

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!

Greeters: Bev and Bill Duncan

Coffee Hour: Furnishings and Memorials, Library and Memorial Garden Committees

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Nell Michalik, Carol Whitney's mother; Ben Savage, Sharon Christman's brother, dealing with cancer; 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; 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; 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'S ACTIVITIES

Youth Fellowship Christmas Party: 5-6:30 PM at the Parsonage. A Potluck Dinner will be provided. Please bring a \$5 (no more) generic grab bag gift.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Cookies in a Box Sale: Fill a box with homemade Christmas cookies for only \$5.

Scrip-Your-All is in full swing! If you ordered gift cards on December 8 or earlier, you may pick up your cards today. If you did not place an order last week, there is still time! Any cards ordered and paid for today will be available next Sunday, December 22. The fastest way to order gift cards is to sign up for Presto Pay! This allows you to get eCards within minutes and you'll be able to send eCards to others as gifts, on a selected date and with a message from you! Presto Pay takes several days to set up, so sign up today and you'll be all set to send those last minute gifts! Contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747 if you need assistance. Also, mark your calendars, as a Scrip-Your-All information session will be held next Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 AM for anyone interested in learning more about how to set up a Scrip account, using Scrip, and how Scrip Your All works to help support FCCV ministries.

Giving Update: Thank you to all who have returned your 2014 Giving Card and made a pledge to support the ministries of FCCV. We are off to a great start towards our \$260,000 goal! To date, 145 Giving Cards have been returned with \$208,800 pledged. If you have not yet returned your Giving Card, we encourage you to do so. The Stewardship Committee will begin making reminder calls this week. If you need a Giving Card or have questions, please contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747.

Pictorial Directory Make-Up Date: If you were unable to make the prior Pictorial Directory dates, we have scheduled a make-up date on Friday, December 27 from 2-8 PM. As the online schedule is not yet available, please contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747 to make your appointment.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, December 17, 11 AM, Library

Finance: Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM, Chapel

Library: Wednesday, December 18, 1 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, December 18, 7 PM, Library

Bell Choir: Thursday, December 19, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, December 19, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, December 20, 10:30 AM, Library

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, December 21, 10 AM, Sanctuary

The Care Network team would like to thank those who responded to our request for volunteers for the Card Ministry. We have recently started our outreach through the sending of greeting cards. To help lower the cost for our volunteers, we are asking for donations of "Thinking of You," "Get Well," "Coping" or blank cards. Cards may be dropped off in the basket in Fellowship Hall. The Care Network team and the Card Ministry thank you in advance for your contribution to this cause.

To Our FCCV Family and Friends: We wish you a very happy and meaningful Christmas. This year, in lieu of sending cards, we are making a contribution to the Les Childs Scholarship fund. We encourage your contributions to this unique FCCV gift supporting our talented members who seek to enhance their own gifts and benefit all of us through FCCV's music ministry. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year! Paul and Susan Shimer

The **Reading Buddies** need a volunteer for Wednesdays from 4-5 PM at Maple Street School. Contact Millie Oliphant, 872-7106, if interested. They are also in need of **stickers**. Donations may be left in the labeled box located in the Library.

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**.

Christmas Dinners

This year Hockanum Valley is in greater need of food donations for Christmas dinners in our community. In the past, Reins Deli has offered a hot dinner to those in need on Christmas day. This year, due to family illness, they will not be opening. Therefore, HVCC is looking for additional donations. Those who wish to participate may **sign up during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall today**. *Christmas baskets will be collected on Monday, December 16 between 6:30 and 8:30 AM in the FCCV parking lot.* We will also be collecting all types of non-perishable items food to drop off at Hockanum Valley on December 16. These can be left in the Missions Box in the Breezeway. If you would like to help on Monday, December 16 or have questions, please contact Sandra O'Gara at 860-872-6649 or Deb Cutting or 860-875-2291.

Suggested donations

Ham, whole turkey, turkey breast, chicken
Instant potatoes or fresh potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Yams or sweet potatoes
Cranberry sauce
Fruit, canned
Vegetables, canned
Brownie or cookie mix or cake mix and frosting
Dinner rolls
Breakfast bread or muffin mix
Apple or cranberry juice
Disposable roasting pan



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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.

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).

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.

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.

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.