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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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

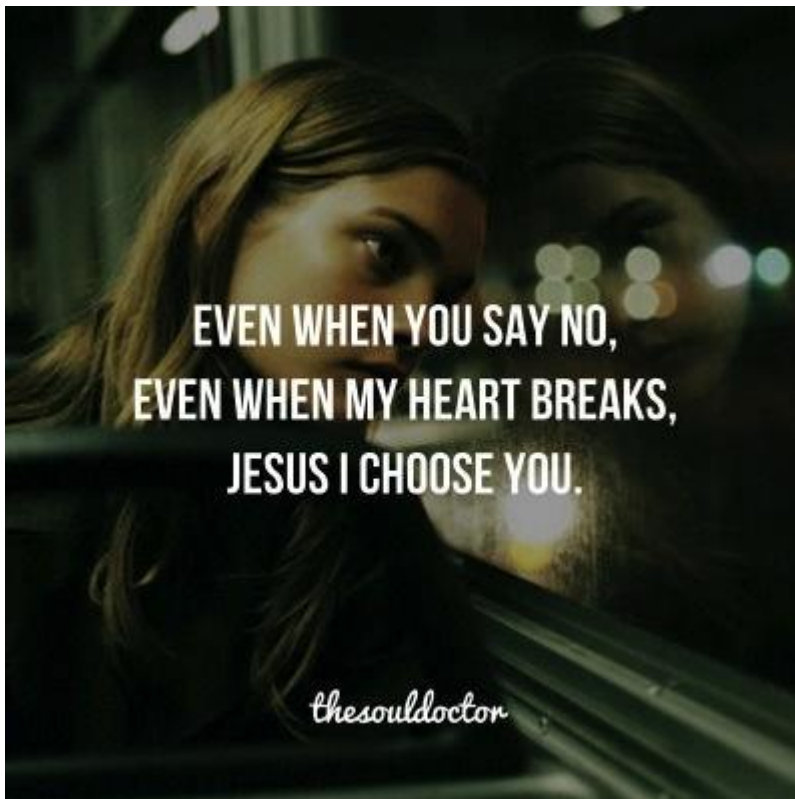
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**To:**

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**Date:** Friday, February 26, 2016 10:31 AM

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Hi, Beloved Prayer Warrior. I love that you affirm your church as a *praying church* - you *understand* that prayer changes things. Mostly us! Keep praying!

And, I want to thank you for all of your good deeds, so often done with little to no fanfare - that result from *your* devotion to God and neighbor. That is so big. Thank you, too, for the gifts and notes you give to each other for so many reasons. *You are bread for one another.* That is so big!

On Sunday, we will *Pay it Forward*. In the sermon we'll hear that sometimes bad things happen to good people, but even when those bad things happen, Jesus is with us. Choose Jesus. The anthem will be *God Will Make a Way*, with Kurt Dembeck as the soloist, and the offertory anthem will be the spiritual, *My Lord What a Mornin'*, both wonderful Lenten offerings. The morning will close with the hymn, *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*.

The second staff reconfiguration informational meeting is this Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.; there'll be child care, and pizza for the kids. The Church Council recommendation is to have one Pastor and one Director of Christian Education (with increased hours - the DCE position is currently 20 hours, but 30 is more often the usual work week). Research with the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ revealed that CT UCC churches in the size range of FCCV (332 members), have one Pastor and one C.E. person. (There are only 41 Associate Pastors in our 235 CT UCC churches - serving in 500 member+ churches.) A congregational meeting will be held following worship on March 13 to vote on the configuration.

The Pastoral Search Committee has announced that they are interviewing Rev. Robin Bird for the Senior Pastor position. Our prayers are with them!

The Deacons put much love and labor into creating a Lenten Agape Dinner for the congregation. Come experience it! It is next Sunday, March 6 from 5-6:30 pm. in Fellowship Hall.

**February 28 Scripture: Luke 13:1-9**

<http://bible.oremus.org/?version=nrsv&passage=Luke%2013:1-9>

Remember to bring non-perishable food to fill our grocery carts. The food is taken to the Soup Kitchen in Rockville and to the Hockanum Valley Community Council. Thank you for feeding the hungry. Thank you for following Jesus.

FCCV, Prayer Warriors,  
Rev. Suz, Interim Senior Pastor

**Reminder..**

**Lenten Bible Study**, tonight at 6:30 PM in the Library followed by **Line Dancing** at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall



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