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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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**From:** FCCV (fccv@snet.net)

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**To:** fccv@snet.net;

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**Date:** Friday, July 19, 2013 12:06 PM

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## Friends in Christ,

I hope you have found refuge from the record heat this past week! I promise I did not bring this weather back with me from Florida . I feel pretty confident of that since it is at least ten degrees cooler there.

Last week I asked you to imagine how our community might be different if individual Christians like you and I took Jesus seriously when he said, "love your neighbor." I asked how many of you *know* your neighbors (many do) and encouraged you to reach out to the people who live near you. It is not too late to stop by with some flowers from your garden and introduce yourself!

This week, our 'good neighbor' theme continues as we identify some of the challenges to be overcome in learning to love one's neighbors. I will offer some practical suggestions to get you started, try to steer you clear of some of the common pitfalls, and share some moving stories of the kind of life-changing love between neighbors that Jesus was talking about.

Also this week - we will participate in the baptism of Christopher Parker Jackson , age 3. Christopher is the youngest son of Aaron and Rachael Jackson. His brother Cole, age 7, will stand up with him. It will be a day of great celebration!

With you on the journey,

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### **Please Note...**

Church Council will NOT meet in August. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 4** at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please send any September agenda items to Tom Sweet at [tsweetasc@aol.com](mailto:tsweetasc@aol.com). Questions? Contact Tom at 860-875-3172.

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There is space available on the **Flower Chart** for anyone wishing to have flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Consider sharing flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the chart located in the Narthex.

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**A Chance to Volunteer in Our Community:** Beginning this September, the Board of Deacons will be sponsoring a Reading Program. We will be partnering with the Community School at Maple Street School in Vernon which runs Monday through Thursday from 3-5 PM. Since we are still in the planning stages of this project, we first need to have some idea of how many people would like to participate. If you are interested, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. There are only two requirements: (1) a background check and (2) a love of reading with children. For more information please call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

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### **The Tri-Town Food Pantry is in desperate need of the following food donations:**

Peanut Butter

Jelly or Jam

Boxes of Cereal

Spaghetti Sauce

Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup

Cans of Spaghetti or Ravioli

Ramen Noodles

Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

Boxes of Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.)

**Donations may be left in the Mission Boxes in the Breezeway.**