

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

November 10, 2013

PRELUDE "Prelude and Saraband" Corelli
"Allegro" Handel
"My Tribute" Crouch

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP *(responsive)* Michelle Bower

Leader: Come, let us praise God together!

People: **For God is great and worthy of our praise!**

Leader: Let us tell of God's power and majesty, of God's mighty acts throughout history.

People: **For God is great and worthy of our praise!**

Leader: Let us remember God's compassion, God's mercy and unfailing love.

People: **For God is great and worthy of our praise!**

*OPENING HYMN #86 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER of INVOCATION *(unison)*

God our Provider, we pray for your continued blessings on the First Congregational Church of Vernon, UCC. We ask that you open our ears, that we may hear the Gospel message of sacrifice and giving; open our eyes, that we may recognize the needs of our church and our community; open our hearts, that we may respond with love to what you ask of us; and open our hands, that we may return to you a meaningful measure of what you have blessed and entrusted to us. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, knowing that all things come from you through the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 "Circle of Life" from The Lion King
Little Bells

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9: 5-12

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #608 "I Would Be True"

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

Congregational Response

We welcome you with joy into the life of this church. We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

COVENANT of MEMBERSHIP

Leader: As members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, we share in this covenant:

People: **We believe in God, we hold a deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ, and we are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit as revealed to us in Scripture and through prayerful discernment.**

Leader: We are a faith community, part of the body of Christ,

People: **Proclaiming the good news of Christ's resurrection and the freedom of new life for all who follow his ways, sharing God's love with others by reaching out to those in need, and continuing to deepen our knowledge and understanding of God's call in our lives.**

Leader: With the help of God and the support of this body of Christ,

People: **We covenant to do our best to follow Christ's example and embrace the great commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself," and his new commandment, "Love one another."**

Leader: As we journey together,

People: **We promise to support and pray for one another, ever mindful that we are to lift up one another with dignity and Christian love.**

Leader: We will support this Body of Christ to the best of our ability,

People: **By participating in worship and sacraments, through our work and financial support, and in mission and fellowship, in order to strengthen its ministries and deepen our commitment as a faith community that is welcoming and accessible to all.**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Rutter

*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 #82 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Psalm XX" G. 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 worshipping 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!

Welcome to our new members: Janet DiTarando, Steven Leary, Holly and Rick Olmstead

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Stewardship & Evangelism Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt, acquaintances of the Slicer family; E.G. and Donna Harvin; 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; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs

New additions in bold print

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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

Homemade **Thanksgiving Pies** baked by Women's Fellowship. Orders will be taken during Coffee Hour **today** and next Sunday, November 17. Cost is \$10. Pies (frozen) will be available for pick-up during Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 24.

Anyone wishing to purchase **lights** for the **Memory Tree** in the Memorial Garden that is lit during the Christmas season may do so during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, November 17.

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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Class is visiting First Cathedral with their sponsors. Next class is November 24

Blessing of the Animals TODAY at 1 PM in front of the Memorial Garden

"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. 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). 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Centering Prayer Group: Monday, November 11, 7 PM, Chapel. Questions? Call Rev. Stan Possell, 239-218-0246.

Bylaws Committee: Monday, November 11, 7:15 PM, Library

December CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, November 12

Men's Club: Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, November 12, 11 AM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, November 12, 7 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, November 13, 1 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, November 13, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, November 13, 7 PM, Chapel

Bell Choir: Thursday, November 14, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, November 14, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, November 15, 10:30 AM, Library

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.

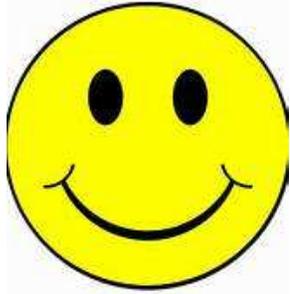
Service of Installation for Rev. Cynthia Carr on Sunday, November 17 at 3 PM at First Church of Christ, 61 Main St., Unionville, CT. See bulletin board across from the Church Office for directions.

Youth Fellowship: Sunday, November 17, 5-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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.

The Board of Christian Education is seeking a new Sunday School

Superintendent. This volunteer position in our Sunday School program assists with things such as training, planning and keeping attendance records. Anyone with interest, suggestions or questions regarding this important role, should contact Cheryl Turner, Steve Westerberg, Linda Shivers, either of our Pastors or just drop a note at the BCE table in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Thank you!



2014 GIVING CAMPAIGN

“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

This year’s Giving Campaign, “**God Loves a Cheerful Giver,**” is in full swing. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the many ways that FCCV gives, both through monetary means and through time and talent. Be sure to check out the Giving Board in Fellowship

Hall where you can view the thoughts others have shared about giving.

Giving packets may be picked up today in the Narthex before the worship service or in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Week 4

The response has been terrific but we still need YOU, if you haven’t signed up already. Our church family is not complete without you. People missing in our church family is like a person missing from a family portrait. Time slots are still available. On November 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and December 3. To sign up:

- Stop by the Directory Table in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour
- Use the link at firstchurchofvernon.org
- Call Martha Fowler, 860-896-0768 or Gaile Dembeck, 860-874-7265. They can also answer any questions you might have.

Reminder: Please allow 1 hour for the entire process.

This directory will be online once it is complete. The only people having access will be church members who will not be giving out personal information to anyone or using this information for personal gain.

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 www.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. **Special shows on CVC Ch. 5 this month: Rev. Meg Watson’s Service of Installation:** Nov. 7, 1:30 PM; Nov. 11, 11 AM; Nov. 18 10:30 AM; Nov. 22, 9:30 PM; Nov. 28, 3 PM. **Joes’ Day - A Celebration Performance for Joe Connolly:** Nov. 8, 9:30 PM; Nov. 12, 12:30 PM; Nov. 19, 2 PM; Nov. 22, 8 PM; Nov. 29, 4 PM.

Thank You to the Youth Fellowship, especially Emily Hampton, Sophie Becker, Linda Shivers, Greg Mias and Debi Hockenberry, for raking the leaves in my yard. Jean Chaplin

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 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.

