THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC August 16, 2015

PRELUDE "Sonatina" Reinecke
"The Sacred Banquet" Widor

"Aria Rondinella" Handel

Althea Madigan - oboe

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP Carol Mento

Leader: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

People: Jesus is the living bread!

Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed

others.

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

People: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #595 "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Lord Jesus Christ, living bread from heaven, you were sent to us from God, and you have fed us with your own flesh and blood. As you live in us, fill us with lives that reflect your love and grace. Teach us to see the whole world as your world, worthy of loving; and to share freely the One who offers the Bread of Life, the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness. 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 "Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?" S. Lord

SCRIPTURE John 6:51-58

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

*HYMN #528 "Give Thanks"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Praise, Rejoice and Sing" A. Pote

*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 #550 "There's Within My Heart a Melody"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "It's Now or Never" Gold/Schroeder

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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

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 worshiping 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.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Board of Music/Library Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers...

Carl and April Gothberg on the death of their nephew, Brandon; Dick Myer, Andy's brother, in ICU in Georgia; Debbie Chase; Margaret Klukas; Bill and Connie Voigt on the loss of their son, Josh; Janita Majkowski, mother-in-law of Pat Lazeren; Candy, Lynette Melanson's sister; Dave Boucher, brother-in-law of Jen and Tim Condry; Greg Moffatt; Lillian Burnett; Becky and Ron Burr; Carol Mento; Paula Dascomb; Rachel Meneses; Joyce Smith; Mike Lazeren; Deborah Liebl; Gilmay Markunas and family; Pat Lazeren; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Bess Howe; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer's brother-in-law; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Pat Melville; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Cindy Madden; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; Adeline McGee; Kim Burnham; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in **bold** print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday School Teachers Meeting: 11:30 AM in the Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

<u>FCCV Mugs</u> are back! Only \$10 each and the money goes towards supporting our outreach efforts. Purchase a mug and receive a recipe for a Five-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake (if you've previously purchased a mug, you can pick up the recipe).

Name Tags: If you need a name tag and would like to have it by Rally Sunday, order one today during Coffee Hour or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You have a choice of a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Group: Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner Board of Missions: Tuesday, August 18, 7 PM, Library Board of Finance: Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 PM, Library Theology on Tap: Thursday, August 20, 6 PM at the Bird house

<u>Support Group</u>: Friday, August 21, 10:30 AM, Library Rev. Meg's Last Sunday/Reception: Sunday, August 23

<u>Calling All Guitar Players and Singers!</u> On Rally Sunday, August 30, we will be singing "It Is No Secret What God Can Do" and would like to do it with as many people and guitars as possible. We are also singing "We Are One Body" and are in need of singers and drummers and whatever else you want to play! We will rehearse during the week before August 30. If interested, contact Leanne Connolly at 860-462-4694 or lconnolly1825@gmail.com. Come, sing and play!

RALLY SUNDAY ~ CHURCH PICNIC August 30

Join us for the beginning of our church program year followed by a time of fun, fellowship and games!
Bring a picnic lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

<u>Please Note</u>: Beginning on Rally Sunday, August 30, Sunday School will end at 11:15 AM instead of when the worship service is over. <u>Due to this change, we ask that no after church meetings be scheduled until 11:30 AM.</u>

<u>Calling All Women...</u>Did you know that you are automatically a member of Women's Fellowship? Check out the poster in the Narthex for interesting facts about Women's Fellowship over the years and watch for a schedule of events for the coming year that will be available on Rally Sunday, August 30.

<u>Part Time Help Wanted!</u> Looking for a way to participate in a church committee that doesn't require a long-term commitment or attending monthly meetings? Stewardship and Evangelism may be the place for you! We are looking for someone (high school age or older) interested in writing a new, monthly "guess who" segment for the Carillon. Contact Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo.com).

<u>Please Note</u>: To request a visit with one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.

<u>Sunday School registration forms</u> are now available. Please complete a form if you have children who will be attending Sunday School.

<u>Two volunteers with music experience needed</u> to work with a children's music program. This program will include Sunday performances. If interested, please contact Michelle Giordano (mgiordano 2@gmail.com) or Leanne Connolly (lconnolly 1825@gmail.com) for details.

<u>Pairs and Spares...</u> a new FCCV social group for adult members and friends (singles or those with partners) kicks off in the next couple of weeks. <u>Our first event</u> is <u>August 28</u> from 6-8 PM at <u>Cassidy Hills</u> (cassidyhillvineyard.com/events) to enjoy live music. Bring a picnic supper, lawn chair and your friends. There will be a sign or marker at the vineyard to let you know where we are meeting up. Any questions, contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

<u>Scrip-Your-All Update</u>: To date, we have earned almost \$2700. Thank you for participating! We hope you continue to do so. Visit our church website (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) for information on how to sign up or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

A <u>Crib Room</u> is available upstairs near the balcony for <u>parents with infants up to 12 months of age</u> where the worship service can be heard via intercom. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. A staffed <u>Toddler Room</u>, located downstairs in the Kellogg wing, is open for <u>children 12 months to 3 years old</u>.

The <u>Care Network</u> 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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

<u>Reminder</u>: FCCV records its Sunday worship services. These services 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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Summer Greeter/Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug 23 Board of Trustees/Ways and Means Committee

Aug 30 Board of Missions and Outreach/Women's Fellowship

Boards/Committees responsible for the designated month must provide two greeters as well as host Coffee Hour. <u>Please Note</u>: If your Board/Committee cannot participate on its scheduled Sunday, please contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172.