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SUMMER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Jul 7	Women's Fellowship
Jul 14	Ways and Means
Jul 21	Stewardship and Evangelism
Jul 28	Board of Trustees
Aug 4	Board of Missions
Aug 11	Board of Deacons
Aug 18	Board of Christian Education and TPC
Aug 25	Flower and Ushering Committees
Sept 1	Board of Finance



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Director of Christian Education

Linda Shivers, CMCE, necsvga@aol.com

Sunday School Superintendents

Cherish and Christa Hockenberry

Assistant Superintendent

Jen Condry

Child Care Coordinator

Christa Hockenberry, wildonehock6@att.net



Sunday School News

Thank you to all our teachers and Superintendents for a great Children's Worship on Sunday, June 9. The children did a wonderful job.

We could not have had a great Sunday School program without the following volunteers:

Superintendents: Cherish and Christa Hockenberry

Assistant Superintendent: Jen Condry

Music: Leanne Connolly, Gaile Dembeck, Jena Maki, Steve Westerberg

Teachers and Shepherds:

3/4/5yrs olds: Jacquelyn Mead, Kelsey Wilson, Aarika Mallory, GloryAnna Hockenberry

1st/2nd grade: Jennifer Jensen, Cheryl Turner, Julia Assard

3rd/4th/5th grade: Debbie Bartos, Diane Mead, Nicky Bartos, Kevin Mead

6th/7th/8th grade: Valerie Ellis, Greg Mias

Substitutes: Debi Hockenberry, Suzanne Maki

Child Care: GloryAnna Hockenberry, Jaclyn Leonard

The Board of Christian Education is very proud of the 11 children who had 4 or less absences from Sunday School this past year:

1st year: Emily Hampton

2nd year: Abigail, Sarah and Charles Harlow, Thomas Shivers, Lillian and Paul Westerberg

3rd year: Sarah Turner

5th year: Arielle Shivers

7th year: Mariah Shivers

8th year: Madeline Condry

Our thanks to the parents and families who have made Christian education a priority in their child's upbringing.



Summer Sunday School

Throughout the summer we offer one class for children ages 3 years – 5th grade. Teachers are needed. You are only committed for one week but you may sign up for more than one week. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the Library. Curriculum is provided. Any questions, contact Cherish or Christa Hockenberry, Steve Westerberg or Linda Shivers.

2013-2014 Sunday School Schedule

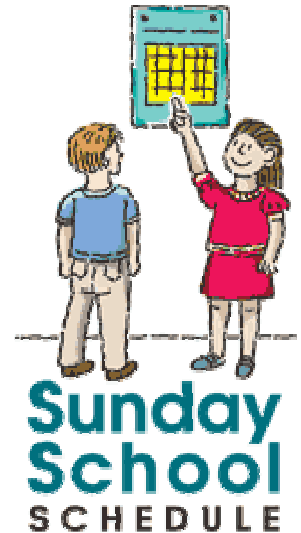
2013

- *Sept 8 Rally Sunday, 4th grade Bible Sunday
- *Sept 15
- *Sept 22 Teacher Commissioning
- *Sept 29

- Oct 6 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Oct 13
- *Oct 20
- *Oct 27

- Nov 3 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Nov 10
- *Nov 17
- *^Nov 24 Movie in Library for older children, younger children - Toddler Room

- *Dec 1 Advent Workshop - Children's Message downstairs, concurrent with service
- *Dec 8
- *Dec 15
- *Dec 22
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Service (Tuesday)
- *^Dec 29 Movie in Library for older children, younger children meet in the Toddler Room



2014

- Jan 5 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Jan 12
- *Jan 19
- *Jan 26 Celebration of Children

- Feb 2 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Feb 9
- *^Feb 16 Movie in Library for older children, younger children meet in the Toddler Room
- *Feb 23

- Mar 2 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Mar 9
- *Mar 16
- *Mar 23
- *Mar 30

- Apr 6 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *Apr 13
- Apr 20 Easter - No Sunday School
- *Apr 27 Earth Day

- May 4 Children's Message downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- *May 11
- *May 18
- *^ May 25 Movie in Library for older children, younger children meet in the Toddler Room

*Children start upstairs in Sanctuary

*^No Sunday School but supervision is provided in the Library and Toddler Room

Our **Toddler Room** is open every Sunday from 9:45 AM until after the Worship Service for toddlers ages 12 months to 3 years and will continue to be staffed during the summer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Christa Hockenberry our Toddler Room Coordinator. 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 2014

Letters will be sent out in July to students who attended 8th grade Sunday School, inviting them to Confirmation Class. These classes are offered to all youth in high school. If you know of someone who is not on our Sunday School list and is interested in information on Confirmation, please contact me at necsvga@aol.com or 860-871-9164 and I will follow up with a letter to them.

