

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.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Women's Fellowship

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Garden: 11:15 AM, Library

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

Board of Music: 11:45 AM, PF Room

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Have your **blood pressure checked** by one of our Parish Nurses. You may also **sign up** to be a **donor and/or volunteer** for the **Blood Drive** on October 8.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Tuesday, September 23, 11 AM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, September 24, 1 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, September 24, 7 PM, Chapel

Trustees: Wednesday, September 24, 7 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 25, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 25, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, September 26, 10:30 AM, Library

Laity Committee: Friday, September 26, 6 PM, Library

J*WALKRZ: Sunday, September 28, 3:30-5 PM in Kellogg Hall. Be like ... there!

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting a "**Welcome Back to Sunday School**" **Continental Breakfast** on Sunday, October 19 from 8:30-9:30 AM. All Sunday School teachers, parents and children are encouraged to attend.

Craft Circle, Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM. The Holiday Fair is rapidly approaching. We are meeting each Monday evening to finish up crafts for the Fair. Feel free to stop in any time to help. All skill levels are welcome. Show us some ideas for different projects or pick up a craft kit to work on at home. For more information, contact Daryl, 871-8594. Thanks!

Thank you to the congregation from the Board of Missions and Outreach for supporting our School Store project on Rally Sunday. Due to your generosity, we were able to purchase 10 backpacks and related supplies (binders, filler paper, pencil cases, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, calculators, etc.) to help families in need as children recently returned to school.

The **Scrip-Your-All** momentum continues! Your participation through Sunday sales and electronic cards has helped FCCV earn rebates of approximately **\$4,800 towards our \$6,000 year end goal!** Did you know that participating by buying just \$100 a month in gift cards makes a significant impact to earnings for FCCV? Grocery cards earn FCCV between 4% and 6%, while retail and dining cards can earn up to 15%. Please stop down during Coffee Hour and check out our new plastic card offerings, including gas, food and tunes and the 120+ eCards that we can print for immediate use (from Amazon to Zappos!). Don't forget about the ShopWithScrip app which allows you to take participating eCards with you on your smart phone.

Name Tags: If you ordered a name tag it is available for pick-up at the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. If you need a name tag you can order it any Sunday during Coffee Hour or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You can choose a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

The Town of Vernon Fire Department is offering **Heartsaver CPR/AED** for the community. The next class is scheduled for October 1 from 6:30-9:30 PM. If there is a group of 6 or more, a class can be scheduled for Monday, September 22 or any Monday after that. The cost is \$15 and the Parish Nurses will pay \$10 of that cost. The classes will be held at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West St., Vernon. Since we have an AED in the church, we are required to have members of the congregation who, in the event of an emergency, would be able to provide CPR and use the AED. This is a change from our regular class. It is cheaper and will allow some exposure within the community. The class is very interesting and will provide you with the skills that may save someone's life. Please get involved. You are needed!! **Please notify Delythe Kracke at 860-872-3004 or Delythek@yahoo.com if you are interested.**

Acolytes Needed! To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at 860-872-1757 or DelytheK@yahoo.com.

Please Note: 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.**

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. Check your local listings or go to 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.

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.