

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
September 6, 2015

PRELUDE	“Campin’ on the Suwanee”	Smith
	“Policy King”	Brown
	“Morning Journals”	Strauss

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Sharon Christman

Leader: The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God!

People: We will learn to be wise from Jesus as he continues to make your will known to us because God, through Jesus Christ, is still speaking.

Leader: Amid society’s clamor and chaos, *listen* for what God intends!

People: We will each do our best to hear God’s story as it unfolds with each new day.

All: Let us rejoice and worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** #330 “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story”

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Eternal God of Wisdom and Wonders, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing presence and power in our lives, for we long to be present and loving to our neighbors and to ourselves. We ask you to please come to us today bringing shalom to strengthen our witness of you to the world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL to PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION 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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-37

James 2:14-17

SERMON

Rev. Joanne Myer

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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**

POSTLUDE

“Jack Tar March”

Sousa

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

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

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Women’s Fellowship

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.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Dave Toolan; Lillian Morse; Becky and Ron Burr; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer, Margaret Klukas; 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; 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

Church Family Picnic: 11:30 AM

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Name Tags: If you need one, you may order it today or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlick@aol.com). You have a choice of a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested. Orders placed today can be picked up on September 13.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Labor Day: Monday, September 7. The Church Office is closed.

Men's Group: Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, September 8, 1 PM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, September 8, 7 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 10, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 10, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, September 11, 10:30 AM, Library

Missions: Saturday, September 12, 10 AM, Library

Pairs and Spares: We had a great time at our kick-off event! Thanks to all who attended. Our next event will be a hike through Valley Falls Park on **Saturday, September 12.** We'll meet in the parking lot at 10 AM. This will be our only September event due to other scheduled events at FCCV. We hope you take part in the Shred Event/Book/Mum/Bake Sale on Saturday, September 19 and the Women's Fellowship Retreat on September 25-26. Events are being planned for October through December. Stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information. If you have ideas or any questions, contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747.

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

Ladies, Please Note: the correct date for the Women's Fellowship Retreat is Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26.

Scrip-Your-All Update: To date we have earned \$2,918. Thank you and we hope you keep participating....as you can see, it does make a difference. Not participating? Check out our FCCV website for complete information on how to sign up (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Two volunteers with music experience needed to work with a children's music program. This program will include Sunday performances. If interested, please contact Michelle Giordano (mgiordano2@gmail.com) or Leanne Connolly (lconnolly1825@gmail.com) for details.

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. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. A staffed **Toddler Room**, located downstairs in the Kellogg wing, is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**

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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

Reminder: 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.

Are you interested in helping our churches open their hearts and doors to all those who have a disability, whether it be physical, mental or developmental? A national conference with the theme "Widening the Welcome" sponsored by United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries will be held in Hartford, September 14-16. You are welcome to get involved. For more information, go to "Widening the Welcome" on the internet or call Jim Silver at 860-632-7279.