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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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

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**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2015 11:42 AM

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Friends in Christ,

I invite your prayers for the people of Baltimore as that city wrestles with the pain, fear, grief and unanswered questions that still linger in the air. Please pray for Freddie Gray's family and friends, for law enforcement officers everywhere and their families, and for the other communities and families for which these latest events hit hideously close to home. May God use these tragedies to unite us and to lead us all to higher ground.

Please pray also for the people of Nepal as that nation digs out from under the debris of a massive 7.8 earthquake. Their needs are great as many homes have been reduced to rubble. You can make a secure online donation to the [International Emergency Relief Fund](#) through this link from the national UCC website. (NOTE: write "Nepal Earthquake" in the comment section.) God bless you!

Our scripture this week is a beautiful passage from 1 John that can probably be boiled down into three words - **God is Love**. But why boil it down when you can savor every delicious drop? Read it for yourself here: 1 John 4:7-21: <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=297447187>

I look forward to breaking bread with you at the Lord's table this Sunday. Together we will ponder what it means to love as Jesus loved.

With you on the journey,  
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**REMINDER....** The **deadline** for Boards and Committees to submit reports for the **Annual Report** for the Annual Organizational Meeting in June is **Monday, May 4** - no exceptions, please. Reports should be turned in to Nancy in the Church Office. Thank you!



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