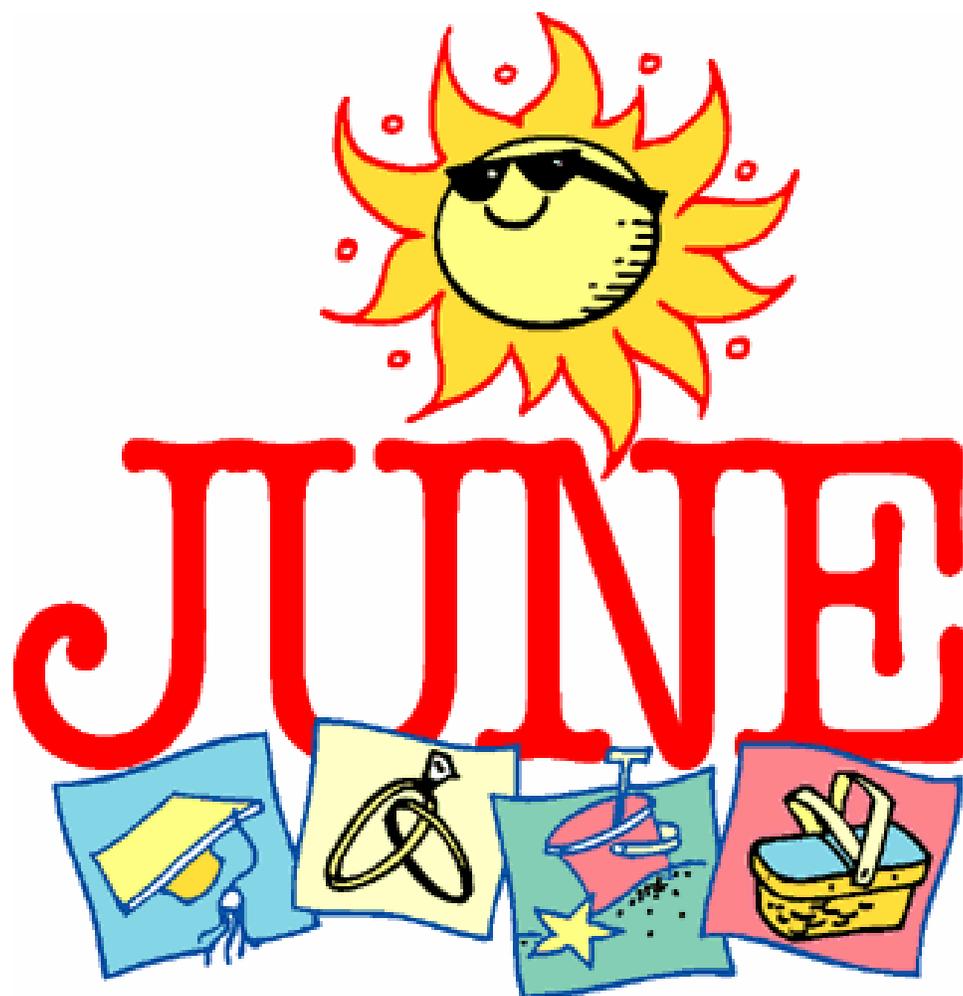


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250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

Three Minutes of History

There will be two historical moments this month. The first will be on Children’s Sunday, June 10 when the history of the Sunday School will be discussed. On Music Appreciation Sunday, June 17 we’ll feature the Music Ministry at FCCV through the years.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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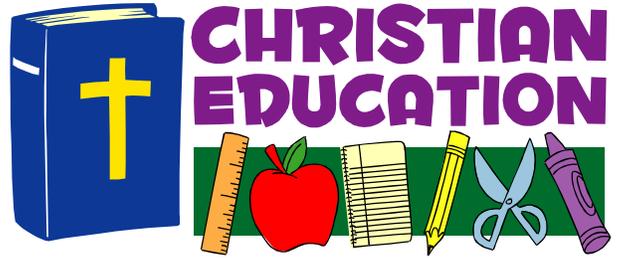
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Sunday School News

Thank you to our wonderful Superintendents, Child Care Coordinator, Teachers, Shepherds, Substitutes and Youth Advisors who have found a calling and a purpose in children's and youth ministry:

Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Madden

Assistant Superintendent: Jen Condry

Summer Sunday School Superintendent: Victoria Madden

Youth Advisors: Beth Fowler, Halene Fujimoto, Dave Hockenberry, Debi Hockenberry, Kathleen McClure, Sadie Burnett-Pollack

Youth Basketball Chaperone: Randy Ramsdell

Sunday School Music Director: Steve Westerberg

Sunday School Bells Director: Kevin Maki

Child Care Coordinator: Christa Hockenberry

3 /4 /5 year old Teachers: Adam Boucher, Kevin Maki, Jacquelyn Mead, Jaclyn Leonard

1st/2nd Grade Teachers: Jennifer Jensen, Cheryl Turner

1st/2nd Grade Shepherds: Jena Maki, Aarika Mallory

3rd/4th Grade Teachers: Debbie Bartos, Diane Mead

3rd/4th Grade Shepherds: Nick Bartos, Haley Hasty

5th/6th Grade Teachers: Annie Longo, Jean Philbrick

7th/8th Grade Teachers: Greg Mias, Alexa Philbrick, Erika Sturgis

Substitutes: April Calvelli, GloryAnna Hockenberry, Suzanne Maki, Peter Melander, Ian Pettigrew

Thanks also to Debbie Bartos for organizing the Teachers' Appreciation breakfast and to all who donated food for this event.

