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Sunday Worship 10 AM (Announcements 9:50 AM)

Sunday School 10 AM

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday, May 20 will be a special day at FCCV!

Guest Pastor - The Reverend George V. Higgins who was ordained in our church 60 years ago this spring and was our Senior Pastor from 1949-1957. We are honored to have him visit during our Anniversary year.

Three Minutes of History - Our Sunday School through the years

Family Picnic - Immediately after morning worship. All food provided (hot dogs, etc.). Old-time games and toys for children to share.



Dedication of 250th Anniversary Tree in the Memorial Garden - Tree provided by the Memorial Garden Committee with the help of Jim Wilson through his PAY IT FORWARD donation.

This is a "celebration Sunday" not to be missed! See you there!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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Sunday School News

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting our **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** on Sunday, May 6 at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone (and their families) who taught Sunday School or were shepherds or advisors for Giv2/Youth Fellowship and basketball are invited to attend.

Little Bells (3 years – 4th grade): We would like to thank Kevin Maki for leading the children this past year. He has done a wonderful job and has left us with children who have progressed remarkably well. We wish Kevin much success as he prepares to head off to college in the fall. We are now in need of a new director for the Little Bells. Any questions, contact Kevin at church.

Sunday School Schedule

May 6 Grades 3 years-4th grade will start in the end room of Kellogg Hall for a combined Sunday School class. Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will meet in their classrooms.

May 13 Children start upstairs for Children's Message then go to classrooms.

May 20 Children start upstairs for Children's Message then go to classrooms

May 27 No Sunday School - Memorial Day weekend

Summer Sunday School

During the summer, we will offer a group Sunday School for children ages 3 years - 3rd grade on the following Sundays: June 17, 24; July 1, 15, 22, 29; August: 5, 12, 19, 26. Teachers are needed. Please sign up for one or more Sundays on the bulletin board in the hallway. Questions? Contact Victoria Madden.

Our **Toddler Room** is open every Sunday from 9:55 a.m. until after the Worship Service for toddlers ages 12 months to 3 years. It is staffed by two high school students who have experience working with toddlers and are members of our congregation. Christa Hockenberry is our Toddler Room Coordinator and can answer any questions or concerns you might have. She may be contacted in the Toddler Room on Sunday mornings. We also offer a **Crib Room** for infants up to 12 months and their parents that is located upstairs near the balcony. This offers you an opportunity to be with your infant if you need to leave the worship service for any reason and still be able to hear the service. An usher will be happy to direct you if you are in need of assistance.

Confirmation Class

Youth Services Opportunities Project:

We have wonderful youth who did an outstanding job at YSOP this year.

We expect nothing but outstanding behavior and we have not been disappointed yet. The purpose of this mission trip, though short, is to give the youth a taste of what it is like to have nothing. They spend 36 hours with no cell phones, no handhelds, no computers, no shopping and no snacks. They eat what they serve others and if there is not enough food they get a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. We sleep on the floor of a church. There are no showers and we walk from Grand Central to Rutherford Place, approximately 2½ miles, carrying our sleeping bags and personal items. The first night we cook and serve "guests" from a local shelter. We talk with them, play card games, dominoes and other board games, all of which puts a human touch on the homeless. They are people with problems - medical, working for minimum wage or laid off, some dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. After feeding everyone and cleaning up we then listen to a guest speaker. The speaker talks about the homeless situation and organizations that are available to help. Laws in New York are a little different than Connecticut. New York is mandated to find shelter every night for everyone - about 36,000 people with over 18,000 children and youth. After the speaker leaves, we then have a discussion and a time for reflection.



