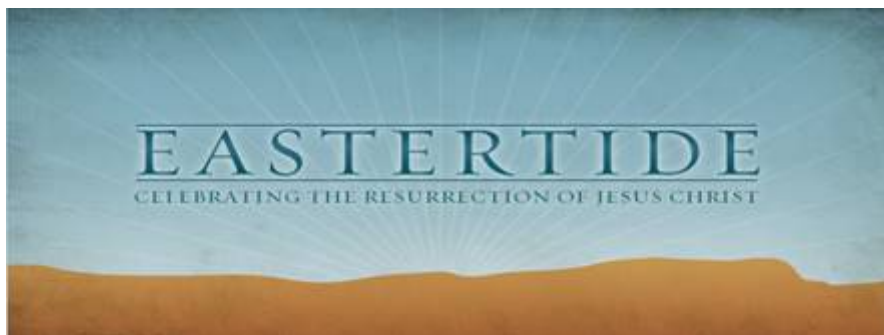

Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

Date: Friday, April 21, 2017 11:05 AM

Friends and Family of FCCV,



We had a wonderful celebration last Sunday ... celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! During this season of Eastertide, I pray you continue to encounter the Risen Christ!

The First Congregational Church of Vernon United Church of Christ has been a Teaching Parish for over 20 years. This is something of which we all should be very proud! When a church offers itself as a Teaching Parish, it is providing an opportunity for seminary students to learn how to gain ministerial experience prior to completing their Master of Divinity degree and ordination. FCCV has been, and continues to be, a learning site that is welcoming, encouraging, supportive, and patient as her seminary students "practice" essential skills necessary for ministry.

Join me this Sunday in welcoming our former seminary students back to the church where they experienced "how to do ministry." This church was very instrumental in their training. These former students will lead us in worship – each will play a role in our service – while Rev. Sarah Drummond will bring the message from Luke's gospel where Luke shares the story of the men walking on the road to Emmaus. You will want to be here and be a part of this service!

Come and experience God with us! Bring a friend!

Grace be to y'all,
Robin



Saturday is Earth Day. The beauty and tranquility of the warm, spring season is evoked in three pieces entitled "In Meadows Green," "Lilies of the Field" and "Flowers of Spring." Next I have an Easter song: "Hallelujah! What a Savior!." Several former TPC students will help conduct this Sunday's service, so I've included some pieces relating to teaching. They are "More About Jesus," "Teach Us Thy Word" and "The Great Commission" which is a medley of the hymns "We've a Story To Tell," "I Love To Tell the Story" and "Rescue the Perishing". The final prelude has an Easter title: "Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!." It is an arrangement of the familiar "All Creatures of Our God and King," which also ties in

nically with the theme of creation and Earth Day.

--James

Reminder....

Potluck, Saturday, 6 PM to celebrate our church being a Teaching Parish for 21 years, preparing ministers for the future with Andover Newton Theological School. Visit with our past students and our new student at the dinner. Please bring the following if your last name begins with...

A- H Pasta salad, garden salad or coleslaw

I-P Entrée or casserole

Q-Z Dessert



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