

Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



"The light keeps shining in the dark and darkness has never put it out." (John 1:5)
 I want to encourage you to "be the light" in our world where darkness shows itself. Our hearts go out to France, the people of Nice, those who were injured, and to those families who are suffering loss from the latest terrorist attack. John's gospel reminds us of what Jesus said in times of discouragement and fear, "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" Take courage! The Light still shines among us!

This Sunday we continue our worship outside on our front lawn under our beautiful trees. I am enjoying our natural surroundings while we sing, pray, and hear the Word. I also enjoy the occasional "honk" from the traffic on Hartford Turnpike. I love that our community is noticing us! And, I am excited to hear the message "When You Need a Friend" from Reverend Stan Possell. Come and join us at 9 AM.

Grace be to y'all,
 Robin



Prelude to the Preludes

So, would you believe that I played my first rock-n-roll gig at Woodstock? Yeah, I covered the Beatles, the Stones, the Doors, Led Zeppelin. But, no, it wasn't 1969. It was just last Fall for a wedding in eastern Connecticut. And since I've been using the same keyboard-and-synth set-up this July I've been hankering to again play a few of those infectious Beatles tunes like "All You Need Is Love" and "Here Comes the Sun."

On a different note, I'll also play a couple jazzy numbers by Joe Utterback which are based on traditional spirituals. His "Medley" combines "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" with "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child." And the postlude is his rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching

In." These ought to go well with Tom Sweet's soulful anthems "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "My Lord, What a Mornin'."

Also, I must bid you all "au revoir" until August since I'm on vacation for the next three Sundays. ---
James



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