
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



I hope that your first week of this new year has already brought you love and happiness!

After the sermon last Sunday, all were invited forward to receive a star gift - a star with a word written on it - to ponder the significance of the word in our lives. If you were unable to attend last Sunday and would like a star gift, you will have an opportunity this Sunday to receive one. I talked to someone today who has already had a "revelation" about her star gift. I know this was just the first of many "ah ha" moments for her during the year! As I did with her, I want to encourage you to write down each time you have a "revelation" about God speaking to you. I truly believe God is speaking to us ... are you listening?



Oh boy! This Sunday is Pajama Day! What!?! Yes, Pajama Day! It's not just for the kids, it's for us adults, too! All we need to do is wear our pajamas and bring a \$1. All proceeds collected through our Pajama Day attire will be donated to the Hematology Unit at the CT Children's Hospital.

We will be collecting a special offering for the Thompson Congregational Church UCC in Thompson, CT. On Thursday, December 29th, an electrical fire started in the basement of the church and spread up the back of the building. There is extensive damage to the rear of the church – the roof collapsed, windows were broken, and there's water and smoke damage. As most of you know, our church burned in January of 1965 and was rebuilt and dedicated in September of the following year. Let's show the Thompson Congregational Church the love and support that was shown to our church.

Come and hear the story from the Gospel according to Luke in chapter 3 with John the Baptist "preparing the way". Come and experience God with us!

Grace be to y'all!
Robin



Prelude to the Preludes

Since it's been a while since I played any "classical" fare, I figured I'd play a little Mozart early on Sunday. Written in his youth (probably teens), his Sonatina in C major starts with a motif that is almost the same as that which begins his famous "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik." Then something completely different--a couple love songs made famous by Elvis.

I'll shift gears again to finish. "Consecration" is Robert Hughes' arrangement of three gospel hymns. They are: "Fill Me Now," "I Surrender All" and "As Breathes the Wind." The last has the lyrics printed in the score which seem a fitting response to John the Baptist's call to "prepare the way of the Lord...and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." The lyrics conclude: "And soon shall I at harvest time, be ready to see the glory of the Master's face." ---James

Joanne is going to sing the *Canticle of Zechariah* as an introit. The word canticle comes from the Latin *canticulum*, a diminutive of *canticum* which means *to sing*. A canticle is "a hymn, psalm or other song of praise taken from biblical or holy texts other than the Book of Psalms" in the Old Testament. The priest Zechariah is also known as Zacharias. Zacharias (Zechariah) was the father of John the Baptist and the husband of Elizabeth. The *Canticle of Zechariah* describes both the prophecy of John the Baptist's birth and our Messiah's birth



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