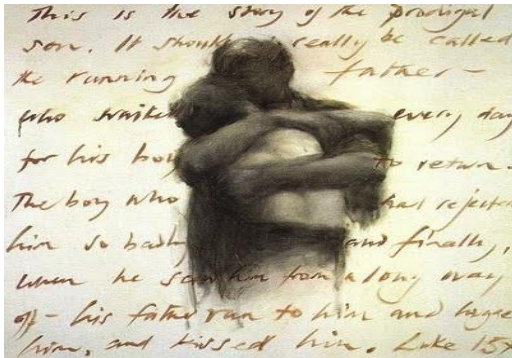

Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

Date: Friday, March 4, 2016 11:37 AM



Hi, Beloved.

Yes, it is the Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, one of the most, perhaps *the most*, powerful religious/spiritual lessons Jesus taught in his brief ministry. One of the Bible's greatest truths is that God is always willing to forgive us, no matter how far we've wandered - or how much we've rebelled against Him. *God loves you*. He loves you far more than that father who loved his prodigal son! If you find yourself far away from God, when you're ready to come home, God will race down the path to meet you and take you in his arms!

The message of the United Church of Christ is *Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!* And, if you've done something that you ought not to have done, or you haven't done something that you ought to have done, FCCV is a place that extends forgiveness, and love. Come Sunday and be enveloped in the greatest love we can ever know. And, it's Communion Sunday! The bread is broken, the wine is poured. Symbolism aplenty! We'll extinguish another candle on our Lenten Candle Wreath, one week closer to the cross (one week closer to Easter!). I don't know about you, but it's still hard, yet meaningful, for me to see the candle go out each Sunday.

Our Lenten Agape Dinner experience happens later in the day from 5-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. It promises to be a significant occasion. We hope to see you there.

February 28 Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Luke+15:1-3,11-32>

Let's all be together on Sunday to worship and receive communion as people in need. Come, let us worship. Let us come Home.

Gather Us In, 🏡
Rev. Suz, Interim Senior Pastor

+++Leanne Connolly, our Choir Director, is putting out a request for instrumentalists interested in playing with the choir or as a soloist!+++

Reminder..

NO Lenten Bible Study tonight. And, Line Dancing is over for now!



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