

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

September 28, 2014

PRELUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach
“Prelude on ‘Morning Star’” Balcombe
“Menuetto” Haydn
“Triumphal March” Grieg

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive) Jim Wilson

Leader: In this room we gather for worship,

People: We share our struggles and count our blessings,

Leader: We pray for one another,

People: We pray for ourselves,

Leader: We come together as one,

People: And God meets us here, in this very room.

*OPENING HYMN #295 “In This Very Room”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Holy One, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. You are the source of all light and life, and the ground of all being. Let your Holy Spirit flow among us in this hour and continue your work in us and through us. For you are God and we are your beloved people. In the name of Jesus Christ 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.

COMMISSIONING of DCE and FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENT

Congregational Response (unison)

We celebrate with joy this opportunity to partner with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love, support, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who 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 “Then Sings My Soul” S. Hine

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-13

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. V. Thompson

*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 #357 “We Call Ourselves Disciples” (vs. 1, 4 and 5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Ecce Sacerdos Magnus” Bruckner

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.

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.

The Flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Sanctuary Choir to honor our Choir Director, Leanne Connolly, for her birthday, yesterday, September 27.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Jeanne Allie, friend of Cathy Foote; Karen Prewo; Pat Lazeren; Sharon Lacey dealing with lung cancer; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer’s brother-in-law, seriously injured in an accident; Maggie and David Minnick (Maggie is recovering from a fall); Joyce Smith; Mike Swan; Becky Burr; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Amy Freisinger; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Mary White; Eleanor Sweet; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Will and Diane Livermore; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Lorrie Dobson; Lillian Burnett; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Pat Lazeren; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs

New additions in bold print

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Women's Fellowship

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Reading Buddies Meeting: 11:30 AM, Library

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

J*WALKRZ: 3:30 PM AM, PF Room. Be like ... there!

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Sign up to be a **donor and/or volunteer** for the **Blood Drive** on October 8.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Tuesday, September 30, 11 AM, Library

Council: Wednesday, October 1, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, October 2, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 2, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, October 3, 10:30 AM, Library

Choir Rehearsals: Saturday, October 4, 9:30 AM

Craft Workshop: Saturday, October 4, 10 AM-2 PM, Fellowship Hall

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!

Scrip-Your-All: WOW! Last week was the best earning week since the start of our program! FCCV earned approximately \$125, bringing our total earnings to just over **\$4,925 towards our \$6,000 year end goal!** If you are not yet participating, please consider doing so, considering giving up your credit card earning points for our higher earning cards! As you can see, even participating by buying just \$50-100 a month in gift cards makes a significant impact to our earnings. Grocery cards earn us between 4% and 6%, while retail and dining cards can earn up to 15%. Stop down at Coffee Hour to learn more.

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.**

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.

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.