

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Monica and Brad Becker and family on the death of her mother Irene Wasco; **Lillian Burnett**, Halene Fujimoto's mother; **Dick Myer**, Andy Myer's brother; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; 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; 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.

Homemade **Thanksgiving Pies** baked by Women's Fellowship. **Today is the last day** orders will be taken. Cost is \$10. Pies (frozen) will be available for pick-up during Coffee Hour next Sunday, November 24.

Orders for **Poinsettias** that are displayed in the Sanctuary during Christmas will be taken **today** during Coffee Hour. You may also purchase **lights** for the **Memory Tree** that is lit in the Memorial Garden during the Christmas season.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

This is the final call to sign up at church for your portrait. You will be missed if you are not included in the directory. There are time slots still available on November 22, 25, 26, 27 and December 3. You know the drill.

1. Sign up today at the Directory Table during Coffee Hour
2. Use the link at Firstchurchofvernon.org
3. Contact Martha Fowler, 860-896-0768 or Gaile Dembeck, 860-871-1265

Helping Typhoon Haiyan survivors: The stories coming out of the Philippines are unimaginable. Rushing water and wind tearing children away from their parents' arms, a death toll that may be over 10,000. A city of 200,000 in which no buildings appear to have survived intact. One of the most intense typhoons on record, Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) left catastrophic destruction behind. Envelopes have been provided in today's bulletin to help these victims. Please make your checks payable to FCCV, referencing Haiyan relief. Thank you, the Board of Missions

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the worship service for a luncheon in **celebration of Rev. Robin Bird's ordination.**

Youth Fellowship: 5-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Centering Prayer Group: Monday, November 18, 7 PM, Chapel. Questions? Call Rev. Stan Possell, 239-218-0246.

Men's Club: Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, November 19, 11 AM, Library

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 to ensure we have enough for everyone.

Finance: Tuesday, November 19, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, November 19, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, November 20, 1 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, November 20, 7 PM, Library

Bell Choir: Thursday, November 21, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, November 21, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, November 22, 10:30 AM, Library

The **Reading Buddies** are in need of **stickers**. Donations may be left in the labeled box located in the Library.

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!

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. 18 10:30 AM; Nov. 22, 9:30 PM; Nov. 28, 3 PM. **Joes' Day - A Celebration Performance for Joe Connolly:** Nov. 19, 2 PM; Nov. 22, 8 PM; Nov. 29, 4 PM.

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.**

PICK UP YOUR 2014 SEASON OF GIVING PACKET TODAY!



Please help defray the cost of mailing by picking up your Giving Packet today in the Narthex before the worship service or in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

Harvesting of Gifts will take place next Sunday, **November 24** during a special service you won't want to miss. If you do not see your giving packet or need one, extra packets are available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop at the Stewardship Table during Coffee Hour or contact the Church Office.

THANK YOU!

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST/SERVICE



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, **November 28**, join us for a hot buffet breakfast with your family and friends. Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM followed by a brief service in the Sanctuary at 8:20 AM. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Fellowship Hall with the number of people attending. If you are interested in helping that morning, please contact Michelle Bower, 872-7274.

LET the LIGHT SHINE!

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that new windows will be installed in the Sanctuary beginning December 3. In addition to the nine large Sanctuary windows, an additional five smaller, nearby windows will also be installed. The project is expected to be completed by Friday, December 13, weather permitting. Over a period of 11 months, the Trustees diligently considered and interviewed multiple vendors, options and window styles. A diagram of the window style is on display outside the Church Office. The cost for the project is \$90,000. Donations to offset this cost will be gratefully accepted. Checks may be left in the Treasurer's mailbox. Please note "Sanctuary Windows" in the memo. The Board of Trustees is grateful to Rev. Watson and the Board of Finance for their collaboration and support in bringing this project to fruition!

ADOPT a FAMILY for THANKSGIVING

The Board of Missions and Outreach is again sponsoring our annual "Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving" program. *Tomorrow between 6:30 and 9 AM in the FCCV parking lot* we will be collecting Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in the Vernon area. Those who wish to participate may sign up during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall today. We will also be collecting all types of non-perishable food items to drop off at Hockanum Valley tomorrow. If you would like to help us tomorrow 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.

SCRIPT-YOUR-ALL

Supporting the Ministries of FCCV

Supporting our church ministries as you purchase your weekly or monthly groceries, pharmacy needs, entertainment choices and more is a program we are developing for FCCV and will be offering to you in the coming weeks. This is a tried and true program that we are initiating to help with the financial obligations of our growing congregation. This program was recommended by Rocky Hill UCC (check out their website to learn more about their success.)

1. Gift cards, real cards from selected, popular merchants that have no expiration date, will be available for purchase in a few short weeks. Use them as you would any gift card. No one will know you are helping FCCV.
2. Gift cards will be available in denominations ranging from \$10-\$100. Each card is sold at face value and is worth that much to you. The good news is that the merchant issuing the card will give the church a percentage of the face value of the card. The percentage is determined by the merchant and will range from 1% to 16%. More than 260 merchants participate in this program. You lose nothing and the church gains an income.
3. Orders for cards will be taken every Sunday during Coffee Hour or can be ordered online. All cards must be paid for by cash or check at the time your order is placed. The church order will be sent in once a month. Cards may be picked up the Sunday following the placement of the order. Cards to popular places will be available weekly as supply allows.
4. Check at Coffee Hour for more information. The amount paid for the cards is not a donation to the church, as you receive the full value of the card purchased. Look for the kick-off drive when you sign in for your Pictorial Directory picture.

More information will be forthcoming, so watch the Sunday bulletins, monthly Carillons or ask Holly Boutwell, Kate Fowler, Martha Fowler or Steve Morse. This is a wonderful way to painlessly raise money for our church while at the same time making life easier for you. Gift cards make excellent gifts.