
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

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"...And we're OFF!"



**Rally Sunday and Church Picnic
September 7, 2014**

Friends in Christ,

I am excited to be standing with you on the cusp of a brand new program year! Come and celebrate with us this Sunday! It promises to be a glorious day to gather and give thanks to God for our church community and the many ministries we share.

We'll start our morning with inspiring worship, gathering at the table of grace and reveling in the return of our Sanctuary Choir. Our scripture this week highlights the close connection we all share as children of God and how we fit together as the body of Christ. After worship we'll spread out on the lawn for a good old-fashioned church picnic with hot dogs and all the trimmings. So bring your lawn chairs, your blankets, your favorite outside toys and games, and your friends and neighbors! There will be music, laughter, love, plenty of food, and fun for all ages. Inside seating will also be available.

We will commission our Sunday School teachers this Sunday as well. If you volunteered to serve in this life-changing ministry role, **thank you!** Please be prepared to come forward this week to be blessed and commissioned.

We have two more openings for Sunday School teachers in our 3rd & 4th grade class. It is a twice a month investment that pays eternal dividends! If you have questions about what it means to be a Sunday School teacher, call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes this week with a new video series on the Old Testament (11am in the library). Theology on Tap starts the year with a discussion of being Christian in a multi-faith world (Thursday at 6pm at R House Restaurant). Sunday School, Confirmation class, and the J*Walkrz Youth Fellowship all launch their fall schedules this Sunday, and our music ministries are already humming. There are many opportunities to get involved and grow in faith this year! I pray that you will press in and be filled!

With you on the journey,
Meg

P.S. Attention All Board Members

We will commission our board members during worship NEXT SUNDAY, September 14. Please be prepared to come forward to be blessed and commissioned by the congregation for your service to the Church of Jesus Christ. Then, please join us for our 2014 Leadership Teambuilding Retreat that afternoon from 1-4 PM. I promise it will be time well spent! (Did I mention there will be food?). I hope you will make every effort to attend.

Romans 12:4-8

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4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members...

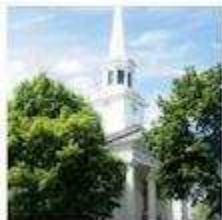
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PLEASE NOTE...

Shred Event/Book/Baked Goods/ Mum Sale: Saturday, September 13, 9 AM-2 PM in the church parking lot. Shredding will take place from 9 AM-noon. **Books are needed** and donations may be dropped off at church this week. **Baked goods are also needed** for the Bake Sale. They may be dropped off at church on the morning of the event. Thanks in advance. For additional information, contact Carol Slicer, 860-872-2690.

There will be a **Memorial Service** for **Rev. Charles Nichols** on Saturday September 13 at 11 AM at the First Congregational Church in New Britain, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, CT.



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