



**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'S ACTIVITIES**

**Memorial Garden:** 11:30 AM, Library

## **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**

**Bible Study:** Monday, September 21, 11 AM, Library

**Basket Group:** Monday, September 21, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Laity Committee:** Monday, September 21, 7 PM, Library

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

**Trustees:** Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, September 24, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, September 24, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, September 25, 10:30 AM, Library

**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 - Line Dancing on Saturday, October 3** at the TKB. Doors open at 6:15 PM with music starting at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$10. BYOB, snacks and food. Come and dance or just enjoy the music and company. Also, mark your calendars for a **Bring-Your-Own Picnic Dinner** and **Fire Pit** event on **Saturday, October 17** at 6 PM, location TBD and **Apple and Pumpkin Picking** on Saturday, October 24, location and time TBD (prior to noon with a picnic lunch.) If you have ideas for future events or any questions, contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

**Thank You!** The Furnishings & Memorials Committee extends a big "thank you" to Steve Morse who generously shared his time and talent repairing several of the Deacons' chairs and installing the new cushions and seatbacks that were reupholstered by Kellners.

**"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.

**Scrip-Your-All Update:** To date we have earned \$3074. Thank you and we hope you keep participating....as you can see, it does make a difference. Did you know that we have over 30 company gift cards available for sale during Coffee Hour? Choose from restaurants, home goods and clothing stores and more. You can also participate by purchasing online. 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.

**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 24-26. 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.