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Sunday School News

These past three months have been a wonderful opportunity for our Sunday School classes to get involved in the community through mission work. We have done a Thanksgiving basket, collected coats, jackets, gloves, mittens, hats, numerous pairs of socks, and many pairs of men’s and women’s pants. All donations were divided and delivered to KIDSAFE of Vernon, the Tri- Town Shelter of Vernon, the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen and Hockanum Valley. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthy causes.

Sunday School Schedule

Feb 6 Family Communion Sunday - Grades 4-8 attend the worship service with their families - no Sunday School. Ages 3 years- 3rd grade will meet in the Kellogg Wing for music, a Bible Lesson and an activity.

Feb 13 Children meet upstairs for the Children’s Message and then go downstairs to Sunday School.

Feb 20 No Sunday School - winter break.

Feb 27 Children meet upstairs for the Children’s Message and then go downstairs to Sunday School.

Confirmation Class News

Much gratitude to the two anonymous donors who wanted the Confirmation Class to be able to have their own “Pay It Forward” opportunity. Each donor gave \$100 to the class. For their homework assignment, each youth had to find an organization, family or person in need and report on what the organization does to help others, and what the money would be used for. For a family or person in need, they had to find out what the need was. They came back and gave a report on their organizations and had to try to get the class to vote for the place they picked. The organizations that the youth reported on were: Vernon Pound, Hartford Rescue Mission, Keep a Child Alive, World Vision, UNICEF, Bolton Fire Dept., Special Olympics, South Windsor Food & Fuel, St. Jude’s. After all the votes were in, the following organizations each received \$50: St Jude’s, Vernon Pound, Keep a Child Alive, and Hartford Rescue Mission.

Confirmation Class Schedule

We will be visiting a funeral home in February (date to be confirmed shortly). We’ll meet in the PF Room at 11:30 AM for a short discussion first. Pick up at Ladd Turkington Funeral Home at approximately 1:30 PM. Invite your sponsor to attend with you.

Feb 13 Class or funeral home visit 11:30-?

Feb 27 Class or funeral home visit 11:30-?

Youth (Junior and Senior High) Fellowship

Unfortunately, the January 14th sleepover was cancelled due to a lack of participants. I think a combination of the snowstorm that week and extremely cold weather kept everyone inside where it was warm. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule a sleepover in the upcoming months.

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It has been a crazy two months trying to find an organization(s) that can use our help. We are limited because of the age of the youth and mass numbers. Even splitting into several smaller groups it has been extremely difficult finding places, especially since we are limited to being inside. But I have not given up. We have several ideas brewing and one definite is Hartford Rescue Mission where some will be going. I have also contacted Cornerstone, Hockanum Valley and Manchester Area Conference of Churches. Even if all cannot go off- site, we have a mission planned at our host church, First Congregational Church of South Windsor, 993 Main Street, South Windsor for February 6. We will meet at 1 PM. Parent pick up is at 5 PM.

Any questions, contact Dave or Deb Hockenberry, dmhockenberry@uhs.com, and davendebihock@aol.com, Jayne or Fred Gunther, jayne.gunther@snet.net or Linda Shivers, necsvga@aol.com.

Vacation Bible School

We would love to have your help for Vacation Bible School. This year’s theme is “Shake It Up Café.” The date has not yet been set (depends on when school gets out) but we are planning for the end of June. Contact Linda Shivers if you would like to volunteer.





**3rd Annual
Choral Celebration of Black History Month**
presented by Music @ First

**Sunday, February 20
4 PM
in the Sanctuary**

This concert will feature three of Connecticut's premier choral ensembles bringing African American and spiritual music to FCCV and our community.

- *Legacy of Spiritual Singers (formerly the Alfred E. White Chorale)*
- *Vernon Chorale*
- *Hartford Chorale Chamber Singers*

Suggested donation for this concert will be \$10; \$8 for seniors, students and groups of 20 or more. However, there will be no additional donation requested from Music @ First sponsors.

We anticipate a sell-out, therefore, we suggest you come early to ensure seating for this concert.

This concert will also be performed on Saturday, February 19 at 7 PM at the Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Hartford, the home of the Legacy of Spiritual Singers.

For more information, please call Paul Shimer at 860 870 5784.

