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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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

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**Date:** Friday, October 10, 2014 11:58 AM

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***BLESSING of the ANIMALS***

All God's creatures, great and small, are invited to come for the Blessing of the  
Animals  
[this Sunday, October 12 at 1 pm.](#)

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Friends in Christ,

Thank you all so much for your generous donations of food for the hungry! We filled a whole shopping cart to overflowing our first week! Check out the photo on our Facebook page (and be sure to "like" our page!)

This Sunday, the lectionary directs us to the parable of the royal wedding feast, one of the many illustrations Jesus used to describe the kingdom of heaven. The story is powerful, unsettling, and often misunderstood. Yet, what it reveals about our relationship with God is profound. It may even change your life.

Finally, we will rejoice with Amy and Nick Cheney as we celebrate the baptism of their son Kadence Michael.

God bless you and God bless our church!

With you on the journey,  
Meg

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**REMINDERS.....**

**TAG SALE: Saturday, October 18, 9 AM-2PM**, sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. Donations may be dropped off in the Breezeway this week. Large items will be accepted on Friday, the day before the sale.

**"Welcome Back to Sunday School" Continental Breakfast, Sunday, October 19** from 8:30-9:30 AM, hosted by the Board of Christian Education. All Sunday School teachers, parents and children are encouraged to attend.

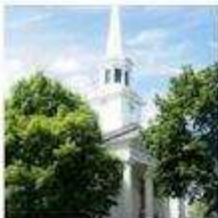
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 26** after the Worship Service. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to Sunday School. We will be collecting treats from the trunks of our parishioners' cars on the Center Road side of the church...you don't want to miss this! **Sign up in the Breezeway or in Fellowship Hall.**

**Variety Show: Friday, October 24, 7PM** in the Sanctuary. Suggested Donation: \$10 adults/\$7 students and seniors. All proceeds will benefit the Les Childs Music Scholarship. Refreshments to follow.

**J\*WALKRZ:** On **October 26**, we will be going to the **Haunted Graveyard** at Lake Compounce. Bring your friends! We will go as a group. Any adults who would like to chaperone are welcome. If we have a group of 25, the cost will be \$27 (fewer than 25 will cost \$31). A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library. **Please sign up and give your check to Debi Hockenberry as soon as possible.**

The J\*WALKRZ are also planning a **trip to St. John the Divine Cathedral** in New York City on January 23-24 for an "Interspiritual Nightwatch" program where we will sleep over at the Cathedral. **To hold your spot, we need a \$50 deposit by the end of October.** We're hoping to do fundraising to cover the additional cost. **Please sign up** on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hockenberry.

**Singers!** Anyone interested in singing the Christmas Cantata, "Holy Night of Miracles" by Lloyd Larson, please contact Leanne Connolly. The Cantata will be sung during the worship service on December 7.



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