This year, our youth helped over 1,100 people. Over the long term, we will have helped another 2,000. Some in our group went to McKinley's Children's Community Garden where we weeded, cleaned and laid down mulch for the children in "Little Jamaica" Queens. The garden was created from an empty lot that previously had a house on it. The house was torn down and the owner donated the land for this garden. The garden invites the children to come and plant flowers and fruit trees and lots of different vegetables. The purpose is to get the kids eating more healthy diet. The garden is also a big draw for class trips throughout the city so kids can learn how fruits and vegetables grow. Others in our group went to Holy Cross Food and Clothing Pantry. People came and to pick up bags of vegetables, fruit, beans, pasta, etc. and could also go through the cloths and take what they needed. A group also went to St. Joseph College which is a Soup Kitchen that served lasagna, salad and pie.

Taking the youth out of their comfort zone and bringing them to NY gives them a chance to experience homelessness on a huge scale and brings them closer to each other for support. Every year our projects change, but the rewards our youth get from learning they are capable of helping others is something that stays with them forever.

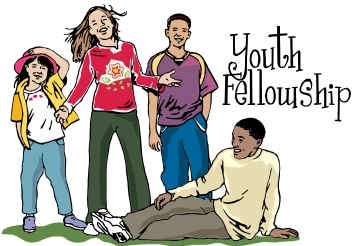
Confirmation Schedule

May 13 Rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Your parents and sponsor should attend.

May 27 Confirmation Sunday - Confirmands, parents and sponsors meet in Fellowship Hall by 9:15 AM

Reminder!

- All assignments and church hours must be completed and interviews with your sponsor be done before scheduling your interview.
- April 22- May 10: Your interview needs to be scheduled with Linda Shivers. Schedule for sign-ups will be available in class.
- May 6 - Last day sponsors have to turn in your biography or words of wisdom. Email to Linda Shivers necsvga@aol.com



Giv2 - Youth Fellowship

May 6 – Meeting, 1 PM at FCCV. We will be working at Martha Fowler's home. Pick-up at 4 PM at FCCV.

Vacation Bible School, June 25-29 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Meadowlark Rd., Vernon. This year's theme is **"Operation Overboard, Dare to Go Deep with God!"** Family Night will be held at First Congregational Church of Vernon on Thursday, June 28. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. Volunteers are needed. Contact Linda Shivers if interested.



Youth Revival

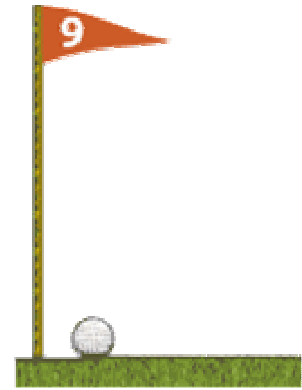
The 2nd Annual Youth Revival will serve as the Kick-off for the CT Conference Spring Annual Meeting. Youth and adults are welcome to join us for an evening of inspirational worship and fellowship. The theme for the Revival is "Why Church Matters to Me." The Revival will be held on Friday, May 11 at Liberty Christian Center in Hartford. Praise and Worship will begin at 7 PM and a light reception will follow the service. If interested in attending, please contact Linda Shivers.



Save the Date!

FCCV 2012 Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 2 at Willow Brook Golf Course



8:30 AM Golf registration begins
10 AM Shotgun start
2 PM Lunch, Raffle and Silent Auction

Be a player: \$80 per person if you register by June 1
\$95 per person after June 1

Donate an item for the raffle, silent or live auction

Be a sponsor:

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| Hole Sponsors | \$50 |
| Contest Sponsors | \$100 |
| Greens Flags Sponsors | \$150 |
| Lunch Sponsors | \$200 and up |
| Advertising | \$25 |

Spread the word. Plan to attend. Tell a friend.

For information on sponsorship opportunities
contact Paul Shimer or Harmon Howe.

Visit with us during Coffee Hour and try out your putting skills.

RAFFLE PRIZES Needed!

