

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 27, 2013

PRELUDE "A Haunted House" MacDowell
"Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" Reger
"Toccata" Boellmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Bob Warner

Leader: Day after day, an abundance of God's love.

People: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing;

Leader: A beautiful sunrise, a clear starry night,

People: A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

Leader: A new insight, a sense of peace,

People: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

Leader: All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

People: How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

***OPENING HYMN** #86 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Ever-present God, you are forever teaching us and reaching for us. Open our minds to the truth of your care. Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love. Open our lips to share stories of faith. Open our hands to show generosity and kindness. Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit. In the name of your beloved Son 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

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, which 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.

RECOGNITION and RELEASE

Interim Associate Pastor Rev. Joanne Myer
Associate Pastor Search Committee

ANTHEM "Then Sings My Soul" M. McDonald

SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14

SERMON

***HYMN** #529 "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend
Contemporary Choir

***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** #560 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata in D minor" J. S. Bach

**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!

Greeters: Paula Dascomb and Ann Harford

Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Will Fisher and **Jessica Surratt**, acquaintances of the Slicer family; E.G. and Donna Harvin (she is dealing with Alzheimer's); Lisa, Joan McMahon's daughter; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Joyce Smith; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft; Irene Wasco; Jan Peacock; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; Margaret Klukas' sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Mike Swan; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

New additions in bold print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Trunk or Treating: 11:30 AM in the church parking lot (parsonage side)

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM, PF Room

Audit Committee: 11:13 AM, Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Pictorial Directory Alert: Sign up for your FCCV Pictorial Directory picture today! An appointment is necessary. See insert in today's bulletin for more information.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bylaws Committee: Monday, October 28, 7 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, October 29, 11 AM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, October 30, 7 PM, Library

Bell Choir: Thursday, October 31, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, October 31, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, November 1, 10:30 AM, Library

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 3, 2013

following the worship service

to hear and to act upon the Board of Deacon's recommendation to receive into membership Steven Leary of Tolland, Janet DiTarando of Vernon, and Rick and Holly Olmstead of Vernon.

Budget Informational Meeting: Sunday, November 3 after the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall to hear the proposed 2014 Budget as presented by the Board of Finance. This is an informational meeting only - no vote. We vote for our new budget in January at the Annual Fiscal Meeting which is scheduled for January 26, 2014.

Stephen Ministry Information Workshop: On Saturday, November 2 from 9 AM to 1 PM, members of our congregation will attend a workshop at the Wapping Community Church to learn more about the Stephen Ministry program. Stephen Ministers complete 50 hours of specialized training in the areas of listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality and best practices for visiting with people who are struggling through transitions and life crises. Stephen Ministers are not counselors, but trained companions on the journey to the people they serve. If you would like to attend this workshop to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Joanne Myer (860) 872-9222.

Let's Make It Shine! The Trustees are having a **Work Day** on **Saturday, November 9** from 9 AM-4 PM to take care of some cleaning in and around the church. We will be dusting, washing, organizing, fixing and doing general cleaning. Come join us for the day, the morning or the afternoon - whatever fits your schedule. Lunch and some good fellowship will be provided free of charge! If you are willing to help out contact Sue Mias at 860-872-4629.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Week 2

Sign Up For Your FCCV Pictorial Directory Picture Today!

An appointment is necessary. This can be done in three ways:

1. Sign up at the Pictorial Directory Table in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour today.
2. Use the link at our website - FirstChurchofVernon.org.
3. Contact Martha Fowler at 860-896-0768 or Gaile Dembeck at 860-871-1265.

Dates: November 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and December 3

Times: 2 - 8:50 PM on November 22, 25, 26, 27 and December 3
10 AM - 4:50 PM on Saturday, November 23

Where: FCCV Fellowship Hall, Youth meeting room and
Sunday School room.

There is no cost for the portrait sitting or the 8x10 portrait you receive free just for having your picture taken. Also, please think about volunteering to help during the picture-taking process. Come down to Coffee Hour to find out how easy it is.

Allow one hour for the entire process. Let's make this a 100% church participation. Need more information? Contact Martha Fowler at 860-896-0768 or Gaile Dembeck at 860-871-1265

Lasagna Dinner: Saturday, November 9 from 5 to 7 PM sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. Price of \$10 includes your choice of vegetable or meat lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. For reservations, call (860)872 2690. Take out will be available.

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). **The Care Network has a new opportunity for the minister in you!** We are starting a Card Ministry which allows you to reach out to others in the comfort of your own home and on your own time! All you have to do is supply the cards and the stamps and send them out as requested by the Care Network. This is a simple way to create fellowship with someone who is in rehab, recovery, dealing with loneliness or just apart from us for awhile so they do not feel forgotten. Contact Jan Muro at 860-872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com or **sign up on November 3 during Coffee Hour** to start your ministry!

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**.