

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
July 28, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC “Sonatina, mov. 1 and 2” Kuhlau
“Shall We Gather at the River” Lowry/Livingston

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Bradbury/Ritter

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Jan Muro

Leader: In this room we gather for worship,

People: We share our struggles and count our blessings,

Leader: We pray for one another,

People: We pray for ourselves.

Leader: We come together as one in the presence of God,

People: And God meets us here, in this very room.

***OPENING HYMN** #295 “In This Very Room”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy One, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. You are the source of all light and life, and the ground of all being. Let your Holy Spirit flow among us in this hour and continue your work in and through us. For we are your branches, your people, your hands and feet in the world today. In the name of Jesus Christ 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 “Ave Verum Corpus” Mozart
Paul Shimer - soloist

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 37-40
Romans 12:04-5

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN** #492 “Many Are the Lightbeams”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot” #643
(*Congregation will join in*)

***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** #433 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Sonatina, mov. 3” Kuhlau

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

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in memory of Nancy Kunz by the Kunz family.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Bert Dahling; John Mayhew; Alan and Jayne Chesterton - Jayne is dealing with heart issues and kidney failure; 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: Board of Trustees

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

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

Search Committee: Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, August 2, 10:30 AM, Library

Summer Coffee Hour Schedule

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.

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**.

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.

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 **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.

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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