

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

August 11, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC      “Ciacona in E min”      Buxtehude  
                                 “Consider and Hear Me”      Pflueger/Wilson  
                                 “Sherzo in F”      Guilman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE      “Canonbury”      Near  
                                 Mary Wheeler

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: We turn away from the noise of the world,

**People: Drawn by a peace that passes understanding.**

Leader: We step beyond what can be known,

**People: Walking into awe and mystery.**

Leader: We leave behind our own selfish agendas,

**People: Focused instead on following Christ.**

Leader: For the kingdom of heaven is always at hand,

**People: And God is our constant companion.**

\*OPENING HYMN #557 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

PRAAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Open our eyes, O God, to see the truth and beauty of your Word; open our ears to hear your call on our lives; open our minds to receive new insights, our hearts to love as Jesus loved, our hands to give and serve, and our souls to the touch of your saving grace. Rescue us from our old ways and raise us to new ways of thinking and being, through the gentle, persistent love of Christ. 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      “My Tribute”      A. Crouch  
                                 Serena Volovski, soloist

SCRIPTURE      Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

SERMON      Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYMN #537 “My Hope Is Built”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY      “He”      J. Richards

\*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 #560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      “Fanfare on ‘Lauda anima’”      Hughes

*\*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 loving memory of Danny Wheeler by Mary, Mark and Lynn.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Deacons

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

The Schiebel family on the death of Muriel; Kim Burnham dealing with breast cancer; Cheryl Adams; Women’s Fellowship Retreat Committee as they continue to work on their upcoming fall retreat; Bert Dahling; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Dick Parker; Dick and Jane Saich; Joyce Smith; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft; Irene Wasco; Jan Peacock; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; the Search Committee; Margaret Klukas’ sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses; Jim Anderson; 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*

**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!

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**Board of Music:** 11:30 AM, Library

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**September CARILLON Deadline**  
**Tuesday, August 13**

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Deacons:** Tuesday, August 13, 7 PM, Library

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Wednesday, August 14, 1 PM, Library

**Search Committee:** Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 PM, Library

**Support Group:** Friday, August 16, 10:30 AM, Library

**Summer Coffee Hour Schedule**

Aug 18 Board of Christian Education and TPC

Aug 25 Flower and Ushering Committees

Sept 1 Board of Finance

**Needed!** A shepherd for the 3 year old-kindergarten Sunday School class and a Bell Choir Director for the Sunday School children. Contact Steve Westerberg or Linda Shivers, if interested.

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**.

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](http://www.CVCCT.org) for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.