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Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

From: News from FCCV (lists@firstchurchofvernon.org)

To:

Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:31 AM

## Family and Friends of FCCV,



The First Congregational Church of Vernon United Church of Christ is a church that welcomes all. It is our desire to offer a place of love and acceptance to anyone who wishes to experience God with us. As most of you are aware, last summer we started a committee that would explore the option of designating our church an official Open and Affirming church. This committee has held cottage meetings, provided literature, and has made themselves available to answer questions that you've had during this process. They are still making themselves available to you.

This Sunday, 3 people from our congregation will share with you their stories and/or feelings about why it is important to each of them that our church becomes an Open and Affirming place of worship. I invite you to pray for Megan, Kathleen, and Jim as they share their heartfelt stories; and I encourage you to ask God to open your heart to receive the messages you will hear.

FCCV has a lot of love to offer ... let's share it with whomever wants it! And needs it!

Grace be to y'all, Robin

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#### **Prelude to the Preludes**

If you haven't noticed, there's a loose pattern to my preluding. I often start on the piano-it sounds less "formal" and often the music is secular. This week is Beethoven's turn: from two different sonatas I'll play a stately slow movement and then segue into a rollicking presto that sounds like an Italian carnival piece.

The second part of the pattern is sacred music on the organ--a reminder of why we're here. Like last week, the titles are evocative of Jesus' ministry. After an original called "That Home in Galilee" we'll hear three arrangements by Lani Smith: "Jesus Calls Us," "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" and "Trusting Jesus." --James

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### **REMINDERS...**

**Meatloaf Dinner,** tonight from 5-6:30 PM. The menu will include baked potato, roasted veggies, ice cream with chocolate sauce and beverage. Cost - \$12/adult; \$6/child

# Line Dancing tonight at 7 PM



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