

The Carillon

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of Vernon, UCC



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**GOLF
DAY**

FCCV Golf Tournament

Willow Brook Golf Course in South Windsor

Saturday, June 1

\$95 per person

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 9

immediately following the Worship Service

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee was commissioned on April 12. The 11 members of the committee are:

Bill Boutwell, Chair	Debbie Bartos	John MacDougall
Steve Westerberg	Leanne Connelly	Elly Swan
Jim Wilson	Deb Cutting	Cheryl Warriner
Christa Hockenberry	Rev. Meg Watson	



For those of you who follow football, you know there are 11 players on the field. If you really follow football, you know the Seattle Seahawks and Texas A & M Aggies are famous for their “12th man,” - the fans. The Search Committee has a “12th man” on our team...the Holy Spirit...who will be guiding and leading us, as well as all potential candidates, every step of the way.

The Search Committee will do their best to wear their nametags every Sunday so we can be easily spotted if you have any questions or information you would like to share with us. Please keep in mind, that due to candidate confidentiality, there will be some information that we will not be in a position to share outside of the committee. We will do our very best to keep you informed and up-to-date as we move through this exciting time and process.

To that end, there is a poster in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall that serves as a guidepost for you as we move through the 8 steps in the search process.

Where are we now? We have completed Step 1, appointing a Search Committee. We have also completed Step 2, a description of the congregation. This includes our 24-page FCCV Local Church Profile, as well as our “ministry opportunity” or position announcement that is posted on the national UCC website. This is how candidates learned of our Associate Pastor opening. The position announcement reads as follows:

“Our 250 year old deb- free congregation is located in a quiet New England town half way between Boston and New York. We are experiencing a season of renewal with our dynamic new Senior Pastor. We are seeking an energetic Associate Pastor to assist in all aspects of pastoral ministry in our community and beyond.”

To view the listing for our Associate Pastor, go to www.UCC.org, then click on the topics below. Quick links >> Ministerial Resources>>UCC Employment Opportunities >> UCC Ministry Opportunities On-line. You can then search by location (CT), find our listing and click View Details.

We will soon be embarking on Step 3, considering all potential candidates regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or physical disability.

Step 4 Review candidate profiles and select candidates to interview

Step 5 Interview candidates

Step 6 Recommend a candidate to the congregation

Step 7 The congregation votes on the recommended candidate

Step 8 Installing our new Associate Pastor

In addition to monthly moments of information, we are also posting information to the FCCV website. This is where you will be able to find the FCCV Local Church Profile and our position announcement. We are presently working with Gerry Dyar and the Communications Committee to update the website. We will also be providing updates through the Sunday bulletin and Carillon.

We owe a big “thank you” to the Senior Pastor Search Committee for the heavy lifting they did in preparing the Local Church Profile for their Senior Pastor search. It gave us a great headstart in customizing it for the Associate Pastor search.

As we move through this very exciting period in our church’s life, guided in each and every step by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to your support and ongoing prayers. Thanks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Director of Christian Education

Linda Shivers, CMCE, 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 News

Our thanks to the following wonderful volunteers who have found a calling and a purpose in children’s and youth ministry:

Sunday School Superintendents: Cindy Madden(Sept-Dec), Cherish and Christa Hockenberry

Assistant Superintendent: Jen Condry

Summer Sunday School Superintendents: Cherish and Christa Hockenberry and Steve Westerberg

Youth Advisors: Beth Fowler, Halene Fujimoto, Dave Hockenberry, Debi Hockenberry, Sadie Burnett-Pollack, Martha Fowler (always there in a pinch)

Youth Basketball Chaperone: Randy Ramsdell

Sunday School Music Director: Steve Westerberg

Sunday School Bells Director: Jena Maki

Child Care Coordinator: Christa Hockenberry

3 yr/4 yr/5 yr Teachers: Kelsey Wilson, GloryAnna Hockenberry, Jacquelyn Mead, Jaclyn Leonard

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

1st/2nd Grade Shepherds: Julia Assard

3rd/4th/5th Grade Teachers: Debbie Bartos, Diane Mead

3rd/4th/5th Grade Shepherds: Nick Bartos, Kevin Mead

6th/7th/8th Grade Teachers: Greg Mias, Valerie Ellis

Substitutes: Debi Hockenberry, Suzanne Maki, Daryl Gottier

Sunday School Schedule

June 9 Children’s Sunday. Our 3 yrs-8th grade classes will be in charge of the service.

Summer Sunday School

Throughout the summer we offer one class for children ages 3 years and up. Teachers and Shepherds are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the Library. Curriculum is provided. Any questions, contact Cherish, Christa or Steve.

