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250th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since we hung the banner above our front door and proudly announced that we were beginning the celebration of the founding of our church in November 1762! We have honored our history in many ways. Now we are anxious to cap off the celebration with an **Anniversary Dinner** on Saturday evening, **November 17**, followed the next day, Sunday, **November 18** by our **250th Anniversary Worship Service** at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.

The dinner on Saturday night will feature a delicious meal followed by a short program during which the UCC Conference Minister, the Reverend Charles Wildman, will bring greetings from the Conference and other guests will offer remarks. James Burr, our organist, will provide a musical interlude. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE DINNER, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET ON THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN BOARD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (860-875-7580). FYI: The 250th Committee was allotted a small budget at the beginning of



the Anniversary year. We have been able to keep our expenses to a minimum and even earn money from some of our activities. We anticipate that we will be able to provide the dinner free of charge to all who wish to attend. If we run a little short, we will place a "free will" offering basket in the dining room, so that you may contribute if you wish.

Please make plans to be part of these two special events!

PLEASE NOTE!

On **November 4, 2012**, the Board of Finance will present an overview of the 2013 Church Budget based on submissions from the boards, committees and staff. The presentation will be given immediately following church in Fellowship Hall. While this is not a formal church meeting, your attendance is encouraged as we think you will gain insights into the financial consequences surrounding the events taking place in the church and a better understanding of the challenges we face in 2013.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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Sunday School News

**We are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent for the 2012-2013 program year. If interested in a job description, please contact Linda Shivers or Cindy Madden.*

The months of November and December tend to bring out the giving in everyone, our Sunday School children included. We have several mission projects scheduled over the next two months. Parents can talk with the teachers to find out how they can help support the Sunday School mission projects.

Sunday School Schedule

Nov 11-18 The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be collecting gently-used coats for children, teens, women and men (please make sure to check the pockets and wash before dropping off).

Nov 4-18 The 6th, 7th and 8th grade will be "adopting" a family from the Board of Missions and Outreach and providing a Thanksgiving dinner and collecting non-perishable food items for the basket.

- Dec 2** Please Note: Family Communion - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL but the Toddler Room will be open to children in 3rd grade and under. Children of all ages may participate in Communion at the discretion of their parents.
- Dec 9-16-** 1st and 2nd grade will be collecting gloves, hats, mittens
- Dec 9** **Advent Workshop** after church. Open to everyone. Please bring a snack to share.
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Our **Toddler Room** is open every Sunday from 9:45 AM until after the Worship Service for toddlers ages 12 months to 3 years. It is staffed by two high school students, GloryAnna Hockenberry and Jaclyn Leonard who have worked with toddlers for a couple of years and are members of our congregation. Christa Hockenberry is our Toddler Room Coordinator and can answer any questions or concerns you might have. 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 Schedule

The Confirmation Class and the sponsors will be contacted via email on our class and activity schedule. Dates have been changed to allow the youth to be part of the Search Committee announcements and meetings.



Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

Advisors: Helene Fujimoto, Beth Fowler, Dave and Debi Hockenberry, Sadie Burnett- Pollack

Unfortunately, we were not able to squeeze Lake Compounce into the schedule this year due to all the changes that are taking place. We are looking at several opportunities to get together for November. Updates will be posted on Facebook or check your email. If you want to be on our email list contact me, Linda Shivers, at necsvga@aol.com.



HOLIDAY FAIR



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:30-8 PM

A dinner of Burgundy Beef over noodles, salad and fruit cup will be served.

Dine in or take out

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9 AM – 2 PM

Come for Muffins and Coffee

Shop the Boutique, Christmas Room, Garden Room and Book Sale

Stay for Lunch!

Nachos, Chili, Butternut Squash or Tortellini Soup, Baked Potato, Meatball Grinders, Hotdogs

Pick up some gift baskets and grab a few baked goods for the ride home!

New this year... "Noah's Ark" booth that will include items for your pets (dogs, cats, birds, etc.)

We will also be selling various types of **gourmet barks** which will be wrapped for gift giving.

Here's How You Can Help

- ❖ Someone talented at decorating is needed to help us decorate for the Fair
- ❖ Work the day of the Fair
- ❖ Donate used books to the Library for the Book Sale
- ❖ Donate items for the Garden Room (grapevine wreaths, dried items from your garden, perennials, clay pots, vases, bird lovers items, garden crafts)
- ❖ Donate handmade ornaments, knitted or crocheted items for the boutique or any item appropriate for the unique gifts table (i.e. quilting, cross stitch, paintings, woodwork). These are one-of-a kind items sold at the Silent Auction.
- ❖ We need donations of flour, sugar, brown sugar, shortening, canned pumpkin, canned blueberry or cherry pie filling. Please mark them "FAIR" and leave them in the church kitchen.
- ❖ Please remember to fill out a volunteer form if you are available and return it to the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Prayer Shawl Group

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, quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com. or 860-872-9069



Prayer Shawl Ministry

BOARD of MISSIONS NEWS

While we will spend November 22 with family and friends, grateful for all we have and do, there are families in our community who might not be able to celebrate with a Thanksgiving dinner. Our church participates in the annual **"Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving"** program where we provide Thanksgiving dinners for families in need in the Vernon area through Hockanum Valley Community Council. Our goal this year is to provide turkey dinners for 125 families. Each year the need for donations grows stronger. The recipient prepares the dinner. You do not need to do any cooking/baking.

