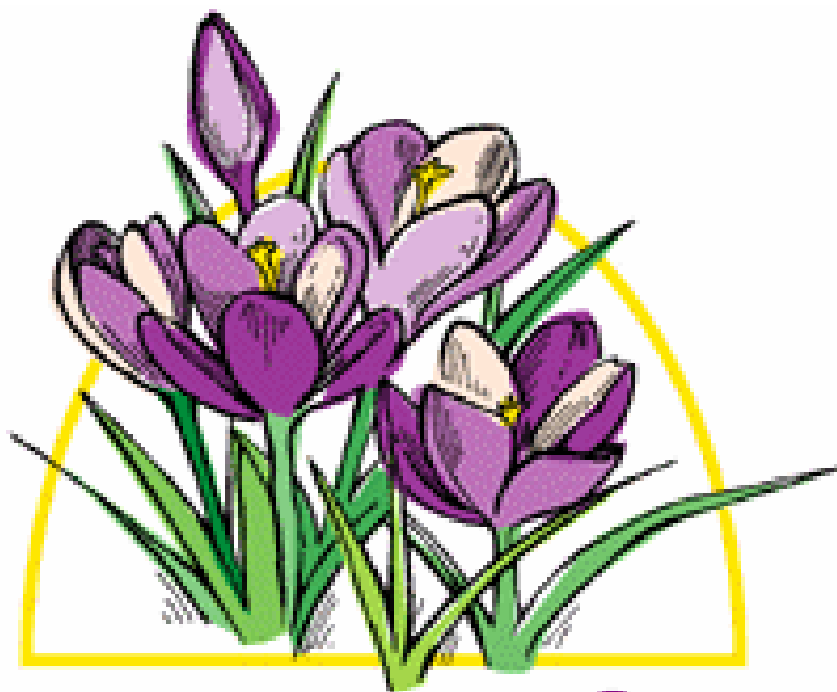


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Sunday Worship 10 AM (**Announcements** 9:50 AM)

Sunday School 10 AM

Church Office Hours

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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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Sunday School Schedule

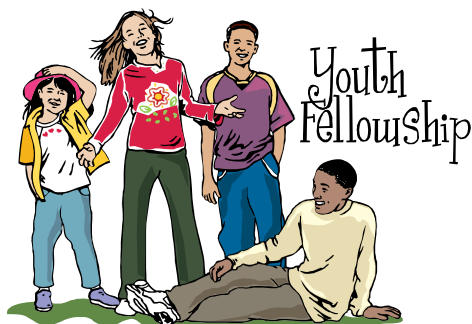
- Apr 7** Children’s Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall before going to their classroom
- Apr 14** Spring Break - no Sunday School
- Apr 21** Earth Day - all children will meet upstairs with their flowers for a blessing before we plant them and the Children’s Message. We will then meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall to divide work on the church grounds: raking, weeding, planting and cleaning up from winter. Wear play clothes. Bring rakes, small shovels (last name on them), gardening gloves and a cell pack or more of flowers we can plant around the church.

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.

Confirmation Class Schedule

Apr 7 Class, 11:30 AM-1 PM

Apr 28 Class, 11:30 AM-1 PM



Junior and Senior High Youth Fellowship

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.

Apr 7 Peter's Retreat – We'll meet at FCCV at 3 PM. Pick up at FCCV at 7 PM. We will be prepping and cooking for the residents.

Apr 13-14 Famine - If you want to participate for 24 hours, you must not eat from 11 AM Saturday to 11 AM Sunday. If you want to participate for 36 hours you must not eat from 11 PM Friday to 11 AM Sunday (No food but you can have water. You will be on the honor system.). We will be meeting Saturday evening for support, activities, movies, games and a sleepover. Meet at church at 7 PM. Bring your "house" or sleep under the stars. Please ask friends and family to donate to your fasting. We will also ask for support from the congregation. All money raised will be donated to the USA with a request that it go to the Connecticut area. For more information, please contact Linda Shivers, 860-871-9164 or necsvga@aol.com.

Apr 14 Meeting from 12-1 PM (or longer if necessary) to discuss and decide on fundraisers and to work on our profile.

Apr 21 Meeting from 5-6:30 PM for Bible study, games and food

Mission Week for Youth in 6th-12th Grade, July 21-26 in Newark, NY

Seven youth have signed up and there is room for a few more. If interested, please contact Linda Shivers, 860-871-9164 or necsvga@aol.com.

Mission Week for Preteens (10 year olds) - 12th Grade, July 8-12, Hand on Hartford

There will be different sites to attend each day. This mission offers you the opportunity to help out in the community in several areas while returning home each evening. This mission will also give our youth in 8th-12th grade an opportunity to mentor those who have not gone on a full week mission before. If you are interested in this mission project please contact Linda Shivers (860-871-9164) ASAP so she can arrange appropriate missions for the number of participants. **Advisors/Chaperones are needed for this mission. Please contact Linda Shivers if you can help.**

Vacation Bible School, June 24-28

VBS will be held at Rockville United Methodist Church, Grove St., Vernon. Family Night will be held at First Congregational Church of Vernon on Thursday, June 27. This year's theme is **"Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together."** Registration forms are available from Linda Shivers, Debi Hockenberry and the Church Office. Interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School? We would love to have you. Contact Linda Shivers, necsvga@aol.com. All volunteers will have to fill out a volunteer form. Background checks, paid for by FCCV, will be done on all those 18 years and older.

WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE NEWS

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 7, 8:30-9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Join us for plain, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea and great service. Cost is only \$5/person or \$20/family. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Save the date - Friday, April 26

Italian Night at the Fellowship "Restaurant" and Cabaret." Menu - lasagna, macaroni and cheese, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. More details to follow next month.

**May Carillon
DEADLINE
Tuesday, April 16**

MUISC at FIRST
presents

Stephen Wade, oboist and Kevin Murphy, pianist

Sunday, March 24
4 PM
in the Sanctuary

Chief Musician Stephen Wade, oboe, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Lowell College of Music and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. He has studied with Ira Deutsch, Wayne Rapier, David Weber, Stuart Dunkel, Elaine Douvas, John Ferrillo and John Dlouhy. He has performed with the Goldovsky Opera Orchestra, the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, the Nashua Symphony, Boston Virtuosi, Symphony Pro Musica, Orchestra New England and the Monadnock Festival Orchestra. Mr. Wade has played at both Emmanuel Church and King's Chapel in Boston under Daniel Pinkham, Craig Smith, David Hoose and John Harbison, and he was oboist and English hornist in the American Repertory Theater's production of Handel's *Orlando* directed by Peter Sellars. Mr. Wade is currently Assistant Principal Oboe of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and the Connecticut Opera Orchestra, and the Principal Oboe of the United States Coast Guard Band 1982-2012.

Refreshments to follow

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped at the Holiday Fair last fall. Women's Fellowship made close to \$9,000. Over \$5,000 of the profits will go to Women's Fellowship's church pledge for the next two years; \$500 will go to the mission project to help purchase stoves and \$500 to the Women's Fellowship Scholarship awarded in June. Money will also be given to VBS this summer. If any boards or committees have any specific requests for funding, please leave the information in the Women's Fellowship mailbox. Thank you again for all your support.



Women's Fellowship

Connecticut Women United Church of Christ

On Saturday, April 27, the Connecticut Women United Church of Christ will hold their annual meeting at our church. Women's Fellowship will be providing a continental breakfast before the meeting starts and will also be serving a luncheon. Anyone interested in helping prepare food or serving lunch, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.



HATS, HATS, HATS

Sunday, April 20, 2 PM, sponsored by Women's Fellowship

The hat show will offer a display of designer hats. Tea sandwiches and sweets will be served. Guest speaker, Grace Durgin will discuss how hat styles have changed over the past century. Attendees are encouraged to wear a hat! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, most creative and favorite hat of the day!

This event is open to the public and space is limited, so reservations are required. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. A free will offering will be collected.

Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12

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 _____ Email _____

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

Kitchen Spring Cleaning

Monday, May 6, 1 PM

Anyone interested, please stop by the church kitchen and help us get it spruced up for springtime.

Crafts Group

Tuesdays, April 2 and 16 from 6-8 PM

We are meeting to get a head start on some fun crafts for the Apple Festival. We will meet at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Stop in anytime.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for September and join us for an overnight retreat in the country. Our Fall Retreat, entitled "Transitions" will be held Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. We will carpool and leave the church on Friday around 4 PM and return home on Saturday by about 4 PM. Once again, we will be returning to the CONNRI Camp in Ashford, CT. Everyone who attended our last retreat enjoyed the accommodations at this center.



The cost is \$113 and includes double occupancy lodging with private bathrooms, dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Payment will be collected in two installments of \$56.50 on June 1 and September 1. This cost is based on at least 25 attendees. If you would like to be a part of this fun getaway, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.



From the Book Worm

Look for the **Book Nook** at Coffee Hour once a month. Books and videos will be available for borrowing. Just return them to the box in the Library when you are done. The Library is open whenever the church is open and is self serve.

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.



Many thanks to all of you for your caring and concern during my recent surgery. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits made for bright, sunny days. The wonderful meals were such a help. Thanks to Meg for being there. How truly blessed I am to be a part of this church family. God Bless you all.

Phyllis Chase

Dear Friends at FCCV,

Thank you for praying for me when I underwent hip replacement surgery at Hartford Hospital on February 1 and then went to Woodlake at Tolland for rehabilitation. I also appreciated the cards and notes you sent to me, the meals prepared for our enjoyment and the many more offered. Thank you also to those people who visited and those who tried after I'd already been sent home. I AM on the mend!

Love,
Becky Burr

Your Parish Nurses take **blood pressures** on the 4th 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 or (860) 872-3004. This is a great way to have your child involved in the church service and requires a minimal commitment.

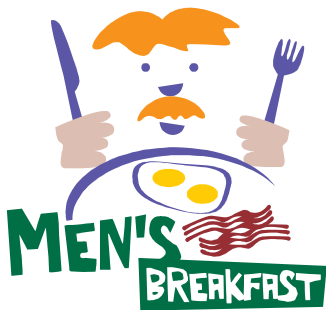


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We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!

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.

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 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) 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 Knox, KY

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 the Middle East

