

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC**  
September 22, 2013

**PRELUDE**                 "English Suite"                     J. S. Bach  
                                "Sonata in F"                         Mozart  
                                "The Happy Wanderer"             Ridge/Moller

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PAY IT FORWARD**

**ACOLYTES**

**CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*)                     Tony Muro

Leader: Like a tree planted by the river,  
**People: We are deeply rooted in God's love.**  
Leader: Like leaves dancing in the wind,  
**People: We are moved by the breath of the Spirit.**  
Leader: Like a bird pouring out sweet melodies,  
**People: We lift our voices in joyful praise.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #2 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

**Loving God, we are grateful for this time with you. Draw us close in this hour, linger long among us, speak into our lives and make your will and wishes known to us, for you are our God and we are your people, and in everything, we seek to honor you. In Jesus' name 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.**

**TEACHER COMMISSIONING**

Congregational Response  
**We celebrate with joy this opportunity to partner with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, support your ministry and assist you in every way possible that together we may raise up disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE**             Luke 16: 1-13

**SERMON**   Robin Bird

**\*HYMN** #615 "I Shall Not Be Moved"

**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** #619 "My Life Flows On" (*vs. 1, 2 and 4*)

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**                 "Alleluia!"                                     Blake

*\*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

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Adeline McGee**, Millie Oliphant's mother dealing with dementia; 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!

### **Sunday School Teachers**

3 year-K: Jena Maki, Jaclyn Leonard; shepherds - Megan and Haley Hasty

Grade 1/2: Cheryl Turner, Jennifer Jensen; shepherds - Hannah Ramsdell, Sophie Becker

Grade 3-5: Deb Bartos, Jacquelyn Mead; shepherds - Diane Mead, Nick Bartos

Grade 6-8: Greg Mias, Valerie Ellis

**Music:** Steve Westerberg, Cheryl Turner, Gaile Dembeck; Substitutes: Suzanne Maki, Debi Hockenberry, Kelsey Wilson

**Superintendents:** Christa Hockenberry, Cherish Hockenberry

**Assistant Superintendent:** Jen Condry

**Child Care:** GloryAnna Hockenberry, Emily Hampton

### **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**Please Note:** There is **no Sunday school today**. A supervised movie is being shown in the Library for the older children. The Toddler Room will be staffed and open for the younger children.

**Confirmation Class:** 12:30 PM

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*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.

The flooding in Colorado has prompted the largest aerial response in the US since Hurricane Katrina. Twelve hundred people remain unaccounted for and five killed. The disaster area is the size of Connecticut. Donating is the best way to help.

**Emergency Relief envelopes have been provided in today's bulletin.** Please make checks payable to Missions referencing "Colorado flood relief." Every bit helps - \$2 provides a child a snack, \$10 provides a hot meal. We are grateful for your support. The Board of Missions

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Craft Group:** Monday, September 23, 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Craft Group:** Tuesday, September 24, 10 AM-Noon, Fellowship Hall

**Trustees:** Wednesday, September 25, 7 PM, Chapel

**Missions:** Wednesday, September 25, 7 PM, Library, Fellowship Hall

**Bell Choir:** Thursday, September 26, 6:30 PM, PF Room

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, September 26, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, September 27, 10:30 AM, Library

**Blood Mobile:** Thursday October 6 from 1-6 PM in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Parish Nurses. Volunteers are needed to give blood, help that day or provide baked finger foods or sandwiches. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Doe Simmonds, 860-875-0841.

**Reading Buddies** will begin the week of October 7. If you have signed up to be a weekly reader or substitute at Maple Street School, please attend a **brief meeting on Sunday, September 29** at 11:15 AM in the Library. Folders of information will be passed out at this time. We ask that you fill out the required paperwork at this meeting. If you can not attend or have any questions, please contact Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

**The Teaching Parish Committee is happy to announce** that our most recent student, Joseph Tobin, is currently serving as Interim Minister at the Congregational Church of Hampton, CT. His Service of Ordination will be held at his home church, First Congregational Church of West Hartford on Sunday, October 20 at 3PM. The TPC will be attending and anyone from FCCV is invited to attend as well. Congratulations to the congregation for again helping to provide training to another minister!

**Let's Make It Shine!** It's time to spruce things up at FCCV! The Trustees are having a **Work Day** on **Saturday, November 9** from 9 AM-4 PM to take care of some cleaning in and around the church. We will be dusting, washing, organizing, fixing and doing general cleaning. Come join us for the day, the morning or the afternoon - whatever fits your schedule. Lunch and some good fellowship will be provided free of charge! If you are willing to help out and lend a hand contact Sue Mias at 860-872-4629.

**Name Tags:** You may have noticed that the members of the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee have started wearing a different type of name tag. The name tags are quite durable, and hold up to carrying in a purse, car or drawer without bending. If you are interested in having a name tag such as this, please see one of the Stewardship and Evangelism members or contact Kate Fowler, 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com or Jim Montlick, 860-871-9191 or jamontlick@aol.com. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested to cover the cost, but is not required.

**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 embroidery hoops (preferably used and small, 3-4" but any size will work), metal graters, burlap (ribbon or fabric - any size or color), wall frames (distressed or scratched OK), dryer vent hoses, springs and bed springs.

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**.

**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.