

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC  
September 15, 2013

**PRELUDE** “Sonata” Cirri  
“In Heavenly Love Abiding” G. Martin  
“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” Thompson  
“A Thousand and One Nights” Strauss, Jr.

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

**CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Pat Lazeren

Leader: We are God’s works of art,

**People:** Each one a masterpiece – a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter’s delight.

Leader: We are God’s handiwork,

**People:** Every one of us - shaped with infinite compassion, woven together in love.

Leader: We are God’s creation,

**People:** All of us - touched by grace, saved by faith and prompted to sing praise.

\***OPENING HYMN** #33 “How Great Thou Art”

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

**Holy One, you are the potter and we are the clay. Grant that we may yield to your touch so we may be changed in ways that are pleasing to you. By your Holy Spirit, mold us and shape us, continue your creative work in us. Let your love shape us into the community you have called us to be. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. 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, which 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** “Many Gifts, One Spirit” A. Pote

**SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 18: 1-6

**SERMON** Rev. Meg Watson

\***HYMN** #261 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “As Long As I Have Breath”

\***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** #683 “O for a World”

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** “Rondo” 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 in memory of Ashlee Tomko by the Tomko family.

**The flowers on the Marbletop Table** are given with love and appreciation to commemorate Pastor Meg Watson’s installation at our church today. May our ministry together be long and fruitful!

**Greeters:** Marilyn Newton and Elly Swan

**Coffee Hour:** Women’s Fellowship

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Jan Peacock** and family on the loss of her niece Barbara Sartori; **Chantelle Fuller**, friend of Debi Hockenberry; Pat Melville and family on the loss of her husband, Jim; Pat Nye recovering from shoulder surgery; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol’s granddaughter Devon, suffering from a rare autoimmune disease, neuromyelitis optica (NMO); Gail Occhialini, friend of Bill and Millie Oliphant, dealing with leukemia; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Women’s Fellowship Retreat Committee; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; 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**

Immediately after the worship service, the Associate Pastor Search Committee will hold an informal question and answer meeting for those who are interested in the search process and the Associate Pastor candidate, Robin Bird.

Service of Installation for Rev. Meg Watson: 3 PM in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

Men's Club: Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Finance: Tuesday, September 17, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, September 17, 7 PM, Chapel

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, September 18, 1 PM, Library

Stewardship & Evangelism: Wednesday, September 18, 7 PM, Chapel

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, September 19, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, September 20, 10:30 AM, Library

Shred Event-Book/Bake/Mum Sale: Saturday, September 21, 9 AM-2PM

Joe's Day: Saturday, September 21, 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This concert honors the memory of Joe Connolly and will benefit both FCCV and the Youth Music Festival group that he led for so many years. The concert is free but donations will be accepted at the door. A reception will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall.

Candidate Weekend for Robin Bird: Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22  
On Saturday, the Associate Pastor Search Committee will host a Meet and Greet from 2-4 PM in Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, Robin will lead us in worship.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**September 22, 2013**

*in the Sanctuary immediately following the Worship Service*  
to hear and act upon the Call for our new Associate Pastor  
as recommended by the Search Committee.

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.

Please Note: Our Worship Service has returned to its original time. Instead of starting with the announcements at 9:50 AM, as we have been doing for some time, we are once again beginning promptly at 10 AM.

Please Note: There will be **no Sunday school classes on September 22.** A supervised movie will be shown in the Library for the older children. The Toddler Room will be staffed and open for the younger children. Teacher Appreciation will take place during worship. Youth Fellowship voted to **change their meeting time** to 5-6:30 PM. Please make note of this change on the October calendar that went out with the Carillon. Our next meeting will be October 6 from 5-6:30.

Confirmation Class originally scheduled for September 21 **has been changed to September 22** at 12:30 PM.

Thank You! The Board of Missions would like to thank the congregation for supporting our School Store program. Your generous donations allowed us to donate backpacks and school supplies to children in need through the Hockanum Valley Community Council.

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.**

Women's Fellowship Retreat: If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A deposit of \$56.50 is required. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066.

Acolytes Needed! To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at DelytheK@yahoo.com or (860) 872-3004.

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 (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

The By-Laws Revision Committee needs your input! We are reviewing the church by-laws to determine what changes or corrections need to be made to insure our church organizational guideline is current as we move forward. To complete this process, we need input from each Board/Committee. We ask each Board/Committee to look at the section of the by-laws that pertains to them. Contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172 or tsweetasc@aol.com with any suggested changes.

Reminder: FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2004. These worship services, edited to 58 minutes, 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. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Please Wear Your Name Tag! Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860)875-7580.



## SERVICE of INSTALLATION

for

**Rev. Meg Watson**

as

Senior Pastor of the First Congregational  
Church of Vernon, U.C.C.

**TODAY**

3 PM in the Sanctuary

Reception Buffet to follow in Fellowship Hall  
We encourage you to attend the service at 3 PM,  
however, if that is not possible,  
do join us for the reception anytime between 4-5:30 PM.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shred Event

### Book/Mum/Bake Sale

*sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee*

**Saturday, September 21**

**in the church parking lot**

This event is open to the public, so spread the word!

**Shredding** will be available from **9 AM-Noon**.

The **Book/Mum/Bake Sale** will continue until **2 PM**.

Are you an individual or business owner with a need to shred documents that are more than your home shredder can handle? 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** for the Book Sale may be dropped off at the church the week before the event. **Donations** of **Baked Goods** are also needed.

They may be dropped off at church on the morning of the event.

Thanks in advance.

For additional information, contact Carol Slicer at (860) 872-2690.