Mark your calendars now...Confirmation Sunday will be June 8, 2014 - Pentecost Sunday.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Summer Mission Opportunities

July 15-19 Hands on Hartford

July 21-26 Week of Hope



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!

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.

**September Carillon
DEADLINE
Tuesday, August 13**

I would like to thank those people whose terms of service to our Church have recently ended. Their willingness to serve on our Boards and Committees is a reflection of their faith at work. At times it can seem like a thankless task but I know God is well-pleased with what they do here at FCCV. We could not do the work we do without our volunteers. May God bless them for all they have done in the past and will do in the future. Please take a moment to thank the following people for their service to our church and community:



Church Officers: Cathy Foote, Clerk; Joan Apel, Historian
Board of Deacons: Larry Bates, Marilyn Newton, Debbie Marshall
Board of Finance: Patty Noblet, Milt Doremus, Steve Bright
Board of Trustees: Dave Bower
Board of Christian Education: Deb Kinney, Cindy Madden
Board of Missions: Deb Hockenberry
Board of Music: Gretchen Fisher Orr
Stewardship & Evangelism Committee: Charlie Markunas
Audit Committee: John MacDougall
Communications Committee: Nick Bartos, Bill and Elena Kerr
Ushering Committee: Amy Shannon
Human Resources Committee: Karl Prewo, Cindy Madden, Gretchen Fisher Orr
Teaching Parish Committee: Larry Bates
Safe Church Committee: Sue Ferruolo
State Conference Representatives: Steve and Emily Westerberg
Alternates to State Conference: Al and Marilyn Newton
Senior Pastor Search Committee: Sue Mias, Deb Hockenberry, Cheryl Turner, Gaile Dembeck, Serena Volovski, Mike Swan, Bob O’Gara, Karen Prewo, Steve Boucher, Nick Bartos, Tom Sweet, Emily Westerberg, Bess Howe

Thank you for your service!
Tony Muro

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Good Job!

In May, several of our women spent two days cleaning and organizing the church kitchen. They cleaned spaces that probably have not seen the light of day in quite awhile! When you see them, please give them a big "Thank you." They are Daryl Gottier, Phyllis Chase, Lynn Sweet, Margaret Klukas, Jayne Gunther, Cathy Foote and Geraldine Strong.



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, Crafts, Crafts!

Try your hand at making some simple crafts for the Apple Festival or... just come and visit! Mondays, **July 8** and **22, August 5** and **19** at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

Just a reminder that the first payment is due now with the final payment due September 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. For more information, check out the poster on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call Millie, 860-872-7106. Come and be part of the fun.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Elizabeth Madden, daughter of Cindy and Richard Madden, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.



Our Deepest Sympathy To...

Nancy Bezzini and family on the loss of her husband, Guy Bezzini

The Fowler family on the loss of Martha's daughter Beth Fowler

Rey and Lynette Melanson and family on the loss of his mother Theresa Melanson

Herb Slicer and family on the loss of his brother Clifford Slicer



The Fowler family is over-whelmed by the outpouring of love and kindness that we have received from our church home at FCCV. It has helped us through a difficult chapter in our lives, and the loving healing of God's earthly disciples shows the strength and power of His love. Thanks to all who through your thoughts, prayers and/or deeds have, and are still supporting us now and in the future.

Alex, Martha, Kate, Sue, Bill, Pam and Eric

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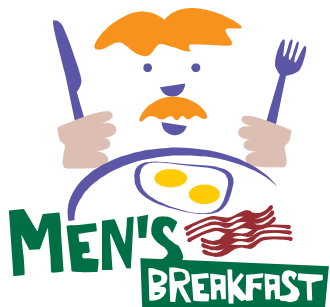
We're on Facebook, too! Check us out!

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