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Friends in Christ,

I hope you are all warm and well after the winter storm this week! Unfortunately, it looks like Old Man Winter isn't finished with us yet. If you did not get the chance to build a snowman yesterday, you will have another opportunity real soon as more snowy weather is on the way. I do not expect it to affect our Sunday morning service, but as always, use your own judgement and drive safely!

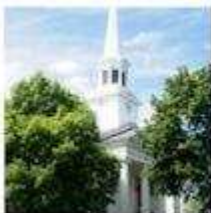
This Sunday we will welcome five new members into our faith community: **Al and Pat Navickas, Michael Leary, Erica Mankus and Linda Dayton** will all join in covenant with us. As they affirm their baptism vows, we will all have the chance to revisit our own covenant promises. If you are not yet a member of First Congregational Church of Vernon and you would like to be, or if you have questions about membership, please drop me a note and let me know. We will have another Newcomer's Class in June.

Our scripture this week is full of practical advice about how to live in peace with one another. We know that God is raising up a just and peaceable kingdom, but what does that look like on an ordinary Tuesday morning and how do we fit in? We will touch on conflict resolution, reconciliation and (of course) forgiveness, as we grow in our understanding of what it means to be a faithful Christian in community.

I am grateful to God for this community and I give thanks for all that God is doing in and through you every day!

With you on the journey,

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