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INSIDE - OUTSIDE

We are taking our "inside" church services **OUTSIDE** for the months of **July** and **August** (except for July 2 and August 6, when we will be in the Sanctuary for communion). **Church will begin at 9 AM for both months.** So, dress comfortably, bring your lawn chair - and a guest - and let's show our community how much we love God as we worship outside!



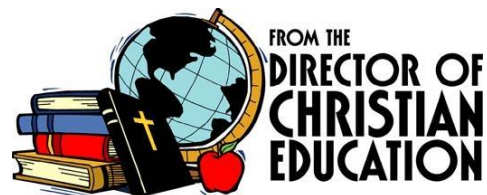
SUMMER HOURS for CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday
8 AM - 1 PM

Closed on Fridays.

BOARD of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

by Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education



Well, that was an astounding Children's Sunday! From the music, to the message, to the behind the scenes folks like ushers and accompanists, it was a true representation of God's love and I am very proud of all of you. Our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Group Advisors are what keeps the children's program running and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Summer is a time to slow down a bit and enjoy God's Creation a little more. Come and enjoy the breeze at our outdoor church services at 9 AM on Sunday mornings.

Our J*Walkrz will be going on the Reach Beyond Mission: DC from June 24-July 1. Please keep us in your prayers for a full, happy, safe and productive experience for all. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School is July 31-August 4. We are fully staffed but, we could use some more kids! You can still register. Tell your friends!

No one has volunteered to teach Summer Sunday School! I can teach when I'm here, but I am off for 3 weeks during the summer and will be on the Mission Trip on another week. Please consider volunteering for one week this summer. Our kids are really great and you'll have fun. A sign-up sheet is posted outside my office.

We're raising some awesome kids here at FCCV!

CELEBRATING OUR 2017 GRADUATES

We wish you all God's blessings on your next adventure. Your church family loves you!

Sophia Becker attending Lesley University in Cambridge, majoring in English

Megan Hasty attending Western Connecticut State University, dual major in Elementary Education and Psychology with a minor concentration in Music and Basketball

Ian T. Macala attending Springfield University Occupational Therapy Master's Program

Ryan Moreau attending the University of Connecticut, majoring in Pharmacy

Hannah Ramsdell attending Marist College, majoring in Psychology



Our **Toddler Room** is staffed and open every Sunday from 9:45 AM until after the Worship Service for toddlers ages 12 months to 3 years. 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 child 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.

Theology on Tap

Thursdays, July 20 and August 17

6 PM at the Parsonage

Everyone is welcome!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fall Retreat, Friday and Saturday, October 13-14

Mark your calendars ladies, we are going on retreat this Fall and you are all invited. This year we will be going to the Evangelical Christian Center in Ashford (574 Ashford Center Road off route 44 approximately 23 miles from FCCV). **The cost for the overnight**

stay and meals is \$78 per person – payment due no later than September 1 with checks made payable to Women's Fellowship. As in the past, we can carpool from the church on Friday (late



WOMEN'S RETREAT

afternoon) and return by 5 PM on Saturday. Working ladies can meet us there. If interested, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Women's Fellowship Board in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to check out the venue the website is: www.eccministries.org. Any questions, please call Millie Oliphant (860)872-7106.

Prayer Shawl Group

Join us on the **second Tuesday** of the **month** at **1 PM** in Kellogg Hall or feel free to make one at home. Questions? Contact Phyllis Chase, 860-875-8653.

TPC NEWS

Amie Giguere will be our Field Education student this year. She currently serves as the Director of Christian Education at the Tolland Congregational Church. During the summer, she will meet briefly with the Planning Committee for the Women's Fellowship Retreat in October, in which she will participate. As has been our custom, we will meet with Amie in August to create a rough outline for her Learning Contract. A meeting will be held with Rev. Robin Bird to look at the church schedule and consider possible opportunities for Amie. We are all looking forward to an exciting year.

HISTORICAL NOTE

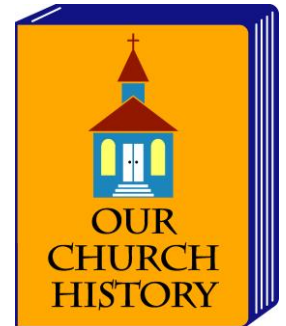
by Lynn Sweet, Historian

For those of you who like to keep your calendars updated, the Vernon Historical Society will be presenting a two-part program on Sundays, September 17 and 24 at 1 PM.

The September 17 portion of the program will feature local historian Jon Roe speaking about Meeting House Hill, the tract of land in Vernon Center upon which was built the original church that has become FCCV.

The September 24 portion will actually be a walking tour...The Vernon Center History Walk. The walk will conclude at our church where participants will learn about the second building that housed the Congregational Church in Vernon. Built by the descendants of the Meeting House Hill families, this building was erected in 1826. This was the church that burned in 1965 and was replaced by our own FCCV as it stands today. I am currently searching our records for information about the 1826 building and will be providing commentary as visitors enjoy our beautiful sanctuary.

