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Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

Friends in Christ,

It was so good to renew our baptismal vows together last Sunday! I know God was "well pleased." I am including those covenant promises at the end of this email in case you would like to revisit them.

This week our scriptures direct us to consider our spiritual gifts - those unique, God-given qualities built into each and every one of us that make us indispensable members of the body of Christ. What are yours? Only by gathering in community - walking, working and worshiping together - do we ever fully discover and develop them. Yet when we do, it is truly awe-inspiring to feel and/or watch them unfold!

See you on Sunday!

With you on the journey, Meg

The Vows of Baptism

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? "I promise, with the help of God."

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world? "I promise, with the help of God."

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world? "I promise, with the help of God."

REMINDER of UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Bowl Grinders

The Ways & Means Committee will be taking orders during Coffee Hour this Sunday and next.

Grinders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 3. Questions? Contact Michelle Bower, 860-872-7274.

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"Clothes Exchange" sponsored by Women's Fellowship

Friday. January 25, 6 pm (snow date February 2)

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING Sunday, January 27

following the Worship Service

<u>Please Note</u>: Child care for children of all ages will be provided in the Toddler Room during the meeting.

MUSIC at FIRST

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The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble

performing "Melodies of Mark Twain" Sunday, January 27 at 4 PM

For more information on the "Clothes Exchange" and The Music at First Concert, check out this Sunday's bulletin or our website firstchurchofvernon.org.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-7 PM
in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Ways and Means Committee
Menu: plain, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage.
Cost: Adults \$7, children \$3.
Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.