

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
July 22, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC “A Summer’s Day” Sergisson
 “Consider and Hear Me” Pflueger/Wilson
 “Sonata” Gurlitt

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. David Minnick

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

If one advances confidently in the direction of his (her) dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he (she) has imagined, he (she) will meet with success unexpected in common hours.

Henry David Thoreau

PRELUDE “To Greet the Morning” Paxton

CALL to WORSHIP Debbie Marshall

Leader: God, you split rocks in the wilderness, and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

People: Come to us, Lord. Give us that abundant water.

Leader: You made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

People: Come to us, Lord. Send the waters down upon us.

Leader: You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

People: Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing. *(paraphrased from Psalms 42, 78, and 104)*

***OPENING HYMN #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

PRAYER of INVOCATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, whose glory is beyond the reach of our imagination, and whose response to us is more generous than we can ask or think, deliver us from the limitations we impose on our own humanity. Your hand is heavy on us in our deceits. You call us from our hiding places to find refuge and strength in you. You summon us from our self-interest to share what we have, that all your people may eat. Help us to hear you in this hour, that we may respond every day to your will. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 46: 1-7 p. 742

***GLORIA PATRI** *(#35 in hymnal)*

A TIME with the CHILDREN

Rev. Cynthia Carr

The LORD’S PRAYER *(unison... “debts”)*

(Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade may leave for Summer Sunday School.)

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” C. Tomlin

Leanne, Erin and Patrick Connolly

DECOMMISSIONING of FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENT

COMMENTS

Karen Prewo, TPC Chairperson

DECOMMISSIONING

Leader: (Question ends with “attending seminary and exploring ministry?”)

People: We do with God’s help.

Leader: (Question ends with “the ending of our covenant with Joseph Tobin”)

People: We stand in celebration of the ministry we have had together as a teaching parish and field placement student. We honor the ending of Joseph’s ministry here and we promise to prayerfully consider the ways in which God’s holy spirit may be asking us to be in mission with other students in the future. We give thanks for God’s love given to us and the opportunity to serve as Christ’s church in this world.

JOSEPH’S COMMENTS

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14: 22-33

***SERMON HYMN #85 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

SERMON “It Takes Faith to Get Out of the Boat” Joseph M. Tobin

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “There Is a Redeemer” K. Green

***DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)**

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #275 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal” Thygeron

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Nancy Parker in loving memory of her father, Walter Brown.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Furnishings & Memorials and Ushering Committees

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.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Have your blood pressure checked by one of our Parish Nurses.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Search Committee: Monday, July 23, 7 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Trustees: Wednesday, July 25, 7 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, July 27, 10:30 AM, Library

Craft Group: Monday, July 30, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. **Bead Ornaments and Charm Bookmarks** - make 4 and take one out the door! Beaded icicles, snowflakes and candy cane ornaments. Have a teen or tween? Bring them and their friends too!

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 **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).

In Our Ongoing Prayers... Allan Chesterton; Dick Saich (car accident); Debbie Marshall (broken wrist); Claudette and Art Weingart; Bill Harford, Ann's husband; Peggy Ellis (broken hip); Nicole Cartier, Jim and Nancy Wilson's granddaughter (major pelvis/hip surgery); Pat Lazeren; Dale Whitney (hip replacement); Abby Harlow (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, (breast cancer); Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; Stephen Volovski; 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 (stroke); Judy Quinn, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, (cancer); the Boutwell family; Martha Fowler (cancer); Michael Bebrin; the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Ellie Cantlin, Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law, (cancer); FCCV Search Committee; Mike Swan (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

"SEEKING FCCV AMBASSADORS"



The Stewardship and Evangelism Committee is seeking FCCV members, family or friends who love to interact with people...folks who would enjoy putting themselves "out there" to connect with **all** who attend church on Sunday with special emphasis on noticing "guests" or people who seem to be visiting and wondering where something is...etc.

Would **you** like to be an FCCV Ambassador? Do you know of someone who might **really like** to do this? As you sit in church during these coming weeks, look around. Who do you see who might make a great ambassador?

We are hoping for a large group so that ambassador "teams" can rotate weekly or monthly for maximum effectiveness and with no "burnout." This can be a joy-filled opportunity! Remember... growing our church begins with a smile!

To volunteer or to suggest someone, please contact Charles Markunas at oilcancharlie@gmail.com or call the Church Office (860-875-7580) if you don't use email.