

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

Thanksgiving Sunday ~The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

November 22, 2015

WELCOME!

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.

(A Crib Room is available upstairs near the balcony for parents with infants 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.)

PRELUDE	"Royal Oak"	Kantor
	"Now Thank We All Our God"	Kauffman/Smith
<i>Bell Choir</i>	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Miller	
	"We Gather Together"	arr. Burr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

***CALL to WORSHIP** Halene Fujimoto

Leader: Come, let us celebrate

People: the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

Leader: Throughout all our lives,

People: God has blessed us with love and hope.

Leader: May our hearts be truly grateful,

People: and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

All: Praise be to God who provides for us.

***OPENING HYMN** #718 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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

Generous God, you have given us so much! We rejoice in your abundant gifts. We are grateful for the material things you provide to meet our needs. We celebrate your generosity and grace, and we praise you for your provision. Hear our prayers of gratitude today, deepen the love around our tables this Thanksgiving, and let our lives reflect our appreciation for all you have done. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chase Jameson Frankel

Parents: Jason and Allison Frankel

Sponsors: Amy Sepulveda, Remik Mueller

Welcome

Questions of the Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Blessing the Water

Act of Baptism and Anointing; Presentation of the Newly Baptized

Prayer for the Baptized

Leader: ... hear the baptismal prayers of the congregation:

People: Be with Chase through the years, blessing his life, that he may grow in love for you. Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

***HYMN** to introduce Chase

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (*insert*)

ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts"

S. Schwartz

Youth Group

SCRIPTURE 1 Chronicles 16: 23-29, 31-34

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Simple Gifts" American Folk

***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** (*unison*) by C. Penner

For all the ways you love us, we say THANK YOU!

For the ways you provide for us, we say THANK YOU!

For the opportunity to give, we say THANK YOU!

For the kingdom work this offering will do, we say THANK YOU!

For letting us be a part of your work, we say THANK YOU!

May the thankful words on our lips and the thankful meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** #528 "Give Thanks" (*sing twice*)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Hughes

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because he has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. ~ based on Luke 4:18-19

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

Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Pete Wivagg, Debi Hockenberry's father; **Bertha Sullivan**; **Terri Carr**; **Paris, France**; **Cottage Meetings**; Dave LaPlante; Jake and Deb Garrow; David Hollister; Daniel Burnett-Pollock; Emmalee Watkins; Bess Howe; Debbie Barney; Dave Toolan; Lillian Morse; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer, Margaret Klukas; Candy, Lynette Melanson's sister; Dave Boucher; Greg Moffatt; Joyce Smith; Gilmay Markunas and family; Pat Lazeren; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness; Ed Rockland; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Nancy Bailey; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Michael Turner; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

Bell Choir Members: Dave Bower, Michelle Bower, Jane Burr, Kate Fowler, Margaret Klukas, Althea Madigan, Joanne Myer

Deacons assisting with the Baptism: Bill Duncan and Ryan Moreau
Greeters and Coffee Hour: Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall
Orders for **Poinsettias** which are displayed in the Sanctuary during Christmas will be taken **today** during Coffee Hour.

If you ordered **Thanksgiving Pies** you may **pick them up today**.

The **Memory Tree** will be lit again this Christmas season in the Memorial Garden. If you would like to honor loved ones, see a member of the Memorial Garden Committee during Coffee Hour today or on **November 30** or **December 6**. The Memory Tree Honor Roll will be published in the January 2016 Carillon. The names of your loved ones being remembered will be included in this listing if your donation is received by December 7.

Please stop by our **Congregational Prayer and Gratitude Board**. Take a star and marker from the basket and write your prayer on it. Then remove the clear tab on the back of the star and place it on the board. Everyone is welcome to participate.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 a.m., PF Room

Memorial Garden: 11:30 a.m., Library

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Monday, November 16, 11 a.m., Library

Mind & Spirit Support Group: Monday, November 23, 7 p.m., Library

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 a.m., Vernon Diner

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, November 24, noon at Mitchell's. Anyone needing a ride should call Jan Muro at 860-872-1757. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees: Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m., Library

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST/SERVICE

Thursday, November 26

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m. for a hot buffet breakfast with your family and friends, followed by a brief service in the Sanctuary at 8:20 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Susan Pilkons, 860-875-4122 or Pam Lyons, 860-558-8117.

Support Group: Friday, November 27, 10:30 a.m., Library

Potluck Lunch: Next Sunday, November 29 following the Worship Service. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Giving Campaign Update: We are working toward our goal of \$250,000 and to date have giving commitments of #203,137. If you have not yet made a giving commitment, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Giving Cards and packets are available in the Narthex or contact Kate Fowler, 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

Junior Choir for children in grades K-5, rehearses each Sunday after the worship service and a quick snack at 11:30 a.m. for 20 -30 minutes in the PF Room (Kellogg Hall). New members are welcome. Junior Choir provides children with a way to give of their time and talents to Christ's family, the church. Questions or suggestions? Contact Althea Madigan at 860-870-5185 (leave a message) or childsongs@gmail.com.

Scrip-Your-All Update: We are only \$820 away from achieving our \$5,000 goal for 2015! Last week was our second highest week of the year (only \$4 away from our top week). It is now the time of year to start thinking of gift cards for the holidays. If you are planning on participating in the "Giving Tree" for Christmas, think about buying a gift card for an older child who is always more difficult to buy for. Gift cards will be ordered throughout November and December but **December 13** will be the last date to order to receive gift cards in time for Christmas. For complete information, check out our FCCV website (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

Reminder: Donations made in memory of a loved one can be mailed to the church or left in the Furnishings and Memorials mailbox across from the office. Please include on the check the name of the person being remembered. If donations are to go to a particular committee, please indicate that on the front of the envelope. Thank you!

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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Please Note: To request a visit with one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580. **Rev. Suzanne Personette's email is revsuz@hotmail.com.**

ADVENT CALENDAR

Potluck Lunch

Sunday, November 29 after the Worship Service

Advent Bible Study

Friday, December 4, 7 p.m. in the Library

Christmas Tea/Luncheon

Saturday, December 5, 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

J*Walkrz, Chili Caroling

Sunday, December 6, 3:30-5 p.m.

Advent Bible Study

Friday, December 11, 7 p.m. in the Library

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 13 during the Worship Service

Advent Bible Study

Friday, December 18, 7 p.m. in the Library

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 11 p.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 27 during the Worship Service