

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC**

**November 3, 2013**

*Holy Communion*

**PRELUDE**           “Clair de lune”                      Debussy  
                          “Adagio molto”                     Guilmant  
                          “Prelude”                             Clerambault  
                          “Joyful, Joyful”                    Beethoven/Bish

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanksgiving Baskets                     Kathleen McClure  
Care Cards                                 Jan Muro  
Giving Campaign                         Louise Theriault

**CHANT for CANTORING**

**ACOLYTES**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*)                     Carl Slicer

**Leader:** Let us open our hearts and every part of our being to be filled with the breath of God!

**People:** We are here to receive God’s loving Spirit through Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** God, through Christ and the Holy Spirit will come to us, no matter who we are as we praise, pray, listen, and celebrate Communion.

**People:** We will open our hearts and minds to renewal and transformation remembering that we are ALL God’s children!

**All:** At all times we will praise God!

**\*OPENING HYMN** #517 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

Eternal God, you who have created us and who sustains us, we have come into this beautiful sacred space ready to be filled with your love. We give thanks for that ever-present, ever-perfect love. We ask that you constantly transform our lives and fill us with hope to continue on life’s journey. We pray this through Jesus Christ and with thanksgiving. 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.

**SCRIPTURE**           Luke 19:1-10

**SERMON**   Rev. Joanne Myer

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**           “There Is a Time”                     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**

**RECOGNITION of MARY JO SIMONDS-HUNEGER, CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN** #398 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

**SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP**

(*Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.*)

**PRAYER of THANKSGIVING** (*unison*)

Loving God, you have been present with us throughout our service and have renewed and transformed us with this sacred meal. We give you thanks! We will strive to remember whose we are at all times. When we gather at other tables with friends, loved ones, and perhaps strangers, we will know that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit are with us there as well as here. We go out fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #431 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to VOTE on NEW MEMBERS**

**POSTLUDE**           “Fanfare on ‘St. Gertrude’”                     arr. Young

*\*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!

**A basket has been placed on the Marbletop Table** for your donations and cards to be presented to Mary Jo during Coffee Hour.

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Stewardship & Evangelism Committee

### **In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Associate Pastor Robin Bird** as she is ordained today at 4 PM in Orlando, FL; Prayers of joy for the birth of **Isabela Swan Calapiz**, granddaughter of Mike and Elly Swan; **Pastor Meg Watson and family** (her father is hospitalized in Florida after suffering a heart attack); Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt, acquaintances of the Slicer family; E.G. and Donna Harvin (she is dealing with Alzheimer's); 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 DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

A **2014 Budget Informational Meeting** will be held following a brief Coffee Fellowship to honor Mary Jo with a cake.

**Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving:** Sign up today during Coffee Hour. See insert for more information.

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

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

**Prayer Group:** Monday, November 4, 7 PM, Chapel

**Evening Circle Game Night:** Monday, November 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall for fun and games

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, November 5, 11 AM, Library

**Council:** Wednesday, November 6, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Agenda items should be submitted to Moderator Tom Sweet no later than today.

**Bell Choir:** Thursday, November 7, 6:30 PM, PF Room

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, November 7, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, November 8, 10:30 AM, Library

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 good fellowship will be provided free of charge! If you are willing to help out contact Sue Mias at 860-872-4629.

**Lasagna Dinner:** Saturday, November 9 from 5:30 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. Cost for children under 12 - \$6. For reservations sign up in Fellowship Hall or call (860)872-2690. Take out will be available.

### **BLESSING of the ANIMALS**

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6*

Bring your canine companions, your fine-feathered friends, your feline family members and your reptilian relatives to a celebration of all life on **Sunday, November 10.** All creatures great and small are welcome. To ensure the safety of all our pet participants and their people, animals must be leashed, crated or otherwise contained (humans are free to participate without restraint). We will gather on the grass in front of the Memorial Garden and begin with prayer at **1 PM.** If your pet is aggressive, reclusive or simply does not travel well, please bring a collar, a feed dish, a blanket or some other personal item instead. **WARNING:** Pastors will not be muzzled during this event.

