

# *The Carillon*

The First Congregational Church  
of Vernon, UCC



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**Sunday Worship** 10 AM (Announcements 9:50 AM)

**Sunday School** 10 AM

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## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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**“Connect Through Christ – Connect With Us”**

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

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Cherish and Christa Hockenberry

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Donald Montgomery

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## Sunday School Schedule

- Feb 3** Group Sunday School for 3 years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Fellowship Hall. 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in their classroom.
- Feb 10** Children gather upstairs for the Children's Message and then go downstairs to Sunday School.
- Feb 17** Winter Break- No Sunday School. The Toddler Room will be open for children up to 5 years old.
- Feb 24** Children gather upstairs for the Children's Message and then go downstairs to Sunday School.
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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 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. 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.

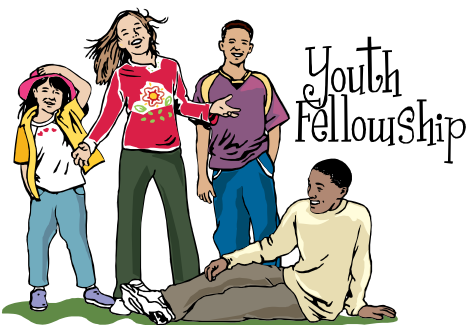
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## Confirmation Class Schedule

**Feb 10** Class, 11:30 AM-1 PM

**Feb 24** Class, 11:30 AM-1 PM

**Please Note:** Some classes/activities may be added.



## Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

### **Basketball - open to youth in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and parents**

February 2 and 16 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Wapping Church in South Windsor. Parents, please drop-off and pick-up at Wapping Church. Advisor - Randy Ramsdell. Contact him for more information.

### **Peter's Retreat Mission (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

We'll meet at FCCV on February 3 at 3 PM. If you have not previously turned in a permission slip, you will. Pick up at 7 PM.

## **Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Girls Only**

**Mar 2** The Revolve Tour 2013 is coming to First Cathedral in Bloomfield. We'll be leaving the FCCV parking lot at 9 AM. Cost is \$59 (does not include \$2 service fee). For more information and to register, go online at [revolvetour2013.com](http://revolvetour2013.com). If cost is an issue, please contact Linda Shivers. Debi

Hockenberry will be the lead advisor for this event. Sign up on CE bulletin board so we know how many chaperones/drivers are needed.

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### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS is open to all children 3 years old (potty trained, unless there is a disability) - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Date to be determined (based on when school gets out) but we are planning for the end of June. Our theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together." Registration forms will be available from Linda Shivers, Debi Hockenberry and the Church Office at the end of March. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older is welcome to volunteer as teachers, workshop leaders, decorators, etc... If interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Shivers.

**March Carillon  
DEADLINE  
Tuesday, February 12**

**MUISC at FIRST  
Fanfare Brass Choir  
February 24 at 4 PM**

Founded in 2008, this group consistently performs to a high standard and includes the top musicians in Western New England. The choir performs music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present and covers many styles of music including, classical, jazz and light popular.



The program will include Purcell, Gershwin, Rodgers, Strauss, Sousa and many more.

Come, join us to hear this 10-piece brass choir – 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, a tuba and French horn!

**Suggested donation: \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students  
Proceeds benefit the Les Childs Music Scholarship**

# 2013 LENTEN SEASON



## **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**

***Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7 PM, Fellowship Hall***

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

***Wednesday, February 13, 7 PM in the Sanctuary***

## **Music @ First Concert – Fanfare Brass Choir**

***Sunday, February 24, 4 PM in the Sanctuary***

## **Bread and Broth Lenten Series**

***Thursdays, February 28, March 7 and 14, 6-7 PM in the Pastor's Study***

Nourish your body and soul this holy season with an overview of classic spiritual disciplines while enjoying homemade soup and bread. We will cover the topics of prayer, worship, Sabbath-keeping, scripture reading, Christian hospitality and more. Please sign up by sending an email to [RevMeg@yahoo.com](mailto:RevMeg@yahoo.com) or by calling the Church Office.

## **Agape Dinner**

***Sunday, March 17, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall***

Dinner and activities related to Lent

## **Palm Sunday**

***Sunday, March 24, 10 AM worship service***

## **Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Office of Tenebrae**

***Thursday, April 5, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary***

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

***Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM in the Memorial Garden***

Coffee, juice, muffins, etc. following in Fellowship Hall

***Worship Services at 10 AM***

# Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee*

**Tuesday, February 12**

5:30-7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## Menu

Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes

Sausage

Fruit

Beverage

## Cost

\$7 adults

\$3 children under 12

Please sign upon the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

# PANCAKE SUPPER





Prayer Shawl Ministry

## 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.

### Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat

Women's Fellowship is planning another retreat in September. Any woman interested in being part of the Planning Committee for the retreat should contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.



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

### 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](mailto: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.



[firstchurchofvernon.org](http://firstchurchofvernon.org)

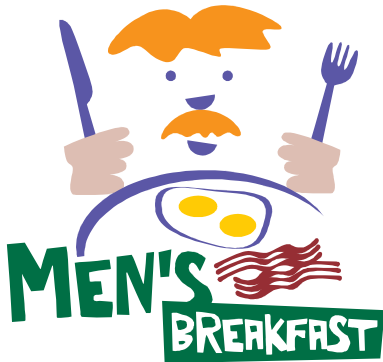
**We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!**

### Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather

Watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to [wfsb.com](http://wfsb.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

FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2004. These worship services, edited to 58 minutes, 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](http://www.CVCCT.org) for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV concerts and 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, would like more information or would like to join the Care Network, please contact **Jan Muro** (872-1757 or [jmoze@hotmail.com](mailto:jmoze@hotmail.com)) or **Jon Dunlap** (875-7254).



## 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

Lance Corporal Steven A. Carr, Jr., husband of Angel Hockenberry Carr, stationed in Cherry Point, NC



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