Please consider attending one or both of these programs for some interesting local history, which perhaps is of special interest to those of us who consider FCCV our church home.



PAY IT FORWARD

We are trying something new for the summer. We are asking you to submit organizations that PIF can support and, if you wish, include info on why you choose to support this group. Through August, we will draw the name of an organization and the following month, someone from the Stewardship Committee will present information on the organization. To make a suggestion, fill out an index card, found in the Narthex and place it in the white box located in the Narthex.



FROM the BOOKWORM

Now is a great time to start a new family routine. Each Sunday after church, sign out a new book to share as a family during the next week. With over 20 new children's books recently added to our Library, there are loads of options.

Another great resource that has been loaned to our library is **Cancer: Now What** by **Kenneth Haugk**. All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer.

During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. This book from Stephen Ministries is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. Included in the book are some brochures that offer suggestions for how readers might use the book.

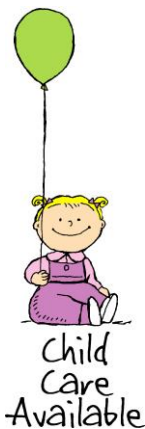
GOLF COMMITTEE NEWS

The Golf Committee encourages you to patronize the following businesses that have helped to make our Annual Golf Event a success... Rein's Deli, Denny's, Garden Barn, Mitchell's Restaurant, Elmo's Restaurant, Wet Pets Aquarium, Paul's Pizza, De Cormier Nissan, Economy Oil, Meineke, Gerry's Donuts, Auto Zone, Artisanal Burger Company, Ron-a-Roll, Stop & Shop, Simply Thai Restaurant, Maine Fish Market, China Taste, Suburban Subaru, Oki Restaurant, Tomato Joe's, New England Pizza, Mr. Sparkle, Between Rounds, Big Y, Price Chopper

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Mark your calendars....

The Parish Nurses will be sponsoring a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 6.



PLEASE NOTE...Child Care is available for church activities/events when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Please contact our Child Care Coordinator, Holly Olmstead, 860-944-9552.

September CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, August 15



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 Cheryl Purnell (860-712-8124) or Susan Pilkons (860-875-4122).

OUR SUPPORT GROUPS

Grief Support...open to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please feel free to come alone or bring a family member or friend. Any questions? Contact the Church Office, 860-875-7580. We meet Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Library.



Caring and Sharing...open to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one but are further along on their grief journey. Any questions? Contact the Church Office, 860-875-7580. **We meet every Friday at 10:30 AM in Kellogg Hall.**

AA...meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7 AM in Kellogg Hall



TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

Teddy Bears are sitting in the pews for you to take and give to someone in need of a bit of caring love. Teddy Bears in churches that provide this ministry have been sent all around the world. In order to keep this ministry going, we are asking for monetary donations to the Women's Fellowship Teddy Bear Ministry Fund or you may buy a 10"-12" bear and leave it in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or jmyer0146@yahoo.com.

www.firstchurchofvernon.org

We're on Facebook. Check us out!



FCCV video records its complete Sunday services. These worship services were available for viewing on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sundays at 10 AM and Mondays at 6 PM. While services are still available on the same schedule, copyrighted material has been expunged since we do not have a broadcast license. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times. Full length DVDs of the services are available for borrowing in the Library or you can stream complete services from our website.

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.

Staff Sgt. Steven A. Carr, Jr., husband of Angel Hockenberry Carr

Nate Slicer, serving in the Army and currently stationed in Germany

SAFE CONDUCT POLICY

First Congregational Church of Vernon is committed to creating and maintaining programs, facilities and a community in which members, friends, staff and volunteers can worship, learn and work together in an atmosphere free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, exploitation or intimidation.

everyone is
welcome

Sunday Summer Worship

9 AM

Summer Sunday School

9 AM

Phone

(860) 875-7580

Email

church.secretary@firstchurchofvernon.org

Website

www.firstchurchofvernon.org

Church Office Summer Hours **Monday-Thursday, 8 AM - 1 PM. The office is closed on Fridays.**



CONTACTS for CHURCH STAFF, BOARDS and COMMITTEES

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| Senior Pastor | Rev. Robin Bird |
| Director of Christian Education | Debi Hockenberry |
| Church Secretary | Nancy Young |
| Minister of Music | Leanne Connolly |
| Organist | James Burr |
| Director of Stephen Ministry | Rev. Joanne Myer |
| Junior Choir Director | Althea Madigan |
| Sunday School Superintendent | Deb Hampton |
| Child Care Coordinator | Jen Jensen |
| Moderator | Sue Mias |
| Board of Deacons | Greg Mias |
| Board of Trustees | Dave Hockenberry |
| Board of Christian Education | Millie Oliphant, Marlene Bennett |
| Board of Missions | |
| Board of Music | Andy Myer |
| Human Resources Committee | Paul Shimer |
| Ways and Means | Sue Pilkons |
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| Memorial Garden | Jane Morse |
| Teaching Parish | Karen Prewo |
| Communications Ministry | Gerry Dyar |