You can sign up to provide a turkey dinner during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, October 21 and 28 and November 4 and 11. See below for a list of suggested foods. **All food will be collected on Monday, November 12 between 6:30 and 9 AM in the FCCV parking lot.**

If you would like to help on Monday, November 12 or have questions, please contact Sandra O'Gara, 872-6649 or Deb Cutting, 875-2291. Hockanum Valley is also looking for volunteers for the holiday season. Please contact Joan, 872-9825, for more information.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

All baskets will be collected on Monday, November 12 from 6:30 – 9:00 AM in the FCCV parking lot.

SMALL FAMILY (1 or 2 People)

- Small turkey, turkey breast or chicken
- Small box of instant potatoes or 2-3 pounds of fresh potatoes
- Small box or bag of stuffing
- 1 can of gravy
- 1 can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 package of dinner rolls
- Brownie or cookie mix
- Breakfast bread or muffin mix
- 1 bottle of apple or cranberry juice
- Disposable roasting pan



LARGE FAMILY (3 or 4 people)

- Large turkey
- Large box of instant potatoes or 5 pounds of fresh potatoes
- Large box or bag of stuffing
- 2 cans of gravy
- 2 cans of yams or sweet potatoes (or one large can)
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of vegetables
- Brownie or cookie mix or cake mix and frosting
- 1 package of dinner rolls
- Box of pancake mix and bottle of syrup or breakfast bread or muffin mix
- 1 bottle of apple or cranberry juice
- Disposable roasting pan

We will also be collecting all types of non-perishable food items to drop off at Hockanum Valley with the Thanksgiving baskets on November 12. These items can be left in the Missions Box in the Breezeway.

Cash and gift card donations are also welcome and will be used by the HVCC staff to purchase food for additional Thanksgiving baskets.

Additional turkeys are always welcome.



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

AED/CPR Class, Saturday, November 10 at 9 AM. The class usually lasts from 2-3 hours and will cover the basics of CPR and usage of the AED. Since we have an AED on the church property, we, as a congregation, are required to have members, who in the event of an emergency, would be qualified to perform CPR and use the AED properly. The class will be given by CPROHeart, who held the class two years ago. This class should be attended by those who were certified two years ago and also by those who are interested in learning this life-saving skill. This class is being sponsored by the Parish Nurses who will pay half the cost; the more people who attend, the less the cost will be. The class is very interesting and worthwhile and we hope to have a large group attend. Please contact Delythe Kracke at DelytheK@yahoo.com or (860) 872-3004 with any questions or to sign up for the class.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST/SERVICE

On Thanksgiving morning, join us for a hot buffet breakfast with your family and friends. Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM followed by a brief service in the Sanctuary at 8:20 AM. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet posted in Fellowship Hall with the number of people attending so we can prepare the right amount of food. If you are interested in helping that morning, please contact Michelle Bower, 872-7274.

GATHERING of GRATITUDE

for Pastor Cindy

Saturday, December 1
3-6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Watch the mail for your invitation!

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. This is a great way to have your child involved in the church service and requires a minimal commitment.



T.P.C. NEWS

Congratulations to the Rev. Charles Nichols!

The Rev. Charles Nichols, our student minister in 2003, has been called by unanimous vote to be the pastor of Bartlett Union Congregational Church in Bartlett, New Hampshire. The church has 50 members and a very dedicated lay leadership. It is located at the foot of the White Mountains – a gorgeous area. Charlie began his new ministry on October 14 and he and his wife Barbara have re-located to New Hampshire. They would love to see you if you are ever in the area. They would also love to hear from you. Their new address is P.O. Box 392, Bartlett, NH 03812.



The First Congregational Church of Vernon Memorial Garden Committee is pleased to announce that the **Annual Memory Tree** will again be lit this Christmas season in the Memorial Garden.

This is an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones, both living and deceased.

The sparkling white lights will announce the Christmas season and serve as a beacon for those we wish to honor and remember during the holidays.

The lights will shine from November 25 through January 6.

If you would like to honor loved ones on the Memory Tree this year, please write their name(s) on the form below and return it with a \$5 donation per light to the FCCV Memorial Garden Committee, 695 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066 or return the form at Coffee Hour on November 4 or 11. Proceeds will be used by the Memorial Garden Committee for up-keep and to purchase annuals in the spring.

The Memory Tree Honor Roll will be published in the January 2013 Carillon. The names of your loved ones being remembered will be included in this listing if your donation is received by December 5.

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Name _____ Total donation \$ _____

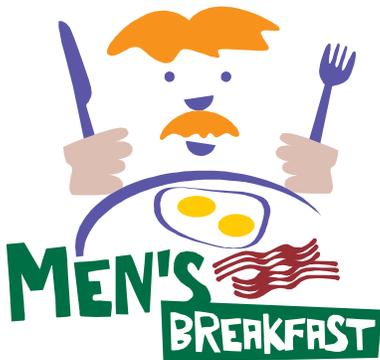


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We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!

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.

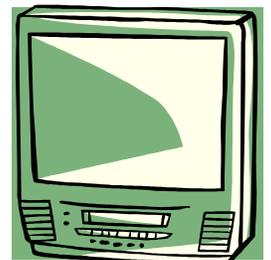


The **Men's Club Breakfast Group** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner. A brief devotion and excellent conversation is served each week. We invite all men of the church to join us.

December CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, November 13

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 **Jan Muro** (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or **Jon Dunlap** (875-7254).

What a joy and comfort it's been for John and me to have you all in our cheering section as I travel the journey adjusting to my new knee. Your prayers, visits, cards, meals and prayer shawl have been a great boost and we thank you so much.

Faithfully,
Sara Koziol



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, U. S. Navy in San Diego

Steven Beimler, son of Nancy Beimler in the National Guard

