

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

August 14, 2016

WELCOME!

We're 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.

PRELUDE "Ole Virginny Barbecue" Andino
"Sonatina" Kuhlau
"Norwegian Dance" Grieg
"A Breeze from Alabama" Joplin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP Chuck Christman

Leader: Come, listen to the One

People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Leader: Come, see the One

People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

People: who shows the salvation of God.

***OPENING HYMN** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" *(insert)*

***PRAYER of INVOCATION** *(unison)*

God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your people, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. We are ready for a new dawn that brings an everlasting day. Amen.

ANTHEM "In the Calm" S. Krippayne/T. Wood
Sherrie Schallack - soloist

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:1-15

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" *(insert - vs. 1,4)*

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE/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.

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "He's Always Been Faithful" S. Groves

***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** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *(insert)*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Wedding Marches from Norway and Sweden"
Grieg/Sodermann

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

Welcome to our guest organist Adrienne Brown.

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

Please Note: Sunday School starts at 9 AM. Any children still in church who would like to attend may join them in the educational wing.

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Helen Dyar; Bill Bennison, friend of Ann Harford; Michael Doyle and his wife Kathy (friend of Kate Cima); Dean Hockenberry, Dave Hockenberry's uncle; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister, Candy Buswell's father; Ryan Meneses; Joyce Smith; John Arthur, Susan DeProspero's father; Brian, 11 years old, fighting cancer; Meg, Bill and Holly Boutwell's sister/sister-in-law; the homeless; the hungry; gun reform; acceptance of religious diversity/skin color/sexual orientation; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria, Belgium & Pakistan; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

New additions in bold print

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall
Red and Blue FCCV Water Bottles are being sold for \$10. All proceeds go towards FCCV evangelism efforts.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

September CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, August 16

Craft Workshop: Tuesday, August 16, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us to work on ornaments and Christmas decorations for the Fair.

Theology on Tap: Thursday, August 18, 6 PM at the Parsonage

Support Group: Friday, August 19, 10:30 AM, Library

Clean-up and painting is ongoing in Kellogg Hall. Much more work needs to be completed by Rally Sunday. This is a very exciting time for our church as we “re-claim” this space. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106. **We are also in need** of “gently used” toddler toys for our Child Care Room. Please see Debi Hockenberry if you have any to donate.

Please Note: With a new program year starting, it's important that all meetings and/or events for the coming year be added to the **Church Calendar**. Requests for a specific meeting space must be made each year and have always been on a first come, first serve basis. If you have meetings to schedule and have not already done so, please contact the Church Office ASAP. Thank you.

Scrip-Your-All Update: We have raised just over \$2,734 for 2016 - more than half way to our goal of \$5,000 for the year! Gift cards may be purchased during Coffee Hour, but don't forget that you can order or get them almost instantly with Scrip Now (e-cards). Cards ordered this week will be available during Coffee Hour next Sunday. Thank you to all who are participating. We hope others will consider doing so! Visit www.ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment code F2F1CF113843L) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Pay It Forward: During August, the Pay It Forward program is asking everyone to participate by bringing in a food donation for either Cornerstone or Hockanum Valley Food Pantry. Shopping carts are located outside near the large parking lot and in the breezeway. Summer is a notoriously slow donation time, though the need doesn't change. All donations are greatly appreciated!

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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