

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC  
October 26, 2014

PRELUDE "Gnome's Tune" Grieg  
"Intermezzo" Vierne  
"Toccata" Gigout

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

\*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Joan McMahon

Leader: Let us start this time together by reminding ourselves that it is not we who chose Christ,

**People: But Christ who chose us,**

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

**People: But because of Christ's grace,**

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**People: But to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

**People: But to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

\*OPENING HYMN #265 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

God of Life, may your light shine on us today, as it shone in each moment of history. May the light of your presence inspire this service and inspire our lives, to praise you and recognize you as source of all creation, as strength that sustains, as love that understands, as mercy that forgives. May the light of your presence, eternal and inextinguishable, shine on us now and forever till the dawn of your Kingdom, present in each day. 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

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 "Alone, Yet Not Alone" Broughton/Spiegel  
*Contemporary Choir*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 34-40

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

\*HYMN #526 "The Gift of Love"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Speak, O Lord" K. Getty

\*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 #323 "Wonderful Words of Life"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Vierne

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

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

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 worshiping 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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in celebration of our church family by Sally Sullivan and family.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Josh Marsh, Taunya Bird's brother-in-law; State Trooper Christopher Melanson, son of Rey and Lynette Melanson, injured in an on-duty accident; Debbie Chase; Ibbey Cummings, Hal Cummings' wife; John McCormick, friend of Tony Muro; 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; 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*

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

### **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat** after the Worship Service. Children 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!

**Audit Committee:** 11:30 AM, Library

**Board of Music:** 11:45 AM, PF Room

**J\*WALKRZ** trip to the **Haunted Graveyard** at Lake Compounce

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

**Craft Group:** Monday, October 27, 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!

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, October 28, 11 AM, Library

**S & E:** Tuesday, October 28, 5-7 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, October 30, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

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

**Support Group:** Friday, October 31, 10:30 AM, Library

The **J\*WALKRZ** are 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.

**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**.

**Please Note!** If you are planning on attending the dinner being served at the Holiday Fair on Friday, November 7, please sign up on the sheet provided in Fellowship Hall.

**Cookie Bakers Needed** for the Cookie Booth at the Holiday Fair! If you are willing to bake a couple of dozen cookies, please contact Delythe Kracke at 860-872-3004 or Delythek@yahoo.com.

**Costume Jewelry Needed** for the Jewelry Booth at the Holiday Fair. **Volunteers** are also **needed** to work at the booth on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8. Jewelry may be left in the Church Office. Interested volunteers should contact Gaile Dembeck or Valerie Sexton.

The **Scrip-Your-All** momentum continues. This program has been in place for 46 weeks and to date, FCCV has earned rebates of approximately **\$5,500!** Did you know that participating by buying just \$100 a month in gift cards makes a significant impact to earnings for FCCV? Grocery cards earn us between 4% and 6%, while retail and dining cards can earn up to 15%. We've added a few new plastic cards, including Starbucks (9%) and Papa Ginos/D'Angelos (9%). An additional 300+ can also be ordered. Pick up a list of all our card offerings during Coffee Hour to start your holiday gift planning or go to ShopWithScrip.com to learn more.

**Acolytes Needed!** To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at 860-872-1757 or DelytheK@yahoo.com.

**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. Check your local listings or go to CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

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.