BOARD OF MISSIONS NEWS

"Love Soup" Sale, Sunday, February 14

Soup and brownies in a mason jar will be sold to support the monthly meals for the Soup Kitchen. Stop by during Coffee Hour and buy a treat for your valentine.

Watch future bulletins for more information about the annual **Church-Wide Mission**. Kick-off will be on February 27.

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM NEWS

Welcome to FCCV

If you bring a guest to church or know of a first time visitor, please ask them to sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the table beneath the Flower Chart. There they will also find a special Welcome Bag just for them.

Connect Through Christ ~ Connect With Us

Wear Your Nametag

Reach out in fellowship. Wear your nametag. If you need a nametag, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860) 875-7580.

**March Carillon
DEADLINE
Tuesday, February 8**

The **Men's Club Breakfast Group** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner. A brief devotion and excellent conversation is served each week. We invite all men of the church to join us.

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, would like more information or would like to join the Care Network, please contact the Church Office.

Parish Nurse News

YOGA...Our Parish Nurses sponsor Yoga classes on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 PM. Classes are based on practical Hatha Yoga stretches and are geared for all levels. Donation is \$5 per class. Please bring a mat.

Your Parish Nurses take **blood pressures** on the 4th Sunday of every month. We also offer supportive listening and provide information and referral resources.

FROM THE BOOKWORM

THE LIBRARY HAS ADDED SEVERAL NEW BOOKS TO ITS SHELVES. THEY INCLUDE:

PART-TIME PASTOR: FULL-TIME CHURCH BY REV. BOB LaROCKELLE

FABRIC OF FAITH BY KIM WINSTON. THIS IS A BOOK THAT INCLUDES PATTERNS AND PRAYERS AND POINTERS FOR STARTING A PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY, VOLUMES 1 & 2 BY LION BRAND YARN THESE TWO BOOKS INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR KNITTING OR CROCHETING PRAYER SHAWLS.



The **Library** is self-serve and open when the church is open.

CARING and SHARING GROUP

Anyone interested in attending this grief support group is invited to join us on **Fridays at 10:30 AM** in the Library. This group is open to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one and is being run by members of the congregation. Please feel free to come alone or bring a family member or friend. Any questions? Contact the Church Office, 860-875-7580.



We extend sincere sympathy to the following individuals who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

Larry Heebner and family on the death of his wife, Karen

T.P.C. NEWS

Congratulations! You've done it again! FCCV has been an important part of the preparation of another pastor. On Sunday, January 9, Kevin Munroe was ordained at a lovely service in the Kingston Congregational Church in Rhode Island. Your T.P.C. participated in the ordination service. At the conclusion of the service, we presented Kevin with a Pastoral Record book, a gift from the T.P.C and FCCV. The next day, Kevin moved to Hagerstown, MD where he now serves as Pastor of Zion Reformed UCC. Kevin and his wife, Margaret were touched that the entire T.P.C. attended. They had wonderful things to say about their time at FCCV.

Following is an excerpt from a note Kevin had sent to FCCV.

"I want to thank everyone for the support that you gave me at First Congregational Church of Vernon. Thank you for all you have done for me."

*With Blessings,
Kevin Munroe*



REMINDER: In an ongoing effort to keep everyone safe, please don't "create" new parking spaces by parking beyond where the parking space lines are. It is becoming increasingly common to find multiple cars extending into the "driving" area of the parking lots, making it more dangerous for everyone to safely walk and drive. Thanks!

BAPTISM

by Rev. Cynthia Carr on January 9

Anastasia Joan Ryalls, daughter of Sarah and Jeffrey Ryalls

FCCV ON CABLE TV

Our Sunday morning worship services (one week delay) are available for viewing on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5 Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Uncut DVD's (DVD's submitted for viewing on Comcast have to be edited to fit a 60 minute format) of the services from the chimes to the postlude are also available for borrowing in the Library. Check your local listings or go to CVCCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and events.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Following is a list of people in our church family on active duty. We ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers. If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact the Church Office.

Maj. Joel Cummings, son of Hal and Ibbey Cummings, at Fort Bliss, TX

Michael Wilson, son of Nancy Beimler, serving in the U. S. Navy in San Diego

Steven Beimler, son of Nancy Beimler in the National Guard

Charlie Oster, Mary Hurst's daughter's fiancée, in Afghanistan