Sunday School Schedule

June 10 Children's Sunday – our Sunday School children will be in charge of the service

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

A special thank you to Antonio's Italian Pizzeria in Rockville for opening early on Sunday morning so we could get our youth and sponsors fed before heading out to Ladd Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home.

Confirmation Sunday was May 27, a list of Confirmands will be included in the next Carillon.

Notices about Confirmation classes will be going out to Sunday School youth entering 9th grade in the Fall. Any youth in 9th- 12th grade who has not attended Sunday School but is interested in learning more about Confirmation, should contact Linda Shivers (necsvga@aol.com) for more information.



Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12) and Giv2

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items to our Tag Sale fundraiser. We made over \$1200 which will be used towards our summer mission trip, activities and fellowship programs for the next two years.

A special thank you to everyone who helped - Nick, Debbie and Lotsy Bartos, Sophie Becker, Alex, Beth and Kate Fowler, Halene Fujimoto, Christa, Dave, Debi, and GloryAnna Hockenberry, Jack Longo, Kathleen

McClure, Ken Morgan, Alec Montgomery, Arielle and Mariah Shivers.

Adult advisors are needed for 2012-2013. If interested in finding out more about this group of youth please contact Linda Shivers.

Giv2

Our last mission was working on Martha Fowler's gardens. We had a small group (Sophie Becker, Michelle Darby, Beth Fowler, Christa, Debi and GloryAnna Hockenberry, Jack Longo, Arielle and Mariah Shivers) but we did what we could and did a lot of raking and weed pulling. I now realize how hard it is to try to work on someone else's garden - hoping you have the same vision as they do.

Youth Summer Mission, July 23-27

Debi Hockenberry and Greg Mias will be the adult advisors for this mission. Please sign up on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library. Mission places have not been picked yet but will be in the community and the Hartford area.



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. All are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available in the Church Office.

FCCV 2012 Golf Tournament

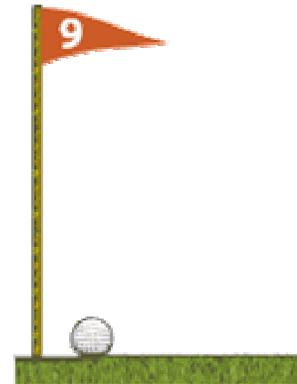
Saturday, June 2 at Willow Brook Golf Course

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

Be a sponsor:

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.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, June 3
immediately following the Worship Service

T.P.C. NEWS

We have finished our student, Joseph's final evaluation. He has completed his time with us but we hope to see him at church from time to time this summer. We have very much enjoyed working with Joseph this year and wish him all the best in the future.

On April 22 we attended the Installation of former student, David Nelson as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Haven. It was a joyful occasion for David's family, friends and new parish community. Parts of the service were spoken in Vietnamese and French. This small church will surely flourish under the energetic leadership of David. Our very best wishes and prayers are with them all.

We have updated our profile for Andover Newton Theological School but have not yet been contacted by a student for next year. At this time, there are no students from Connecticut. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry to the wider church.



From our T.P.C. Student...

May 18, 2012

Dear Friends,

It was very difficult to not be with you on Mother's Day Sunday to participate in the worship service, to express in person my gratitude for everything First Congregational Church has done for me during the last nine months, and be decommissioned. As many of you know, I was prevented from being with you by a case of acute bronchitis.

The time I have spent as a seminary student intern at FCCV has been extraordinary. The Teaching Parish Committee has shepherded my growth in ministry by meeting with me almost every other week, and providing guidance and suggestions for improvement. Both Pastor David and Pastor Cindy have been enthusiastic supporters, offering their wisdom and experience and their encouragement for the journey; and Linda Shivers has helped me understand and appreciate the challenges and rewards of youth ministry. Sunday after Sunday, I never ceased to be spiritually uplifted by the wonderful music provided by a very dedicated choir and the excellent musicianship of James Burr and Mary-Jo Simonds-Huneger. What a gift they are to the church.

Last, but certainly not least, is the gratitude and friendship I feel toward the members of this church. You welcomed, encouraged and supported me through these many months, gently guided me whenever I was uncertain or had questions, shared your joys and pain, participated in the Lenten Bible series, came on Easter morning when I thought there might be five people, and made the best soup and cookies. I have been privileged to serve such a warm and caring community of faith for whom the best is yet to come.

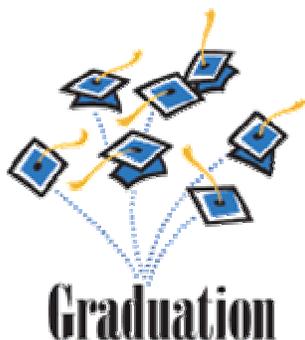
Susan and I thank you so much for everything. You will forever be in our hearts.

