

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC  
July 8, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cynthia Carr

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

*Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.*  
- Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God.

People: **Let us praise the Holy One who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies, the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.**

Leader: Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people,

People: **and who declared, without hesitation, "it is good."**

All: **Come, let us worship God together.**

\*OPENING HYMN #53 "Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

We thank you God for this wondrous day. Grant us the wisdom to unwrap the day as a gift. Engage us to greet every hour within it with care, to cherish the people we meet over the hours that lay ahead, and to always acknowledge you as the giver of this precious gift. By your grace, may we discover within the hours of daylight the wonders of creation and the joys of community. May we find within the night fall, solid rest and peaceful sleep. Lead us in the course of our worship to new understandings of you and your call to us in Jesus, that our lives might be transformed by your love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 103: 1-5, 11-18 p. 752-753

\*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison... "debts"*)

(*There is no Sunday School today.*)

SOLO "Panis Angelicus"

Paul Shimer

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 12: 2-10

\*SERMON HYMN #666 "The Voice of God Is Calling"

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Precious Lord"

\*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

Wondrous Creator, your blessings are forever multiplied in our midst. From one grain of corn, there is an ear and then a field full of good food. Grains of wheat become loaves of bread. From a tiny egg, a species is reproduced. May our gifts come together to multiply the wider ministry we seek to be a part of in your name. May these gifts find their way to people and places of need and may your good news be proclaimed in the wonderful ways of service and ministry. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #609 "Take My Life"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Library Committee and Board of Trustees

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Guests are encouraged to use the Pew Cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates with the offering.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Music @ First Meeting: Monday, July 9, 8 PM, Chapel

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Search Committee: Tuesday, July 10, 7 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, July 11, 1 PM, Library

Church Council: Wednesday, July 11, 7 PM, Chapel. Agenda items should be submitted to Moderator Tony Muro no later than today.

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

Please Note: The Kellogg wing, which houses the Hockanum Valley Day Care during the week, will be shut down for extended maintenance and repair for 2 weeks in July. The Trustees are organizing work parties for some time after July 21. All are welcome to help. Please contact Dave Symonds or any member of the Trustees if you can assist during this time.

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. The office is closed on Fridays.

Summer Sunday School: If interested in teaching (one week or more) please sign up on bulletin board near the Library or contact Victoria Madden.

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 The **Toddler Room** is open all summer for **children 12 months - 5 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, please contact Jan Muro (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com).

**Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters:** We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Library or feel free to make one at home. Questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

**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.

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**Debbie Marshall recovering from a broken wrist; Claudette and Art Weingart; Bill Harford, Ann's husband; Peggy Ellis recovering from a broken hip; Nicole Cartier, Jim and Nancy Wilson's granddaughter, recovering from major pelvis/hip surgery; Pat Lazeren; Dale Whitney recovering from hip replacement surgery; Abby Harlow recovering from a broken arm; Meredith Ross, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); Hal Cummings; Deborah Costello, friend of Angel Hockenberry, dealing with breast cancer; Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; Stephen Volovski; Jim White, Linda Shivers' father; Ann Garrison; Corey Glidden, son of Debbie Marshall; Hudson Prewo, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo; Ray Turner, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner recovering from a stroke; Judy Quinn, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, dealing with cancer; the Boutwell family; Martha Fowler dealing with cancer; Michael Bebrin; the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Ellie Cantlin (Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer; FCCV Search Committee; Mike Swan dealing with a reoccurrence of cancer; Donna Peacock; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell (heart); Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann, friend of the Gerakaris'; John Mayhew; John Kaminski, Susan Moreau's father; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase