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Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2013 – our newest members, and a responsible, joy-filled group of young people. They show us that our country is in good hands as they begin to take their places in society. If you attended the service last Sunday or if you watch the service via cable, I know that you will agree with Linda Shivers and me that they did an excellent job of helping to lead worship. We are grateful to our DCE Linda Shivers for teaching them throughout the 2012-2013 confirmation year.

This Sunday, May 26, is Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day week-end. We are blessed to welcome the Reverend Stan Possell to our pulpit. Reverend Stan has been singing in the FCCV Sanctuary Choir for a few years. You probably noticed that he has recently returned after an absence of many months. Reverend Stan just finished an interim ministry in Massachusetts . In addition to preaching, Stan will share his wonderful bass voice with us in music ministry.

As part of the service, we will also pay tribute to our veterans and to those on active duty.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost when the church celebrates the Holy Trinity. The Doctrine of the Trinity is the Christian church's belief that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit (or Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are three persons in one Godhead. One of the most understandable ways of describing the Trinity (a fourth century product) is explained by theologian and scholar, Marcus Borg. He turns our attention to 2 Cor. 13:13, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you," and to Matt. 28:19 when Jesus says to his followers, '...to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'" In his latest book, *Speaking Christian*, Marcus Borg suggests that Christianity moved to a threefold monotheism "because of the significance of Jesus for his follower in the first century and continuing in the centuries since then." Borg continues, "This is what makes somebody Christian: seeing the decisive, normative revelation, disclosure of God in Jesus. The Trinity is thus a testimony, witness, tribute to the centrality of Jesus for Christians."

We will welcome Pastor Meg and Dean back next week from a much needed time away to renew spiritually and physically. We pray for their safety.

**Blessings,
Joanne**

Reminders.....

This Sunday is the last day to place your Silent Auction bid unless you plan to attend the **Golf Tournament on **June 1**.**

Women's Fellowship Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is available to any church member who is continuing their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. **Deadline for applying is May 31.**

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3 years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

Vacation Bible School, June 24-28: There are still openings for children ages 3 years-5th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Library, from the Church Office or contact Linda Shivers or Debi Hockenberry.

Coming Up This Week...

Can and Bottle Fundraiser, June 1, sponsored by the Youth Mission Group. Please drop donations off at the FCCV parking lot (Center Rd.) between 9:30 AM-12 noon that day.

Vernon Chorale - A Choral Tapestry, Saturday, June 1, 7:30 PM at FCCV

Led by Assistant Conductor Christopher Wasko, the concert will feature solo and small ensemble performances by chorale members, as well as full choral works by Thompson, Stroope, Vaughn Williams and more. Suggested Donation: Adult \$15; Senior/Student \$10.