The success of our Golf Event is an integral part of our 2012 operating budget, not to mention that it is certain to be a fun day for all! We count on the support of church members, friends of the church and the community at large to make this event a huge success. One way you can assist is by donating a raffle prize. Raffle prize ideas include: gift certificates/cards to local restaurants and businesses, theme gift baskets, tickets to athletic events, a weekend getaway, golf-related items, etc. We are also looking for a few “show stopper” items, such as a handmade quilt or a week’s vacation at a golfing location.

How can you help?

- Personally donate a prize
- Arrange for your business to donate a prize
- Solicit a business you frequent to donate a prize

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Holly Boutwell at 872-6359 (evenings) or hollyboutwell@comcast.net. Many thanks!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Basket Group

Basket group is in full swing making gift baskets for our next fair.

We meet on Thursday mornings at 10 AM at 185 Windsorville Rd. (across from Gerry's Donuts). Stop in!

We are in need of donations of items to fill the baskets. Below is a list of the items that we use the most, but any donations would be greatly appreciated.



Baskets and Styrofoam Peanuts for packing

Tea Cups and Saucers, Mugs

Silicon Spatulas/Scrapers

Table Runners, Napkins

Tinned Cookies and Crackers with extended expiration dates

Vacuum-packed Pistachio or other Snack Nuts

Measuring Cups

Tea Towels

Lotions, Bath Items, Perfume for Women

Shaving Items for Men (lotion and creams), handsome colored Washcloths

Cello Bags

Sewing/Quilting Items (small scissors, needles, quilting thread, thimbles, safety pins)

Artificial Fruits and Vegetables (hot peppers, carrots, cucumbers, apples, eggplant, strawberries, cherries, tomatoes)

Hard Candies, Candy Canes, Hot Chocolate Mixes

Pasta Strainers, varieties of Pasta, Pasta Sauces of any kind (pesto, tomato, cheese)

Pet Items - Dog Toys, Neck Scarves, Canned or Dried Food with extended expirations dates

Wild Bird Items - Tiny Birdhouses, small packages of Seeds, small Bird Field Guide Book

Ocean Items - Seashell Field Guide, Salt Water Taffy, Kids Sunglasses

Golf Items - Balls, Tees, Golf Towels

Jams and Jellies, small bottles of Syrup, Pot Holders



Church Cookbook

In honor of FCCV's 250th Anniversary, we are hoping to put together another church cookbook since our last cookbook was done 10-12 years ago. We would love to have your favorite family recipes. Is there a recipe you still use that your grandmother used to make? How about an easy dinner you fix when you only have 15 minutes? Do your children

have a favorite? We will also include recipes from older church cookbooks that were all-time favorites. If you have recipes you'd like to share, please let us know! **We would like to have all recipes by May 20 if possible.** Please use the form on the next page or pick up a form from the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please return recipes to the envelope on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Daryl at 860-871-8594 or edengott@sbcglobal.net.



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Recipe #

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One Recipe Per Page

RECIPE CATEGORY

- Appetizers, Beverages
- Main Dishes
- Miscellaneous
- Soups, Salads
- Breads, Rolls
- Other _____
- Vegetables
- Desserts

RECIPE TITLE _____

Please Type or Print Plainly

INGREDIENTS

Please use these abbreviations: c., tsp., Tbsp., pkg., qt., pt., oz., lb.

Two columns of horizontal lines for listing ingredients.

METHOD

Multiple horizontal lines for describing the cooking method.

Submitted by: _____

Please include submitter's name as it is to appear in cookbook.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

Prayer Shawl Group

Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters

Our supply of finished Prayer Shawls has been depleted. We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. We invite you to join us on the **second Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Library** or feel free to make one at home. Questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or

Craft Group meets on Monday nights at 7 PM to make items for the Fair. We always welcome suggestions and help. Stop in and see what we are all about...all ability levels needed.

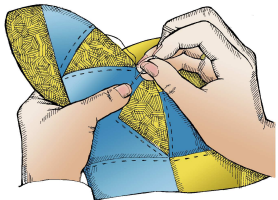


Crafts Central

Saturday, May 19 from 9 AM-1 PM at Daryl Gottier's home

Drop in to work on a craft for awhile. We will be wet felting wool to make ornaments, trivets and felted soap. Materials and instructions will be provided.

