
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

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Friends in Christ,

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent. As we move closer to the cross on Calvary, we also draw nearer to new life and the resurrection of our Lord. Last week, our scripture sang to us of rebirth and new beginnings for all who are born of the Spirit. This week, the theme of new beginnings continues with a story of re-creation and new possibilities for a man who had been born blind, and for all of us.

Speaking of new possibilities, it has come to my attention that a local family with a disabled 6 year old child has reached out to our community for help. You may be familiar with their story, it has appeared in the Journal Inquirer and on the Vernon Patch. If not, please take a moment to read it (below). If our efforts can make life easier for little Justin Dymont and his family, then I am pleased to help. Jesus said, "Love your neighbors as yourselves," and this much is clear: These are our neighbors. No act of love is ever in vain.

God be with you as we continue to travel together on the way.

With you on the journey,
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Journal Inquirer March 25, 2014

By John Kennedy

VERNON — Since Rebecca Dymont's son was born she and her husband have been carrying him between his wheelchair and other vehicles, and now they're hoping to garner enough votes in a national contest to win a wheelchair-accessible van. Justin, 6 years old, is developmentally disabled and has a "slew" of medical issues — the primary one being a seizure disorder — and is 4 to 6 months old developmentally, Dymont says.

Although they're hoping to see some gains with Justin, she says that at this point, walking and talking is not likely in his future, though she says he is a "happy little boy" who "brightens everyone's day." At 45 pounds, Justin is reaching the point where it's getting harder to carry him between his wheelchair, the family minivan, and the school bus, so Dymont is hoping to secure enough votes in a contest run by the nonprofit National Mobility Equipment Dealer's Association to win one of three handicapped vans. She says the van is necessary because Justin has many different therapy and medical appointments. Although Dymont says her son doesn't do much, he loves to be tickled, and "has the best laugh when you tickle him."

Votes can be cast by going to <http://www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com/> and clicking on the green "Vote Now" tab in the top right of the page. Dymont says people can vote once a day until May 9. Justin will have a better chance of winning if votes are cast every day. As of today he had 1,361 votes.

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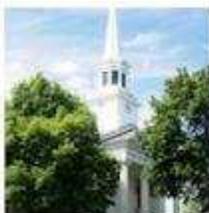
AGAPE POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, 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.

The Easter Bunny (and BCE) needs donated bags of candy (individually wrapped pieces) for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Please bring your donations next Sunday and place them in the basket provided in the Narthex.



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