Summer Sunday School Schedule

June 16, 23; July *7, 14, 21, 28; August *4, 11, 18, 25; Sept *1

***We will be offering a Bible-based movie in the Library on these Sundays. Supervision will be needed but there is no need to prepare a lesson.**

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 News

Congratulations to our newest members who were confirmed May 19 (Pentecost Sunday): Julie Assard, Ricky Clay, GloryAnna Hockenberry, Sarah Kline, Brianna Markunas, Kevin Mead.

During the service I was presented with a beautiful hanging plant, a card and some touching words. It was such a surprise and touched my heart like you would not believe. Thank you to the youth and parents for this special honor.



Confirmation 2013-2014

Notices will be going out to Sunday School youth entering 9th grade this fall. Anyone in the 9th-12th grade who has not attended Sunday School but is interested in learning more about Confirmation should contact me so I can send you information (necsvga@aol.com).

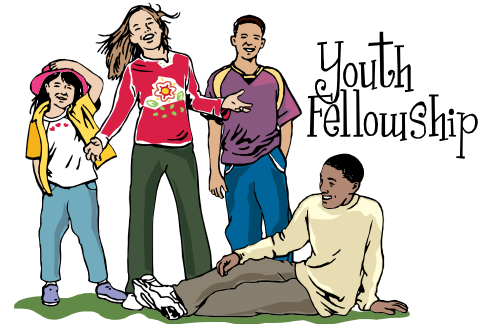


Vacation Bible School, June 24-28 at Rockville United Methodist Church, Grove St., Vernon. Family Night will be held at First Congregational Church of Vernon on Thursday, June 27. **There are still some openings.** Registration forms are available from Linda Shivers, Debi Hockenberry and the Church Office.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Fellowship will be meeting twice a month. We are scheduling lots of activities and fellowship. A calendar will be available in July/August. Contact me (necsvga@aol.com) or check out our FCCV youth Facebook page - it is updated regularly.

Adult Advisors are needed for 2013-2014. If interested in finding out more about this group, please contact Linda Shivers.



Summer Youth Mission Opportunities

Please support our Can/Bottle/Glass Drive on June 1 from 9:30 AM-Noon. We are also selling stocks and we have a few more candy bars available.

July 15-19 For youth 10 years old and up. We will be working in the Hartford area and be home every night. There is still room if you are interested. Linda Shivers, Jen Condry, Cherish and Angel Hockenberry are the advisors.

July 21-26 Mission in Newark, NY. Debi Hockenberry and Greg Mias will be the adult advisors for this mission.



WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

We Welcomed the Following New Members on Sunday, April 28....

Dan and Karen Bradford live in Vernon. Dan is a life-long Vernon resident who enjoys spending time with his wife and family. He's a big Red Sox fan who can also be friends with Yankee fans.

Deborah (Deb) Hampton moved to Vernon 2 years ago with her family. She has a 12-year-old daughter who has been involved with our Youth Fellowship. Deb works for a law firm in Hartford and enjoys spending time with her husband, Mike, her daughter, Emily and their Golden Retriever, Tucker.

Gary Hart grew up in Rockville. He attended Boston University. He is a veteran having served with the Army Special Forces. He attended Wesleyan University on the GI Bill and received a Masters degree. He attended Andover Newton Theological School and is an ordained minister having served churches in Boston and New Hampshire. Gary spent many years in Boston doing outreach with the homeless. He has served the church in a mission in Mississippi and as a chaplain in the VA. He is happy to be here at FCCV.

Adam and Jennifer Jensen live in Vernon with their three sons. Jennifer has attended FCCV since childhood where she was involved in Sunday School and the Youth Group. She and Adam were married here and their sons baptized here. Jennifer is currently teaching the 1st/2nd grade Sunday School class. Adam is originally from New Hampshire. He feels as if he has been a member here for a long time and now wants to make it "official," raising his family in the faith.

Rev. Meg Watson is our new Senior Pastor. Her husband **Dean** is the son of a pastor and a media relations and recreational professional. Meg and Dean have four children and one grandson. Dean is a nomad of the USA, a sports nut and movie-goer.

THANK YOU TO OUR "RETIRING" HISTORIAN

Joan Apel has served as Church Historian for the past ten years, and while perhaps you don't retire from an unpaid or volunteer position, Joan deserves kudos, praise and many a thank you for the work she has done during that time. The office of Historian is not the most visible position amongst the officers of the church, but it is an important one, none-the-less. In a church whose history spans over 250 years, there is much information and many artifacts to be organized and cared for. Joan has done an exceptional job at this. Her diligence, attention to detail and hard work have paid off. Our records from the first 250 years of FCCV are in good order. Our 250th Anniversary was well-celebrated, thanks in large part, to Joan's good ideas and willingness to execute them. As we step out to create the next part of our history, we are grateful to one who realizes that in order to move ahead it is important to know where you have been. Thank you, Joan, for a job WELL DONE!



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 11.**

WAYS and MEANS NEWS

We need your help!

