

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
July 21, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Jim Wilson

Leader: We gather for worship:

People: Seeking to love God with all of our hearts, minds, souls and strength,

Leader: Trying to follow the ways of Christ,

People: Learning to love our neighbors as ourselves,

Leader: Praying for miracles,

People In need of grace.

Leader: We gather for worship: seeking, learning, praying,

People: And God meets us here.

*OPENING HYMN #280 "God Is Here!"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Gentle God, let your heavenly peace pour down on us like rain. Wash away the hurry and the worry in our hearts. Quiet the distracting chatter of our busy minds and reveal yourself to us again in the water and the word. In the name of Christ our Lord 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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM – Christopher Parker Jackson

Congregational Response (*unison*)

We promise our love, support, and care to this child and his family as he grows in faith and faithfulness. With God's help, we promise to guide and encourage him, by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

*BAPTISM HYMN #75 "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

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

"Be Thou Still"

J. Franck

Raymond Frick, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless" G. F. Handel

*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 #477 "Pass It On"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

Welcome to our guest organist Jim Purnell.

We rejoice in the baptism of Christopher Parker Jackson, son of Aaron and Rachael Jackson.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Bert Dahling recovering from triple bypass surgery; **John Mayhew** recovering from a hospital stay; **Alan and Jayne Chesterton** in Florida – Jayne is dealing with heart issues and kidney failure; **Robin Youngdahl** and family on the death of her mother Bethana on May 4; Dick Parker (recurring discomfort with Lyme); Dick Saich; Joyce Smith; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; 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 Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

New additions in bold print

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Stewardship and Evangelism 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

Craft Group: Monday, July 22, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Search Committee: Wednesday, July 24, 6:30 PM, Library

Trustees: Wednesday, July 24, 6:30 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, July 26, 10:30 AM, Library

Summer Coffee Hour Schedule

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

Please Note: Church Council will NOT meet in August. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 4** at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please send any September agenda items to Tom Sweet at tsweetasc@aol.com. Questions? Contact Tom at 860-875-3172.

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.

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.

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).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Food Pantry is in **desperate** need of the following food donations:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Boxes of Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cans of Spaghetti or Ravioli
 - Ramen Noodles
- Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
- Boxes of Pasta (Spaghetti, Macaroni, etc.)
- The pantry can be reached at **860-872-7727**



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