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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 26, 2017 2:30 PM

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



As you know, Monday is Memorial Day. This is an American holiday where we honor those men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. Some of you may choose to celebrate this day by visiting cemeteries or gravesides of loved ones, or attending/participating in parades, or gathering together with friends. However you choose to spend this holiday, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who gave their lives for our country, and then pray for those men and women (and their families) who are currently serving in the military.

Our text Sunday comes from the third chapter of Galatians. The Apostle Paul is shocked that the Gentiles have been "fooled" by believing that receiving the Holy Spirit came from them keeping the Law. He says, *"Are you so irrational? After you started with the Spirit, are you now finishing up with your own human effort? Did you experience so much for nothing? I wonder if it really was for nothing. So does the one providing you with the Spirit and working miracles among you do this by you doing the works of the Law or by you believing what you heard?"*

Come and experience God with us!

Grace be to y'all,  
Robin



### **Prelude to the Preludes**

I'll start off this Sunday's preludes with a grand waltz by Johann Strauss called "O Schoener Mai!"--O Beautiful May! Then we'll jump from the ballrooms of Vienna to the parlors of America with a piano rag by Scott Joplin. It seems that the popularity of his "Maple Leaf Rag" inspired other "Leaf" titles like the "Palm Leaf" and the one I'll be playing: "The Rose Leaf Rag." I'll finish with Glenn Medlock's uplifting "Heralds of Triumph." For our postlude this holiday weekend you'll hear some rollicking parade music by that great American bandleader, John Philip Sousa--his "Semper Fidelis March." --James

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## Reminders...

The kids will start downstairs this Sunday in order to practice for Children's Sunday.

Our Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 3. Check out the Silent Auction items set up in Fellowship Hall and make a bid. All proceeds from the tournament and auction benefit FCCV.



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