Ways and Means will be holding their **3rd Annual Shred Event** on **Saturday, September 21**. This event is open to the public, so spread the word! **Shredding will be available from 9 AM-Noon in the church parking lot.**

Are you an individual or business owner with a need to shred documents that are more than your home shredder can handle? We can accommodate substantial commercial shredding for a lot less money than others! For \$10 per box (a paper box like you buy at Staples which holds 10 reams of paper), we will unload your car and you may watch your personal data being disposed of!

In addition to the Shred Event, we will also be having a **Book/Mum/Bake Sale** that will continue until 2 PM. Donations of books may be dropped off the week before the event. Since Ways and Means repeatedly finds success into peoples wallets through their stomachs, we are also offering a bake sale! Therefore, if you are a baker and would like to provide baked goods for the sale you may drop them off at church on the morning of the event. Thanks in advance. For additional information, contact Carol Slicer at (860) 872-2690. Don't forget, start purging your paperwork! Hope to see you there!



**July/August Carillon
DEADLINE
Tuesday, June 11**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS



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.

Crafts Group

Tuesdays, June 4 and 18 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

Just a reminder that the first payment is due June 1. Please make your check payable, in the amount of \$56.50, to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066. If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for the fun.



Tea Party



The **Hat Show** and **Tea** held in April was a delightful and informative afternoon. Our guest speaker, "Amazing Grace," was entertaining and humorous. Prizes were awarded for the following hats:

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| Best | Jane Saich |
| Most Creative | Geraldine Strong |
| Funniest | Pam Lyons |
| Junior Prize | Avery Prewo |

Thanks to Phyllis Chase, Daryl Gottier, Jayne Gunther, Margaret Klukas, Jane Saich, Joyce Smith and everyone who helped plan, bake, serve and clean up.



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.

The **By-Laws Revision Committee Needs Your Input!** FCCV members Tony Muro, Karl Prewo, Hal Cummings and Tom Sweet have begun to review the church by-laws to determine what changes or corrections need to be made to insure our church organizational guideline is current as we move forward. To complete this process, we need input from each Board/Committee. July 1 ushers in our new organizational year with new Board/Committee members. We ask each Board/Committee to look at the section of the by-laws that pertains to them so we can have further discussion this fall. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172 or tsweetasc@aol.com.



I wish to thank my church family for the prayers, phone calls and meals while I was recovering from my surgery. Your love and support means more than I can say. Bless you all!

Jan Peacock

CONGRATULATIONS TO... **Michael Leonard**, the newest Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 86! Michael is the son of Brad and Laurie Leonard and a member of our church.

BAPTISM

by Rev. Meg Watson

Taylor Elizabeth Cariboni daughter of Krysta and Raul Cariboni on April 21, 2013

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Michelle Glidden and Brian Carman who were married at FCCV on May 11, 2013 with Rev. Meg Watson officiating.

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.

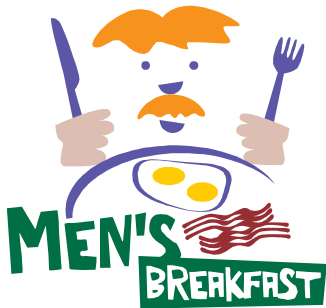


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We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!

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

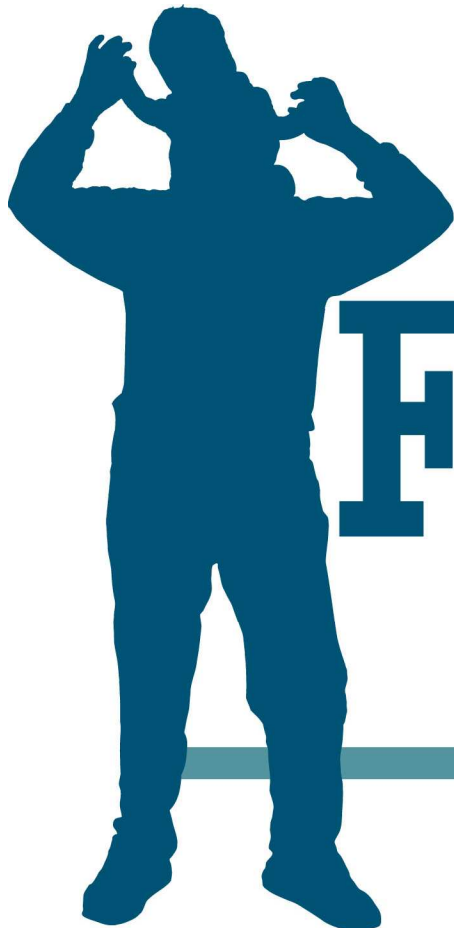
Following is a list of people in our church family on active duty. We ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers. If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact the Church Office.

Maj. Joel Cummings, son of Hal and Ibby 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



Happy

Father's Day