

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

Laity Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2015

WELCOME!

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.

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hegarty
 "Sonata Movement" Guilmant
 "Divertissement" Vierne

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Dave Grigg

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

***CALL to WORSHIP** Hannah Ramsdell

Leader: "Get out of bed, sleepy head!" we heard a voice say: an alarm clock, a mother, a father, a husband or wife, an excited child.

People: "Eat breakfast," Get dressed," "Hurry up-let's go!" And so we are here.

Leader: But are we really? Wake us up, God! Really!

People: **Wake us up!**

Leader: So often we begin worship by asking You to be here. But we are the ones who need the prodding.

People: **Prod us, Lord! Tickle us awake with your spirit!**

Leader: Make us alive in Christ! Help us to be aware that You are here with us, now!

Unison: **You have crowned us with your presence. May we this hour crown You, glorify You with lives that are lived for You.**

***HYMN** #182 "Transform Us"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Lord, we have been numb and asleep. Days pass and we forget to notice moments of wonder and discovery, things that you created just for us to appreciate. You are our God and we forget that sometimes and put other distractions before you. Remind us that we are yours and you are ours and that bond is the saving grace for us all. Open our eyes, ears, heart

and mind to the splendor around us and to your still small voice within us. 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.

TIME with the CHILDREN

Cheryl Warriner

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 "Speak, O Lord" K. Getty

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:35-45, Deuteronomy 6:13-14

SERMON Steve Westerberg

***HYMN** #497 "In Loving Partnership"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Monica Becker

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING Kurt Dembeck

OFFERTORY "Here I Am, Lord" D. Schutte

***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** #611 "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

***BENEDICTION** Michelle Bower

POSTLUDE "Recessional" Hughes

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because he has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. ~ based on Luke 4:18-19

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

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

Greeters: Dan, Kate and Hayden Cima
Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Evelyn Ohlendorf; Daniel Burnett-Pollock; Emmalee Watkins; Bess Howe; Tim Madigan; Debbie Barney; Dave Toolan; Lillian Morse; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer, Margaret Klukas; Janita Majkowski; Candy, Lynette Melanson's sister; Dave Boucher; Greg Moffatt; Rachel Meneses; Joyce Smith; Mike Lazeren; Gilmay Markunas and family; Pat Lazeren; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness; Ed Rockland; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Nancy Bailey; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; Kim Burnham; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

*New additions in **bold print***

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING Today following the Worship Service

Junior Choir (K-5th grade) Open House: 11:30 p.m. in the PF Room. Children in grades K-5, their siblings, parents and others who wish to sing are welcome to join the group. Junior Choir will start regular rehearsals on Sunday, November 1 at 11:30 a.m. in Kellogg Hall. Rehearsals will last 20-30 minutes. The choir will sing in church for the first time on November 15 during the worship service. If you have questions or concerns, contact Althea Madigan at child sings@gmail.com.

J*Walkrz Trip to Lake Compounce Haunted Graveyard: 3:30 p.m.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Women with a Past, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Experience a display about the women of the church who began the Ladies Aid Society and worked to update the Society to the Women's Council and then to what is now Women's Fellowship. Featured will be food items made from recipes provided by members who are no longer with us and taken from our cookbooks.

FCCV Mugs are back! Only \$10 each with the money supporting our outreach efforts. Purchase a mug and receive a recipe for a Five-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake (if you've previously purchased a mug, you can pick up the recipe).

Name Tags: If you ordered one you may pick it up at the Scrip-Your-All table. If you need one, you may order one or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You have a choice of a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Monday, October 19, 11 a.m., Library

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 a.m., Vernon Diner

BCE: Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m., Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m., Chapel

Library: Wednesday, October 21, 1 p.m., Library

Finance: Wednesday, October 21, 7:15 p.m., Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, October 22, 6 p.m. at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, October 23, 10:30 a.m., Library

Pairs and Spares: Saturday, October 24, Apple Picking and Bring-Your-Own-Picnic at Horse Listeners Orchard in Ashford. Only cost is paying for what you pick. We'll carpool from church, leaving at 10:30 a.m.

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 25: Our Sunday School children will be Trick or Treating for UNICEF this year! If you are setting up a "trunk" for "Trunk or Treat," please bring some change to support this worthy cause and encourage our youth to help others. If you are planning to participate in "Trunk or Treat," please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board near the piano in Fellowship Hall.

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. ***We will receive this special offering next Sunday.***

Family Night Out: Saturday, November 7 from 5-9 p.m. here at the church. Kids hang with kids and are kept safe by the J*Walkrz and several adults, giving parents a few hours to themselves. Cost? Name your price, but remember this is a fundraiser for the J*Walkrz! Please sign up on the J*Walkrz bulletin board.

Pay-It-Forward next Sunday. If interested in participating, drop your name in the Pay-It-Forward box in the Narthex or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. All names will be included for next week's selection.

Major Appliance Boxes Needed by the J*Walkrz who are again taking part in the "Cardboard City Sleep-Out" on November 13-14. If you have recently purchased a stove, refrigerator, washer, etc. and still have the box, please drop it off at church (flattened is OK) or contact Debi Hockenberry (860)712-6466 for pick-up. Also, if you'd like to sponsor a teen or tween to support "Journey Home" please let them know.

J*Walkrz News: Youth planning on participating in the Cardboard City Sleep-out or attending the UCC 2016 Youth Event at Disney, need to sign up on the bulletin board, now.

Syrian Refugee Relief: We've had a wonderful response to our effort to collect clothing, bedding, food, and personal products for the people within Syria and those in the refugee camps surrounding that war-torn country. We will be transporting the donations to NuDay Syria next weekend, so if any of you have donations of items or money that you would still like to make, we are extending the deadline until this Wednesday, October 21. Checks should be made out to FCCV with the notation "for NuDay Syria." If you have any questions, please see Cathy Foote in Fellowship Hall after church today or call her at 875-9443.

Part Time Help Wanted! Looking for a way to participate in a church committee that doesn't require a long-term commitment or attending monthly meetings? Stewardship and Evangelism may be the place for you! We are looking for someone (high school age or older) interested in writing a new, monthly "guess who" segment for the Carillon. We also need someone to keep our Visitor Gift Bags stocked and up-to-date. Contact Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo.com).

Sunday School Volunteer Still Needed - one Pre-K Assistant. If you love children and can spare a Sunday or two a month, please talk to Deb Hampton or Debi Hockenberry. Thank you!

Reading Buddies Volunteers Needed! Every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 3-5:15 p.m. (you can choose the hour that is best for you), volunteers are needed to read to students at Maple Street School. This program is run by the YMCA. If interested, **please sign up** on the sheet posted on the bulletin board opposite the coat room downstairs. For more information call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

Pairs and Spares - a new social group at FCCV for members and friends (adults - singles or those with partners). Watch for sponsored events and choose which ones you'd like to attend. If you have any ideas or if you have any questions, contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747. Anyone interested in seeing the National Champion UConn Huskies vs. the Florida State Seminoles, Friday, December 11, 6 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena (cost \$14), please stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Scrip-Your-All Update: We have earned \$3,410 towards our \$5,000 goal for 2015. If you buy just one \$100 gift card for groceries a month, FCCV makes \$48 (Stop & Shop), \$60 (Price Chopper) or \$72 (Big Y) a year. If 40 families did this, it would be \$1,920-\$2,880 a year. You get the full value of the cards purchased. Thanks to all who are participating! Not participating? Check out our FCCV website (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) for information on how to sign up or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

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**.

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.

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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Please Note: To request a visit with one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580. **Rev. Suzanne Personette's email is revsuz@hotmail.com.**