

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 14, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cynthia Carr

PAY IT FORWARD

SEASON of GIVING MOMENT

Lynn Sweet

ACOLYTES

Hunter Pare, Melina Toolan

PRELUDE

WORDS of REFLECTION

"Jesus is never upset at sinners; he is only upset with people who do not think they are sinners."

Richard Rohr

*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP

Ashley Markunas

Leader: We are gathered together this morning because there is nothing better we can do.

People: We cannot do better than worshiping the God of all creation.

Leader: We cannot do better than seeking after the ways of Christ.

People: We cannot do better than sharing the fellowship of others who are drawn by God's welcoming and empowering Spirit.

All: With our presence, we offer our praise.

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

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION

Megan Hasty

Come, O God, and be present with us today in your holy word. Let it speak to us as we worship, as a living, loving and uniting instrument of your glory. Give us a heart that waits upon you for guidance and direction. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90: 12-17

Emily Hampton

Leader: Teach us how short our life is, so that we may become wise.

People: How much longer will your anger last? Have pity, O Lord, on your servants!

Leader: Fill us each morning with your constant love, so that we may sing and be glad all our life.

People: Give us now as much happiness as the sadness you gave us during all our years of misery.

Leader: Let us, your servants, see your mighty deeds; let our descendants see your glorious might.

People: Lord, our God, may your blessings be with us. Give us success in all we do!

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (unison... "debts")

(Children may leave for Sunday School after the Lord's Prayer.)

ANTHEM "Come Ye Blessed"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – Sandy Blair (Hockanum Valley Day

Care Director) on the loss of her mother, Bertha Bray

*PRAYER HYMN #259 "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice)

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Mark 10: 17-31

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Only Thou Art Holy"

M. McDonald

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION (unison)

Thank you God for the opportunity to share in your creative and redemptive work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully a faithful community to your Word and love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #717 "Let All Things Now Living"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Bert and Helen Dahling in honor of their anniversary.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in celebration of the birthdays of Melissa and her grandmother, Jean Rydberg, by the Kracke family.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment after the worship service to sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Guests are encouraged to use the Pew Cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates with the offering.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Do you know someone who might like to receive a Prayer Shawl? One of these shawls is a comforting gift during times of illness, hospitalization, bereavement or during a difficult situation in someone's life. They are also given for special times of joy in a person's life (new baby, birthday, wedding, etc.). Today during Coffee Hour the Prayer Shawl Group will have a display of shawls available. You may choose one along with an appropriate prayer to go with it. The shawls are free of charge.

There will be a question and answer time with the Search Committee at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Babysitting is available in the Toddler Room. Confirmation students will attend this meeting and then meet in the Library for class.

Thank you for your generous donations to Neighbors in Need. To date, we have collected \$264. If you missed the opportunity to donate last Sunday, you may donate today by writing a check to FCCV, including "Neighbors in Need" in the memo. The Board of Missions

Please Note: The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class will now be meeting in Kellogg Hall.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group Monday, October 15, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Deacons: Monday, October 15, 7 PM, Chapel

November CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, October 16

Men's Club: Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Finance: Tuesday, October 16, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, October 16, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, October 17, 1 PM, Library

Library: Wednesday, October 17, 7 PM, Library

Laity Committee Rehearsal: Thursday, October 18, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 18, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, October 19, 10:30 AM, Library

Anniversary Committee: Friday, October 12, 2 PM, Library

Music at First Presents

**Sweet Adelines
Millennium Magic Chorus
Double Trouble Quartet
Voice Activated Quartet**

Sunday, October 21 at 4 PM

Join us for a terrific afternoon of barbershop harmony.

Suggested donation - \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! A book sale will be part of the Holiday Fair on November 2 and 3. Proceeds will benefit the Library as we try to make it a more modern media center. If you have books to donate, please leave them in boxes or bags in the Library. If you have any questions or need books picked up from your home, please call Daryl at 860-871-8594.

Please Note: On October 28, in order to give everyone a chance to hear the candidate's sermon, there will be no Sunday School (the Toddler Room will be open for children 5 years and younger). Babysitting will be available after the service for the congregational vote.

AED/CPR Class, Saturday, November 10 at 9 AM. The class usually lasts from 2-3 hours and will cover the basics of CPR and usage of the AED. Since we have an AED on the church property, we, as a congregation, are required to have members, who in the event of an emergency, would be qualified to perform CPR and use the AED properly. The class will be given by CPROHeart and should be attended by those who were certified two years ago and by anyone interested in learning this life-saving skill. The class is being sponsored by the Parish Nurses who will pay half the cost (the more attending, the less the cost will be). Contact Delythe Kracke (DelytheK@yahoo.com or (860) 872-3004) with questions or to sign up for the class.

Please Note: The Audit, Safe Church and Stewardship and Evangelism Committees' terms start in January of each year. With 2013 just around the corner, we are in need of people willing to serve on these committees. If interested, please contact Tony Muro at 860-872-1757 (home), 860-875-9498 (work) or tonymuro@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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).

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**.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... George and Joan Apel; Ann Harford and family on the loss of her husband William; Alec Montgomery recovering from wrist surgery; Mike Kermode deployed in Afghanistan; Mike Swan; Allan Chesterton; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); Deborah Costello, friend of Angel Hockenberry, (breast cancer); Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Ray Turner, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner (stroke); Martha Fowler (cancer); Michael Bebrin; the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; FCCV Search Committee; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell (heart); Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann, friend of the Gerakaris'; John Mayhew; John Kaminski, Susan Moreau's father; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase