

# *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

### Minister of Christian Education

Linda Shivers, necsvga@aol.com

### Sunday School Superintendents

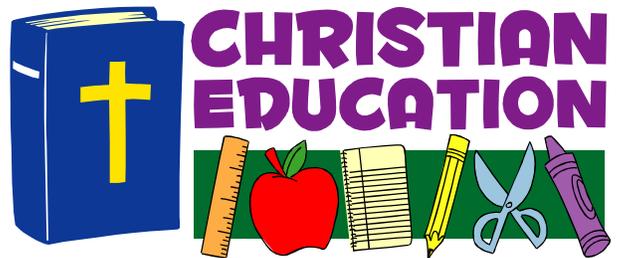
Cherish and Christa Hockenberry

### Board of Christian Education Chairperson

Donald Montgomery

### Child Care Coordinator

Christa Hockenberry, wildonehock6@att.net



## Sunday School Schedule

Mar 3	Children’s Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall before going to their classroom
Mar 10 & 17	Children start upstairs for the Children’s Message, then go to their classroom
Mar 24	Palm Sunday - Little Bells (all children 3 years- 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) will be playing upstairs.
Mar 31	Easter - No Sunday School. <b>Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Worship Service at 10 AM</b>

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**

**Mar 10** Mini Retreat, 1-7 PM. Bring your Bible and a snack to share.

**Mar 24** YSOP Mission Trip meeting. A parent needs to attend.

**Mar 29** YSOP Mission Trip to New York



### **Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)**

**Come and check out Youth Fellowship. We are involved in a lot of different activities and mission projects and would love to have more friends join us. If you are a little uncertain or shy, bring a friend (friends do not have to attend our church). We would love to have more youth involved.**

**March 3** Youth Meeting, 11:30 AM in the Library. We will be exploring options for our summer mission trip, spring activities, 30-hour Famine, fundraisers and missions.

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

March 2 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.

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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 the last day of school in Vernon). For those who are not familiar with this program, we work with other area churches to provide a week-long (9 AM- Noon) Christian Bible program. This year our theme will be "Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together." Registration forms will be available from Linda Shivers, Debi Hockenberry and the Church Office beginning on Easter Sunday. 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.

*\*Background checks will be done on all volunteers.*

## Child Care Provider Needed for Before the Church Service

The Board of Christian Education is looking for a volunteer aged 13 years - adult to supervise the children of the Church Staff and the Sunday School teachers before worship on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 AM, giving them time to setup and get ready for Sunday School. Sign up for as many or as few Sundays as you want. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the Library. Questions? Contact Linda Shivers or Cherish Hockenberry.

**April Carillon  
DEADLINE  
Tuesday, March 12**

**MUISC at FIRST  
*presents***

## **Irish to the Last Drop!**

**Sunday, March 24**

**4 PM**

in the Sanctuary



**“Irish to the Last Drop!** - a fun group of five with a lively Irish repertoire, will provide some rousing musical entertainment for the whole family. Under the accompaniment and musical direction of Don Benevides, the group of Tom Curtiss, Joe King and John and Ellen O’Shaughnessy will regale you with such well-known ballads as

“Danny Boy” and “Four Green Fields” while mixing in some rousing Irish pub songs and some fun sing-alongs. Their comedic talents are obvious in their renditions of “Side by Side,” “My Favorite Things” and many others! Individually and collectively these seasoned performers have appeared at many venues throughout Connecticut. Several were members of the Vernon Chorale and all have sung and played professionally for many years.

Come ready to clap your hands, tap your feet and dance up a storm! Hope to see you there!

**Refreshments to follow**

**Suggested donation: \$7 adults/\$5 seniors and students**

**Proceeds benefit the Les Childs Music Scholarship**

## 2013 LENTEN SEASON

### Bread and Broth Lenten Series

*Thursdays, February 28, March 7 and 14, 6-7 PM in the PF Room*

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 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

*Music @ First - Irish to the Last Drop*

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



### Palm Sunday Worship Service

*Sunday, March 24, 10 AM*

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

*Thursday, March 28, 7 PM in the Sanctuary*

### Easter, March 31

#### Sunrise Service

*6:15 AM in the Memorial Garden*

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



### Easter Worship Service

*10 AM in the Sanctuary*

## INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Church Council is pleased to announce that the Rev. Joanne Myer has agreed to serve as our Part-time Interim Associate Pastor beginning May 1. Her duties will be limited to preaching once a month and some pastoral visitation.

A Search Committee for a settled Associate Pastor is being formed. We are looking for people willing to serve on this committee which will consist of one member from each of our 6 boards and 6 members at large. The Connecticut Conference suggests that we have different representation from those who served on the Search Committee for our Senior Pastor. Anyone interested should contact Tony Muro, 860-872-1757 or [tonymuro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonymuro@sbcglobal.net).

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## OUR HEARTS WILL BUILD NEW HEARTHES – OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION



This year, the Board of Missions will be coordinating with Dr. Adam Daniels of Vernon to raise money to provide Onil cooking stoves for families in the Ceilan and El San Adres Osuna villages of Guatemala. One of the biggest problems in Guatemala today is their current method of cooking. Unsafe cooking stoves are the leading cause of death in children under the age of 5. Traditional stoves are flat sheet metal or barrels that ventilate smoke directly into the families' homes. Carbon monoxide levels are twice that considered dangerous in homes. Inhaling noxious fumes leads to acute respiratory problems. Children are falling into fires when walking or playing near the open flames. House fires are relatively common and often cause death.

Our goal is to purchase 30 stoves (costing approximately \$100 each) for these Guatemalan communities. This one small change can drastically alter a family's lifestyle. It will provide them with a safe alternative for cooking as well as a more sanitary means for creating more nutritional meals. The impoverished homes these people live in are not made of materials that are conducive to an open flame. These stoves will also make an important impact on the environment. These stoves require only one-third the amount of wood typically burned in an open fire.



**Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, March 10, 17 and 24** to find out more about Guatemalan culture and this Mission Project. Your donation will benefit families who are living in a very different world from the majority of us in the United States.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**Remember to set your clocks  
AHEAD 1 hour.**

## Pay It Forward

In 2010, Pay It Forward (PIF) started as a temporary outreach to help those in our community. A person was selected to receive \$50. That person would then use the money to Pay It Forward. Due to the enormous support from the FCCV congregation, PIF continues 2½ years later and generates interest from other churches as well as our community, as seen by the visits to our church website. In recognition of this part of our ministry, our church is making PIF permanent. PIF recognition will be the fourth Sunday of each month when we will hear how the previous \$50 was used to pay it forward and a new PIF person will be chosen. If you would like to participate in PIF, write your name on an index card and place it in the PIF box in Fellowship Hall. Donations are also being accepted to ensure that the PIF program continues. If you choose to make any size donation, you can place a check in the offering plate, marked for PIF or give a donation downstairs in Fellowship Hall in the PIF box.

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## Easter Lilies

### **EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

Easter Lilies and Daffodils will adorn our Sanctuary for the Easter Worship Service on March 31. To place an order, please submit this form with your check, payable to FCCV, with "Flower Committee" in the memo.

*Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 17*

Donor \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle...    in Memory of    in Honor of

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How Many? Lily (\$11) \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### PMS - Preparing Meals Simply

Tuesday, March 12, 6 PM

*Sponsored by the Craft Circle*

Join us as we prepare and enjoy 3 simple meals together...a fun night out...and you will leave with 3 recipes for easy weeknight dinners. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

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### HATS, HATS, HATS

Sunday, April 20, 2 PM

Learn about the past century in hat styles from Grace Durgin of the Memory Show. Wear a hat of your own. Prizes will be awarded! Enjoy tea following the program and view spectacular hats shared by members of our church. More information to follow in the April Carillon.

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### 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

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### From the Book Worm

Stop by the Library. We have some new additions...

A series of children's books called the Dolphin Diaries by Ben Baglio have been donated in memory of Robbie Ordway. Dolphin Diaries is an exciting series that explores all aspects of dolphins' relationships with mankind. Jody McGrath and her family are sailing around the world researching dolphins, and Jody records all their exciting adventures in her Dolphin Diaries. These books are for readers ages 8 and up.

Six copies of Bedside Manners: A Practical Guide to Visiting the Ill, by Katie Maxwell are now available. Katie Maxwell's Bedside Manners provides the reader practical directions for offering care in a variety of settings, including hospitals, the homes of shut-ins and nursing homes. She also addresses often overlooked concerns, such as the pastoral care of children, caregivers and patients who are dying, and offers intelligent advice such as be prepared, be human, be silent, and be positive. Highly practical and inspiring, Bedside Manners is essential reading for anyone who has felt uncomfortable when trying to comfort the sick.

The Library also has available Common Lot a UCC magazine for women.

## Tell the Nominating Committee Where You Would Like to Serve the Church

The Nominating Committee invites members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon to give serious thought as to how and where you can offer your services. There are many Boards and Committees with vacancies to be filled each year.



The Nominating Committee is not always aware of where your special interests may be and that you might like to be considered for a specific Board or Committee. Therefore, please look over this list of Boards and Committees and check any that you are interested in, sign your name and leave in the Moderator's mailbox across from the Church Office. You may also place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail it to the Church Office. Any questions, contact Tony Muro, 860-872-1757 or [tonymuro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonymuro@sbcglobal.net).

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I would be interested in learning more about serving on the...

- Board of Deacons
- Board of Trustees
- Board of Finance
- Board of Christian Education
- Board of Missions & Outreach
- Board of Music
- Furnishings & Memorials Committee
- Ways & Means Committee
- Library Committee
- Flower Committee
- Communications Ministry Committee
- Ushering Committee
- Representative to CT Conference of the UCC
- Delegate to Tolland Association

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## 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, 2013. For more information contact [musicatfirstfccv@gmail.com](mailto:musicatfirstfccv@gmail.com).



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)

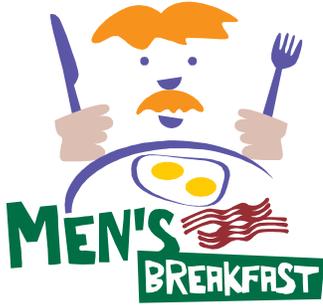
**We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!**

## 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