

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.

Sunday School Staff Being Commissioned Today

Sunday School Superintendent: Deb Hampton

Jr. High/Confirmation: Greg Mias and Val Ellis

Primary: Jen Condry; **Assistants:** Hannah Ramsdell and Sophie Becker

Elementary: Karen Bradford and Christa Hockenberry; **Assistants:** Emily Hampton and GloryAnna Hockenberry

Pre-K: Millie Oliphant; **Assistant:** Megan Hasty

Nursery: April Calvelli

Music: Steve Westerberg and Ashley Markunas

J*Walkrz: Greg Mias, Debi Hockenberry and Suzie Scheffler

Sunday School Volunteers Still Needed - one Primary teacher and one Pre-K Assistant. If you love children and can spare a Sunday or two a month, please talk to Deb Hampton or Debi Hockenberry. You do not need to be a parent of a child in Sunday School. All are welcome. Thank you!

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Name Tags: If you ordered one you may pick it up today. If you need one, you may order it today 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

Mind and Spirit Support Group: Monday, September 14, 7 PM, Library

Bible Study: Monday, September 14, 11 AM, Library

Women's Fellowship Retreat Committee: Monday, September 14, 7 PM, PF Room

October CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, September 15

Men's Group: Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

BCE: Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings and Memorials: Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, September 16, 1 PM, Library

Finance: Wednesday, September 16, 7 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 17, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 17, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, September 18, 10:30 AM, Library

Shred Event/ Book/Mum/Bake Sale: Saturday, September 19, 9 AM-1 PM in the church parking lot (shredding will be available from 9 AM-Noon). For \$10 per box (a copy paper box that holds 10 reams of paper) we will unload your car and you may watch your personal data being disposed of! Donations of books and baked goods would be appreciated. Books may be dropped off the week before the event. Baked goods may be dropped off on the morning of the event. For additional information, contact Carol Slicer at (860) 872-2690.

Aid for Syrian Refugees: We have the opportunity to work with the organization NuDay Syria which funds many programs to aid those still living in war-torn Syria and those who have been displaced to refugee camps in surrounding countries. These people are in desperate need, most having fled with nothing. For the next month, we will be collecting new and gently-used clothing, bedding and other items to be delivered directly to those in need by NuDay Syria. Please see Cathy Foote after church in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Ladies Lunch: Our next luncheon will be Tuesday, September 29 at noon at Mitchell's. Anyone needing a ride should call Jan Muro at 860-872-1757. So we can have a head count, please sign up on the sheet posted in Fellowship Hall. We meet monthly on the last Tuesday. Mark your calendars and join us!

Pairs and Spares: Did you miss our hike at Valley Falls Park this past Saturday? Pictures of this event and our trip to Cassidy Hill Vineyard are posted downstairs. September is a busy month for FCCV, so this was our only September event. Our next event will be **Line Dancing on October 3** at the TKB. Cost is \$10. BYOB and BYO snacks and food. Come and dance or just enjoy some good music and company. If you have ideas for future events or any questions, contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747.

"Be God's hands and feet, do something each day to serve others." This is the motto Church Council chose for the coming year. With this in mind, here is a chance for you to serve children at Maple Street Community School for just an hour a week. Every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 3-5:15 PM, volunteers are needed to read to students. In the past, we have sent "Reading Buddies" to read to students from kindergarten through fifth grade. This year, the program will continue at Maple Street School but it will be run by the YMCA. The program may vary a bit but the need is still there. If interested, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board opposite the coat room downstairs. For more information call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106. If an every-week commitment does not work for you, please check the Christian Board of Ed sign-up sheet (on the same bulletin board) to volunteer on a one-time basis for events during the year. Thank you.

School Store: The Board of Missions purchased school supplies that were delivered on August 22 to the Hockanum Valley Community Council for distribution to needy students. Due to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to provide 10 backpacks and related supplies, including crayons, markers, pencil cases, glue sticks, binders, binder inserts, filler paper, notebooks, pens, colored pencils and erasers. Thank you!

Scrip-Your-All Update: To date we have earned \$2,952. 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 (mgjordano2@gmail.com) or Leanne Connolly (lconnolly1825@gmail.com) for details.

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

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.