

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

August 25, 2013

GATHERING MUSIC "Aria" Mendelssohn  
"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" Douglas  
"The Way of the Cross Leads Home" Ritter  
"Prayer" Wagner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

CHANT for CENTERING Psalm 71: 1-6

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'Beecher'" Wilson

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Karl Prew

Leader: God of Love and Light, in this new day we come to this sacred place to worship and sing hymns of praise to you.

People: **We thank you for the gifts of blessing you bring to us this morning and every morning.**

Leader: No matter what our days and nights bring, we **know** Eternal God that you are a rock of refuge and our fortress.

People: **We will trust God every moment and learn from every life-situation.**

All: **We give our thanks to God for a love that knows no bounds.**

\*OPENING HYMN #3 "The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Eternal God, we humbly ask that you make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Please fill us with an understanding of the way you would have us lead our lives according to Jesus' teachings. Let your Spirit of Holiness breathe on us and bind us in Christian love. Then help us to take that love into our neighborhoods and, guided by your Spirit, continue to do your work. We pray this in Christ's name. 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.

A BLESSING for STUDENTS and TEACHERS

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 "Through the Eyes of a Child" Nelson/Farrell  
Rev. Stan Possell, soloist Megan Hasty, accompanist

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Luke 13: 10-17

SERMON

Rev. Joanne Myer

\*HYMN #504 "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Lord Most Holy" C. Frank

\*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 #489 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Cum Sancto" Mozart

\*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 by Geraldine Strong in memory of Norman Strong.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation: Flower and Ushering Committees

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

Gail Occhialini, friend of Bill and Millie Oliphant, dealing with leukemia; Allan Hellstrom, April Gothberg's father; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Women's Fellowship Retreat Committee; 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 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

**Sunday School Teachers/Shepherds/Music Teachers Meeting:** 11:30 AM, Library

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Trustees:** Monday, August 26, 6:30 PM, Library

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Trustees:** Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 PM, Library

**S & E:** Wednesday, August 28, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Finance:** Wednesday, August 28, 7 PM at Dave Grigg's home

**Sunday School Teachers/Shepherds/Music Teachers Meeting:** Thursday, August 29, 7 PM, Library

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

**Pictorial Directory:** We would like to start planning for a new FCCV Pictorial Directory. In order to do so, we need volunteers to form a temporary Pictorial Directory Committee. This committee will be in charge of such things as working with the photography company, promoting participation, determining dates, organizing appointments, and finding workers for the days of the photos. If you are interested in being on this temporary committee or would like more information, please contact Kate Fowler at (860) 614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

**Wanted:** Women's Fellowship is in need of donations of straw, metal, styrofoam or grapevine wreaths (round, oval, heart or any shape - used/pre-loved preferred.). Also corks, white sweaters (OK if stained or has holes), clay pots (tiny to 4" pots), burnt out light bulbs for some recycled crafts.

**Board of Missions:** Dr. Adam Daniels is planning a trip to Guatemala the week of Thanksgiving. Originally the trip was planned for October, but the pastor's wife died unexpectedly as plans were being made. For those who would like to attend please contact Dr. Daniels at adam.s.daniels@gmail.com for further information.

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.



## Rally Sunday Family Picnic

September 8  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

*Food provided by Women's Fellowship.  
Coffee and beverages  
provided by the Board of Christian Education*

We invite you to re-connect with your church family by attending the picnic following the Worship Service.

Hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and beverages will be provided.

There will be a **Scavenger Hunt** for kids of all ages, as we meet and mingle with friends old and new.

Tables will also be set up in Fellowship Hall for those who would be more comfortable inside.

**We hope to see you there!**