
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

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Hi, Beloved!

Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the theme for this Sunday! In God's House, we will proclaim that *The First Congregational Church of Vernon, UCC* is blessed, we will baptize and bless two little boys, and even our animals will be blessed! I know that I am certainly blessed to be among such a welcoming and warm people.

Cats, dogs, bunnies, hamsters - all are welcome at the **Blessing of the Animals* this Sunday, October 11, on the green, in front of Kellogg Hall, 11:45 a.m.ish!



Jesus Joy!
Suzanne

*This tradition is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St. Francis of Assisi was called the patron saint of animals and ecology. He was a Roman Catholic saint who took the gospel literally and treated all earthly creatures as equals. He believed that every creature was important. St. Francis anticipated the anti-cruelty laws regarding animals 600 years ahead of when the actual legal system kicked in, in the nineteenth century.

It is said that, one day, while Francis was traveling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. He is often portrayed with a bird, typically in his hand.

Please Note....

Roast Pork Dinner: Friday, October 16 from 5-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Trustees Work Party: Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m. We will be cleaning and fixing things around the church, inside and out, depending on the weather, so come and join the fun. Lend a hand in making the church facility look its best. Be sure to bring your tools. Contact Sue Mias if interested.

Pairs and Spares: Saturday, October 17, 6-9 p.m. in the yard on the north side of FCCV. Bring-Your-Own Picnic and sit around a Fire Pit.

Major Appliance Boxes Needed by the J*Walkrz who are again taking part in the "Cardboard City Sleep-Out" on November 13-14. If you have recently purchased a stove, refrigerator, washer, etc. and still have the box, please drop it off at church (flattened is OK) or contact Debi Hockenberry (860)712-6466 for pick-up.



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