council: Wednesday, July 10, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Support Group: Friday, July 12, 10:30 AM, Library

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.

The **HVCC Food Pantry** is in **URGENT** need of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, pasta and sauce, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned spaghetti or ravioli, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, beverages, including juice boxes, bottled juice and dry or powdered milk. Also needed are household items and toiletries such as toilet paper, paper towels, plastic wrap, soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Donations may be dropped off in the Mission boxes in the Breezeway. Please check the expiration date. We cannot accept any items past their expiration date. Thank you for all your support.

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3 years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Library. Curriculum is 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.

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 **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.

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 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.