

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 28, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC "Prelude and Fugue in E minor" J. S. Bach
"A Mighty Fortress" arr. D. Bish

CHIMING of the HOUR
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
PAY IT FORWARD
GALLERY of FAITH MOMENT
ACOLYTES
PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" M. Reger
WORDS of REFLECTION

God has not inscribed in our hearts uncertain opinions, but, rather, affirmations of the strongest sort.

INTROIT-TRANSFORMERS "Kumbaya" Traditional
*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP Jon Dunlap

Leader: God's love is written on our hearts.

People: God's Word is etched upon our being.

Leader: God's Spirit is alive within us.

People: For we are God's people.

Leader: From the least of us to the greatest, we are God's beloved people,

People: Gathered here to worship, sing, and pray in Jesus' name.

*OPENING HYMN #586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION

Living God, we come to worship you, praising you for the past and trusting you for the future. Bless us with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and worship you with all our hearts, minds and spirits; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 19: 7-10

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandments of the Lord are clear, enlightening the spirit.

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

People: Sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb.

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison... "debtis"*)

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

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*SERMON HYMN #323 "Wonderful Words of Life"

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sanctus" T. Fettke/J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

Loving God, you shower us with all manner of blessings: life, beauty, love and joy! With thanksgiving we offer back to you all that we have, ourselves. May the gifts we bring be signs to you of our love and gratitude. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #464 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Fugue in C minor" J. S. Bach

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today following the Worship Service

to extend a call to the Rev. Meg Watson to become our next Senior Pastor

Please Note: In order to give everyone a chance to hear the candidate's sermon, there will be no Sunday School today

(the Toddler Room will be open for children 5 years and younger).

Babysitting will be available after the service for the congregational vote.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign our Guest Book (on the table in the Narthex) and help yourself to a Welcome Bag made specially 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.

PICK UP YOUR 2013 SEASON OF GIVING PLEDGE PACKET TODAY!

To help defray the cost of postage, we encourage everyone to pick up their packet from the Narthex before the worship service or in Fellowship Hall after. All pledges will be collected on Stewardship Sunday, November 11 when we will celebrate a "Gallery of Thanks." If you do not see your pledge packet, need one or have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

Pay It Forward: Last week Ken Morgan, inspired by the story of a young boy who lost his life when he fell from his bicycle in Somers last year, shared how he used his Pay it Forward gift, with additional contributions from friends, to purchase 10 bicycle helmets for children ages 3 and older. He donated the helmets to the Vernon Police Department so they may give them to children they may know in need of a helmet. Today we feature Sara Koziol. If you wish to donate to the Pay It Forward Ministry, please make your check payable to FCCV, noting "PIF Ministry" in the memo and leave it in the Assistant Treasurer or Treasurer's mailbox. Pay It Forward is now on our FCCV website. Check us out!

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

The Board of Missions and Outreach is again sponsoring our annual "Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving" program where our church family provides Thanksgiving dinners for families in need in the Vernon area. Those who wish to participate may sign up today or on Sundays, November 4 and 11. Thanksgiving baskets will be collected on Monday, November 12 between 6:30 and 9 AM in the FCCV parking lot. We are also collecting non-perishable food items to drop off at Hockanum Valley on November 12. These can be left in the Missions Box in the Breezeway. If you would like to help on Monday, November 12 or have questions, please contact Sandra O'Gara, 872-6649 or Deb Cutting, 875-2291. Hockanum Valley is also looking for volunteers for the holiday season. Please contact Joan, 872-9825, for more information.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade), 5 PM for a meet and greet with the candidate for Senior Pastor. Pizza, soda and dessert will be provided. This is a great opportunity to introduce ourselves and plan some November/December activities.

Season of Giving: *"For a crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; talk but a tinkling symbol where there is no love."* We hope you took notice of this quote in the October Carillon. We chose the theme "FCCV's GALLERY of FAITH" for this year's Season of Giving, because we believe we can think of our church as a gallery (a place where people may gather). However, our church is not merely a gallery of pictures. It is a gallery filled with love...love of God through Christ and love for each other. We exhibit this love through the many opportunities provided at FCCV...opportunities for worship, service and fellowship that are a blessing to each of us. This week our "Season of Giving Moment" features the "Gallery of Music" as we celebrate the music ministry of FCCV. For another week in Fellowship Hall you can take a look at a wonderful display of posters provided by many of the groups of dedicated volunteers who give of their time to benefit our church and our community.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, October 29, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, November 1, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, November 2, 10:30 AM, Library

Please Note: On Sunday, November 4, 2012 in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service, the Board of Finance will present an overview of the 2013 Church Budget based on submissions from the boards, committees and staff. While this is not a formal church meeting, your attendance is encouraged as we think you will gain insights into the financial consequences surrounding the events taking place in the church and a better understanding of the challenges we face in 2013.

HOLIDAY FAIR

Friday, November 2, 5:30-6 PM
Saturday, November 3, 9 AM-2 PM

Dinner Friday night includes Beef Burgundy over noodles, salad, roll and apple crisp for dessert. We are still in need and grateful for your donations of used books, jewelry, baked goods for the bake sale and any handcrafted items you may have for us to sell. Donations may be dropped off in the Church Office.

Volunteers are needed to help with costume jewelry at the fair.

Contact Valerie Sexton at 875-0287 or hatladyv@hotmail.com.

For more information about the fair, call Carol Slicer, 860-872-2690.

Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship!!

Needed! A Sunday School Superintendent for 2012-2013. Please contact Cindy Madden or Linda Shivers for a job description.

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.

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.

Change of Date: The Music at First Christmas Concert has been re-scheduled to December 9 at 4 PM.

Please Note: The Stewardship and Evangelism Committee's term starts in January of each year. With 2013 just around the corner, we are in need of people willing to serve on this committee. 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**.

Please Wear Your Name Tag! Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860)875-7580.

Want to Meet New People? Volunteer to Serve! Whether it's welcoming others at the door before the Worship Service or providing a baked good or snack, making coffee or setting up and cleaning up after Coffee Hour, volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. All help is welcome.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... Nancy Shoemaker and family on the loss of her father; **George and Joan Apel; Mike Kermode** deployed in Afghanistan; **Mike Swan; Allan Chesterton; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeran; 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**

YOU'RE INVITED to a "GALLERY of LIFE"



On Sunday November 4, we will ALL have an opportunity to create a gallery!!! Let's call this gallery "Sharing the Spirit." On that day bring an object you are willing to place on exhibit for a brief time during fellowship after the worship service. Bring anything that helps you, personally, to center God in your life...a special Bible verse, a prayer, a painting, a poem, a hobby that helps to center you, a special photograph. We will collect and display these items as you enter church that day. These special objects will be displayed during Coffee Hour (Your items will be safe. They will not be left alone in Fellowship Hall.). We will take a photograph of our "SHARING the SPIRIT" Gallery for inclusion in the Time Capsule that will be opened when FCCV celebrates its 275th year!