

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

Reading Buddies: 11:15 AM in the Library. If you have signed up to be a weekly reader or substitute at Maple Street School, please attend this **brief** meeting. 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.

Transformers: 11:30 AM, Choir Room. All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to join us.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. Inserts with more information are included in today's bulletin. Next Sunday, October 6, this special offering will be taken. It needs your support. Please give generously. Thank you, The Board of Missions

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Please visit our Board of Christian Education table where you can find information on our Celebration of Families Breakfast, Trunk or Treating, Youth Fellowship, Children's Activities basket and more.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, September 30, 10 AM-noon and 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

Deacons: Monday, September 30, 6:30 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study with Rev. Meg Watson: Tuesday, October 1, 11 AM in her office

Council: Wednesday, October 2, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Agenda items should be turned in to Moderator Tom Sweet no later than today.

Blood Mobile: Thursday, October 3 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.

Bell Choir: Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, October 3, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, October 4, 10:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship meeting: Sunday, October 6, 5-6:30 PM (please note time change)

Youth Fellowship - Lake Compounce: Saturday, October 19 from 4-11 PM. Cost of \$35 covers chaperones too (depending on how many sign up, we might be able to get group tickets, which are cheaper). **Sign-up is mandatory** so we will know how many cars/chaperones are needed. Sign up on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library.

Memorial Garden Work Day: Saturday, October 19. Anyone willing to lend a hand is welcome.

Youth Missions, Confirmation Class and Youth Fellowship: We will be scheduling a meeting to plan Youth Sunday (October 20). If interested in participating, please sign up on the bulletin board and we will contact you with the meeting date and time.

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 wreathes (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, bed springs and gauze (pads or rolls, discolored OK).

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**.

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).