Join in the fun. Snacks and lunch will be available. If you need directions to Daryl's home, email her at edengott@sbcglobal.net.



QUILTING GROUP

Prayer Squares

This group makes prayer quilts as well as other quilted items. They meet each month on the 3rd Monday night at 7 PM and the 3rd Tuesday afternoon at 1 PM.

Evening Circle

Monday, May 7 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall

We are holding an "**Awful, Awful Auction.**" For those who have not attended before, you bring an item (in good condition) that you do not want and we auction it off. If you place the winning bid, you pay for it with play money that is given to you prior to the auction, plus you can earn more. Come, join us for a **FUN evening.** Call Pat Lazeren, 860-644-0475, if you have any questions and to let us know you are coming so we can plan for refreshments.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to any church member who is continuing their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Deadline for applying is May 31.



Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9

Purchase a blanket "in honor" or "in memory" of a special woman in your life. Just \$5 will purchase a sturdy, wool blanket through Church World Services. These blankets are used in the United States and abroad in times of need and disaster. [Use the order form below or order during Coffee Hour on Sundays, April 29 and May 6.](#)

Deadline for ordering is May 6.



BLANKET ORDER FORM

I wish to donate \$5 for a blanket:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP and mail to:

Daryl Gottier
15 Kenneth Drive
Vernon, CT 06066

Questions? Call Daryl, 860-871-8594.

T.P.C. NEWS

As is our custom, we are asking you, the congregation, to give us feedback on our Field Placement Student, Joseph Tobin. His time with us is coming to an end and we are working on his final evaluation. Your feedback is always helpful. Joe's last day with us will be May 13 at which time he will preach and be decommissioned. Even though this will officially conclude his time with us, Joe may continue to participate with us during the summer. Your TPC will be going forward as it seeks another student for next year.



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



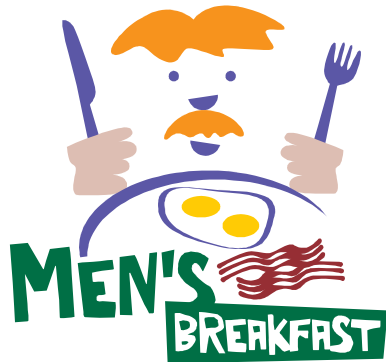
R. LESLIE CHILDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The R. Leslie Childs Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded each year to an FCCV church member or child of a member to provide assistance with musical training. The award can be used for music lessons, music education or toward the purchase of a musical instrument. Each candidate must complete an application describing their musical training and accomplishments, their planned music studies and how the scholarship will be used. Each candidate will be evaluated on their present ability, dedication, need and church involvement. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Board of Music no later than May 10,

2012. For more information contact musicatfirstfccv@gmail.com.

CARING and SHARING SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone interested in attending this 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 run by members of our congregation. Please feel free to come alone or bring a family member or friend. Any questions? Contact the Church Office, 860-875-7580.



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.

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.



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 **Margaret Klukas** (643-0710) or **Jan Muro** (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com).



Volunteers Needed! The Care Network is looking for volunteers to help with driving. Recently, we have had requests for rides to church as well as doctors' appointments. We are aware that volunteers will not always be available when a ride is needed, so we need to add more names to our list of drivers. We want to be able to get our church family members where they need to go. If this request touches your heart, please contact Jan Muro, 860- 872-1857 or Margaret Klukas, 860-643-0710 or find us on Sundays at Coffee Hour after our church service. You won't be sorry. It'll cost a you a little gas, but the rewards are heavenly.

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 Ibby Cummings, at Fort Bliss, TX

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

Steven Beimler, son of Nancy Beimler in the National Guard

June CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, May 15

