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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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

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**Date:** Friday, March 14, 2014 11:40 AM

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**Friends in Christ,  
Top o' the morning to you!  
It is a beautiful, blue-sky day outside my office window, a hopeful sign that winter is finally on its way out! With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner I am looking forward to a bit of green, if only a shamrock or two.**

**As March marches on, Mission Month continues here at FCCV. This week, our Board of Missions steals the show once more with a special presentation by Josephine Bicknell from Connecticut Missions of Mercy. I am so proud of this church and its longstanding tradition of reaching out beyond its own walls to share God's blessings with those who are less fortunate! I was moved and inspired by what we were able to accomplish together last year, in Guatemala, and I can't wait to see what God will do through us this year, a little closer to home. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help and perhaps sign up to volunteer at the big event! We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world. I pray that Jesus' love for the poor and hurting will come alive in each of our hearts as we step out to follow in his footsteps.**

**Our own Board of Missions co-chair, Gilmay Markunas, has a very special message to share with the children! They are going to LOVE what she has in store for them! Be sure the children you love are here to hear and share in the blessing.**

**May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

## With you on the journey, Meg

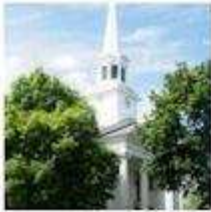
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### REMINDERS.....

**Craft Group:** Monday, March 17, 5:30 PM, Chapel. Anyone interested in making crafts for our Holiday Fair in November is invited to join us.

**The Victorian Lady:** Sunday, March 23, 2 PM in Fellowship Hall sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Kandie Carle will present the wardrobe of the 1860's-era Victorian woman. Enjoy a history lesson on fashion, delivered with a touch of humor. Suggested donation - \$5 per person. **Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.**

**Agape Dinner:** Sunday, March 30, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for dinner and activities related to Lent. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a main dish; M-S, a salad or veggies; T-Z, a dessert. **If you plan on attending, please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.**



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