

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 14, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT of CONCERN

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Louise Theriault

Leader: Make room for God's unfolding grace.

**People: Make time for holy things:**

Leader: A moment of kindness,

**People: An hour of blessing,**

Leader: A day of rest,

**People: A season of healing.**

Leader: Take time to linger awhile in God's love,

**People: That God's love may linger awhile in each of us.**

\*OPENING HYMN #572 "Take Time to Be Holy"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Loving God, open our eyes to see you in the faces of our neighbors; open our ears to hear your voice in scripture, prayer and song; open our hearts to love as you love and our hands to do your will. For we seek to love you with our whole hearts, our whole minds, our whole souls and all of our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. As Jesus taught and lived, we pray. 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.

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

"Gentle Like Jesus"

R. Copeland

Serena Volovski, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 25-37

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYMN #464 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

N. Sleeth

\*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 #467 "Fill the World with Love"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

Welcome to our guest organist Jim Purnell.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Karen and Caleb Cadman and family on the death of his grandmother Barbara Palmer; Dick Parker (recurring discomfort with Lyme); Dick Saich; Joyce Smith; 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; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Mike Swan; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; 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*

**Greeters:** Ann Harford and Susan Pilkons

**Coffee Hour Preparation:** Ways and Means Committee

## **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!

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Trustees:** Monday, July 15, 6:30 PM, Library

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Search Committee:** Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 PM, Library

**Stewardship and Evangelism:** Wednesday, July 17, 7 PM, Chapel

**BCE:** Wednesday, July 17, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Youth Mission Meeting:** Wednesday, July 17, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Support Group:** Friday, July 19, 10:30 AM, Library

### **Summer Coffee Hour Schedule**

Jul 21 Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

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-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A Chance to Volunteer in Our Community:** Beginning this September, the Board of Deacons will be sponsoring a Reading Program. We will be partnering with the Community School at Maple Street School in Vernon which runs Monday through Thursday from 3-5 PM. Since we are still in the planning stages of this project, we first need to have some idea of how many people would like to participate. If you are interested, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. There are only two requirements: (1) a background check and (2) a love of reading with children. For more information please call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

**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.

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).

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**.

**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.

**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](mailto:fccv@snet.net) or (860)875-7580.