

Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



Do you have an opportunity to drive by our church during the week? If so, you will see that there are people coming and going during the day and in the evening. We have a lot of activity going on in our church, even when it's not Sunday, and I love it! If you are not aware of all the activities and groups in which you can be involved, please check out our website or call the church office and we'll let you know what's going on. Also, when you attend church on Sunday, I encourage you to read through the church bulletin. You'll find all the groups and activities that are offered for the week, and also what to look for in the next few weeks. Stay informed! I sure wouldn't want you to miss out on any of the exciting and wonderful things this church is doing!

And speaking of what's coming up ... Next Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. will be my installation as the Senior Pastor here at FCCV. You should have received an "invitation" to that special ceremony via email. I am really excited about being "officially" installed and I hope that you will be able to share in this wonderful ceremony. I'm absolutely thrilled to tell you that my father, Don Bird, will be preaching the sermon at my installation! How cool is that?!?

Our text this week is from Genesis 37 and is about young Joseph's dream, and what happened when he shared it with his older brothers. Come and hear how this story may be speaking to you!

Grace be to y'all,
Robin

Prelude to the Preludes



My how time flies! Fifty years ago, in September of 1966, was when they began holding Sunday services in the newly rebuilt church. Lynn Sweet, our current historian, showed me a note from the organist at the time, Whitney Ferguson, in which he listed the pieces he would play that morning. So I've done a little digging and will play my best approximation of what was performed fifty years ago.

There were two short Sonata movements by Henry Purcell, originally for violins, cello and harpsichord. Then there was a chorale with variations by Johann Gottfried Walther (a cousin of J.S. Bach). Many of his Chorale Preludes are variations on hymns so I selected one based on "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

allzugleich" (Praise God, Christians all together!) because you might recognize it as "O Gracious God, Whose Constant Care" from the Pilgrim Hymnal (I'll play it just before the variations.).

Also played was Psalm XX by Benedetto Marcello, an Italian contemporary of Walther and Bach. To these I'll add arrangements of "Onward, Christian Soldiers"--Ashford's, then Gordon Young's.

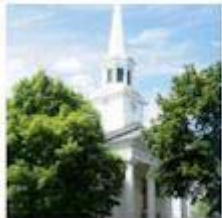
Whitney's postlude in 1966 was the Grand Choeur from Handel's oratorio "Joshua." Though there are a couple choruses, I can only assume it is the one called "See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes," which you will certainly recognize as the tune used for our Easter hymn "Thine Is the Glory." --James

Reminder...

Pulled Pork Dinner tonight from 5-6:30 PM. Dinner includes pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans, apple crisp and beverage. Cost \$12.

Join us this Sunday during the worship service as we remember that it was 50 years ago (to the date) when we entered our new Sanctuary to worship for the first time after the fire. There will be a display at the front of the Sanctuary to view after the service and a group picture will be taken of those who were here at the time.

J*Walkrz, Sunday, 3:30 PM in Fellowship Hall



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