

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

UCC Higher Education Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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.

(A Crib Room is available upstairs near the balcony for parents with infants 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.)

PRELUDE "Marche funebre" Beethoven
"Will o' the Wisp"; In Autumn" MacDowell
"Prelude from the First Organ Symphony" Vierne

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

***HYMN** #487 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

***CALL to WORSHIP and INVOCATION** based on Psalm 34 Kate Fowler

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.

People: I praise the Lord – let the suffering listen and rejoice.

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me!

People: Together let us lift his name up high!

Leader: I sought the Lord and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

People: Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.

Leader: This suffering person cried out: the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.

People: On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God: and he delivers them.

Leader: Taste and see how good the Lord is!

All: The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

***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

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 "By Our Love" C. Nockels/arr. McDonald

SCRIPTURE Job 42:1-6, 10-12a, 16-17

***HYMN** #534 "When Our Confidence Is Shaken"

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52

SERMON "What do you want me to do?" Barbara Hesse

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

INVITATION to the CHURCH OFFERING and NEIGHBORS in NEED

OFFERTORY "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" C. Courtney

***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**

All: Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #503 "O Christ, the Healer"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue" J. S. Bach

*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.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Joanne Myer and family to celebrate Andy's 70th birthday yesterday.

Greeters and 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; Candy, Lynette Melanson's sister; Dave Boucher; Greg Moffatt; Joyce Smith; Gilmay Markunas and family; Pat Lazeren; 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; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Michael Turner; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Trunk or Treat: 11:30 a.m. Our Sunday School children will be Trick or Treating for UNICEF this year.

Auditing Committee: 11:30 a.m., Library

Memorial Garden: 11:30 a.m., Quilters' Corner

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Monday, October 26, 11 a.m., Library

Mind and Spirit Support Group: Monday, October 26, 7 p.m., Library

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 a.m., Vernon Diner

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, October 27, noon at Mitchell's. Anyone needing a ride should call Jan Muro at 860-872-1757. Although you do not have to sign up to attend, we ask that you do, so we can have a head count. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees: Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m., Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, October 29, 6 p.m. at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

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 today or you can bring it next Sunday!**

Evening Circle, Monday, November 2, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. We will be making a gratitude/prayer board for the congregation and there will be an opportunity to sign up for a Thanksgiving basket item for the needy. We will also discuss how we can help a local school. Please come and join us. For more information, call Millie at 860-872-7106.

Memorial Garden Work Day, Saturday, November 7. Volunteers are needed to help as we do our fall clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please contact Jane Morse.

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.

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: 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.

The FCCV Parish Nurses' sponsored Red Cross **Blood Drive** went extremely well, helping to save 123 lives. The Red Cross reported that we met 117.1% of their goal. Thank you to all who donated and to Sandy Taylor, Joan McMahon, Joyce Smith, Janet Boucher, Jane Saich, Sara Koziol, Joanne and Andy Myer and Bill Adams.

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.

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.**