**Please Note:** On Sunday, November 17 at 11:30 AM there will be a lunch to celebrate the ordination of our new Associate Pastor Robin Bird. A letter will be mailed this week with more details.

**Service of Installation** for Rev. Cynthia Carr on Sunday, November 17 at 3 PM at First Church of Christ, 61 Main St., Unionville, CT. See bulletin board across from the Church Office for directions.

**Easy Holiday Appetizers:** Tuesday, November 19, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall Looking for some new appetizers for the coming holidays? Join us for some already prepared and others we will make and serve. Bring a relative, friend or co-worker. Please RSVP to Jayne Gunther, 860-402-5399 or Jayne.gunther@snet.net by November 13 to ensure we have enough for everyone.

**Pay It Forward (PIF):** Last month, Candy Buswell was chosen as the recipient of Pay It Forward but she was not quite ready to share how she paid it forward. She has since shared that she chose to PIF to the Food Pantry and to provide blankets for the Homeless Shelter. She matched the \$50 and was able to donate to each of these organizations. On November 24 we will learn how Jen Condry, our latest recipient, paid it forward. If you would like to have your name placed in the PIF basket, please write your name on a piece of paper and leave it in the PIF box located in the Narthex by the stairs going down to Fellowship Hall.

**Historical Note:** The display case in Fellowship Hall has been changed to reflect "Centennial Celebrations" through the years. Stop by and take a look.

## **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

**Week 3**

### **Sign Up For Your FCCV Pictorial Directory Picture Today!**

There has been a great response from the congregation but there are many time slots still available. There are many ways to sign up, all easy, and help is available if you are not sure what you want.

- Sign up during Coffee Hour at the Pictorial Table
- Call Martha Fowler, 860-896-0768 or Gaile Dembeck, 860-874-7265 (FYI - Martha will be out of town until November 7)
- Sign up through FCCV's website, [firstchurchofvernon.org](http://firstchurchofvernon.org)

Remember, there is no cost for your free portrait sitting, your 8x10 portrait or, as a member, the free directory you will receive. This is a great opportunity to have your or your family's portrait taken. College students will be home for Thanksgiving, so corral the troops for a memorable portrait to be treasured in the years to come.

Life Portraits assures us that any ordered pictures will be ready for Christmas. Orders will be sent directly to your home. The "free only" portraits can be picked up at church.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to have an updated directory of our church family. Our goal is for 100% participation.

Questions? Call Martha Fowler, 860-896-07678. Thank you for your support of this important outreach of our church.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:jmoze@hotmail.com) or **sign up on TODAY 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**.

**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](mailto:fccv@snet.net) or (860)875-7580.



### **ADOPT a FAMILY for THANKSGIVING**

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** during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall and on November 10 and 17. **Thanksgiving baskets will be collected on Monday, November 18 between 6:30 and 9 AM in the FCCV parking lot.** We will also be collecting all types of non-perishable food items to drop off at Hockanum Valley on November 18. These can be left in the Missions Box in the Breezeway. If you would like to help on Monday, November 18 or have questions, please contact Sandra O'Gara at 860-872-6649 or Deb Cutting or 860-875-2291.

#### **Family of 3 or 4 people**

Large turkey  
Large box of instant potatoes or 5 pounds of fresh potatoes  
Large box or bag of stuffing  
2 cans of gravy  
2 cans of yams or sweet potatoes (or one large can)  
1 can of cranberry sauce  
2 cans of fruit  
2 cans of vegetables  
Brownie or cookie mix or cake mix and frosting  
1 package of dinner rolls  
Breakfast bread or muffin mix  
Disposable roasting pan

#### **Family of 1 or 2 People**

Small turkey, turkey breast or chicken  
Small box of instant potatoes or 2-3 pounds of fresh potatoes  
Small box or bag of stuffing  
1 can of gravy  
1 can of yams or sweet potatoes  
1 can of cranberry sauce  
1 can of fruit  
1 can of vegetables  
1 package of dinner rolls  
Brownie or cookie mix  
Breakfast bread or muffin mix  
1 bottle of apple or cranberry juice  
Disposable roasting pan

*Hockanum Valley is also looking for volunteers for the holiday season. Please contact Victoria at 860-872-7727, ext 2916 for more information.*