Joseph M. Tobin, Jr.

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



We would like to **thank Sara Koziol** for providing our group with the funds from her weekly Yoga Classes over the past years. The funds have been used to sponsor CPR/AED classes at a reduced rate for the congregation and for other worthy activities. Thank you for your wonderful classes and your kindness.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Once again we will be honoring our high school and college graduates in the July/August issue of the Carillon. If you would like to have your daughter or son listed, please contact the Church Office at fccv@snet.net or 860-875-7580 **no later than June 12.**

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

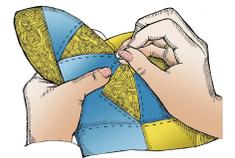
Prayer Shawl Group Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters

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 quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

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.

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.



QUILTING GROUP

Evening Circle

Monday, June 4, 6:30 PM at Pam Lyons' home for a POTLUCK PICNIC

Join us for a fun evening and bring your favorite picnic dish. Call Pat Lazeren, 860-644-0475, for directions (if needed) and to let us know you are coming so we can have an accurate head count for beverages.



FROM the BOOKWORM

The Library Committee would like to thank the Rev. Dr. Peter Brenner for the generous donation of his book Behind the Smile. It was so thoughtful of him to make this book available to the congregation.

**July/August CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, June 12**

STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM NEWS

New in the Pew!

Watch for a new addition in the pews on Sunday mornings. **Pew Cards** will be replacing the Friendship Registers that have been in place for some time. Visitors to FCCV will be encouraged to use these cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates when the offering is taken. We hope this will be a more efficient way to encourage our guests to let us know how we can help them be comfortable at our church.

The most important part of this initiative will be the people in the pews, not the Pew Cards themselves...if you see a visitor filling out the card, PLEASE greet them and invite them to join you downstairs after worship for some coffee and fellowship.

P. S...wearing your Name Tag is such a positive statement that we are a warm and welcoming congregation!

Website Update

In case you haven't had a chance to look at them elsewhere, the Archive section of our website, www.firstchurchofvernon.org, now has copies of FCCV By Laws, the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee Report, the 1974 Church History, the 2002 Church History and the 1987 225th Anniversary Program.



A REMINDER from the BOARD of TRUSTEES to ALL WHO HAVE KEYS to the CHURCH...

If you are at the church for a meeting, please meet your board or committee members at the door to let them in. Doors should not be left unlocked or propped open. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Sarah Wojteczko and Jonathan Piela who were married at FCCV on May 1, 2012. Rev. Cynthia Carr officiated.

BAPTISMS by Rev. Cynthia Carr

Oliver Wilhelm Beermann, son of Mariah and Adam Beermann on April 22

Dominick David Lisowski, son of Sadie Burnett-Pollack and Nicholas Lisowski on April 22

Brianna Suzanne Tedford, daughter of Sook and James Tedford on May 27

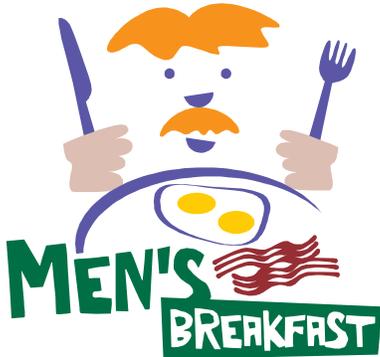
THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank all those who sent cards, expressed sympathy and gave hugs on the passing of my mother, Dayle Marshall.

In Christian love,
Debbie Marshall and family

CARING and SHARING SUPPORT GROUP

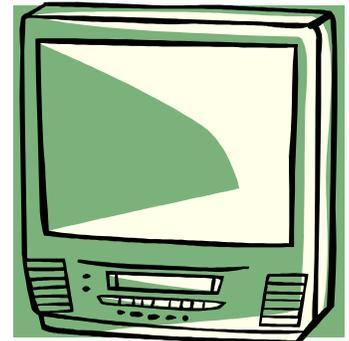
Anyone interested in attending this support group is invited to join us on **Fridays** at **10:30 AM** in the Library. This group is open to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one and is run by members of our congregation. Please feel free to come alone or bring a family member or friend. Any 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 **CareNetwork** 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 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

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush and Rev. Dr. Sue Prichard will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage begins on March 6, 2013, when the group leaves JFK for a 10 day adventure. "Jesus in the Galilee" is the name of the particular tour we will be enjoying. We will be going to such wonderful places as Nazareth, Caesarea Philipi, Capernaum, Meggido, Emmaus, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We will walk around the Mount of Olives, meditate in the Garden of Gethsemane, renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan River, celebrate communion at the Garden Tomb, sing carols in the birth grotto in Bethlehem among many other things. If you are interested in this exciting adventure, contact either Jay or Sue at DrJayT@aol.com or RevSueP@aol.com. Plan to spend your Lenten time "next year in Jerusalem."

