

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 12, 2014

PRELUDE	“The Song of the Robin”	Warren
	“Dog – Cat Polka”	Antheil
	“The Swan”	Saint-Saens
	“Awakening of the Lion”	Kontski

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: We gather together, centered in the promises of God,

People: **Caught in the embrace of grace,**

Leader: Lifted up by stories of faith,

People: **Welcomed into the house of blessing.**

Leader: We gather together in love and in faith

People: **To worship and serve our God.**

\*OPENING HYMN #276 “We Gather Together”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

We come together in your presence, O God, to think again about your love for the world as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our spiritual eyes that we may see more clearly and respond more fully to your gentle, guiding hand. 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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM – Kadence Michael Cheney

Congregational Response (*unison*)

We promise our love, support, and care to this child and his family as he grows in faith and faithfulness. With God’s help, we promise to guide and encourage him, by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

\*BAPTISM HYMN #75 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

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 “This Little Light of Mine”  
*Little Bells*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-4

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Seek First the Kingdom” M. McDonald

\*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 #601 “I Am Thine, O Lord”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “One Heart, One Mind” Strauss

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

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

We rejoice in the baptism of Kadence Michael Cheney, son of Amy and Nick Cheney. Welcome to Kadence’s sponsors, Sarah Shaw and Andrew Biehl.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in memory of Vera Osborn by her nephew and his wife, Bruce and Linda Downing.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in celebration of the marriage of Abbie Welch and Nathan Slicer, yesterday.

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Ibby Cummings**, Hal Cummings’ wife; **John McCormick**, friend of Tony Muro; Tom and Lynn Sweet on the loss of his mother, Eleanor Sweet; Jeanne Allie, friend of Cathy Foote; Karen Prewo; Pat Lazeren; Sharon Lacey; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer’s brother-in-law; Maggie and David Minnick; Joyce Smith; Mike Swan; Becky Burr; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Mary White; 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; 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*

## **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

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Ways and Means Committee

### **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**Transformers Rehearsal:** 11:30 AM, Choir Room

**Blessing of the Animals:** 1 PM on the lawn

**J\*WALKRZ Team Building Retreat:** TONIGHT beginning at 7 PM with a sleepover, ending on Monday at 8 AM. If parents are working on Monday, we will provide rides home. Friends are welcome! Everyone needs a permission slip (one signed slip is good for the entire year). Any questions, please contact Debi Hockenberry.

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

**Ways & Means:** Monday, October 12, 7 PM, Library

**Craft Group:** Monday, October 12, 6:30-8:30 PM. We are finishing up crafts for the Fair. Feel free to stop in any time to help. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Daryl, 871-8594. Thanks!

### **November CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, October 14**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, October 14, 11 AM, Library

**Deacons:** Tuesday, October 14, 7 PM, Library

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, October 15, 1 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, October 16, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, October 16, 7:30 PM

**Support Group:** Friday, October 17, 10:30 AM, Library

**Laity Sunday Rehearsal:** Friday, October 17, 6 PM, Sanctuary

**TAG SALE:** Saturday, October 18, 9 AM-2PM, sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. Donations may be dropped off in the Breezeway this week. Large items will be accepted on Friday, the day before the sale.

**"Welcome Back to Sunday School" Continental Breakfast,** Sunday, October 19 from 8:30-9:30 AM, hosted by the Board of Christian Education. All Sunday School teachers, parents and children are encouraged to attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat:** Sunday, October 26 after the Worship Service. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to Sunday School. We will be collecting treats from the trunks of our parishioners' cars on the Center Road side of the church...you don't want to miss this! Sign up in the Breezeway or in Fellowship Hall.

**Variety Show:** Friday, October 24, 7PM in the Sanctuary. Suggested Donation: \$10 adults/\$7 students and seniors. All proceeds will benefit the Les Childs Music Scholarship. Refreshments to follow.

**J\*WALKRZ:** On **October 26**, we will be going to the **Haunted Graveyard** at Lake Compounce. Bring your friends! We will go as a group. Any adults who would like to chaperone are welcome. If we have a group of 25, the cost will be \$27 (fewer than 25 will cost \$31). A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library. Please sign up and give your check to Debi Hockenberry as soon as possible.

The J\*WALKRZ are also planning a **trip to St. John the Divine Cathedral** in New York City on January 23-24 for an "Interspiritual Nightwatch" program where we will sleep over at the Cathedral. To hold your spot, we need a \$50 deposit by the end of October. We're hoping to do fundraising to cover the additional cost. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hockenberry.

**Singers!** Anyone interested in singing the Christmas Cantata, "Holy Night of Miracles" by Lloyd Larson, please contact Leanne Connolly. The Cantata will be sung during the worship service on December 7.

**Wanted to Borrow** - Christmas garlands, standing indoor and outdoor Christmas figures (at least 3 feet tall), and lighted trees (3 - 4 feet tall) for the Holiday Fair. If you have some we can borrow, please call Joanne Myer, 872-9222. Thank you.

Have you walked through FCCV's **Memorial Garden?** No matter the time of year, it makes for a very spiritual walk. The Memorial Garden Committee is always looking for new members to help care for the Garden. We need volunteers to help with planting and weeding; to help families choose a site and then prepare interment sites; to handle the paperwork and finances and manual labor for care of the garden. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Chairman Jane Morse.

The **Scrip-Your-All** momentum continues. To date, we have earned rebates of approximately **\$5,300!** Participating by buying just \$100 a month in gift cards makes a significant impact to our earnings. Stop down during Coffee Hour to check out our plastic card offerings which now include Starbucks! Several of the gift cards can be used in multiple places like Bed Bath & Beyond/ Christmas Tree Shops, D'Angelo/Papa Gino's, Outback/Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's, Longhorn/Olive Garden. There are also 120+ eCards (from Amazon to Zappos!) that we can print for immediate use.

**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.

**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**.