
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



Snow, already? It is obvious that I have not lived in Connecticut long enough to know that yes, it does snow in October. And for those of you who have lived here, you remember all too well the storm that came through in 2011. I will admit that I was excited to watch the beautiful flurries fall from the sky on Thursday, and now I am eager to see what is coming this winter!

Not only am I eager to see what winter will bring, I am eager to see the response we, as a church, will give to God for what God is doing among us. Have you seen a difference in our Sunday School rooms? Have you noticed the "make-over" the breezeway and hall have had? Have you been impressed with how beautiful our yard and plants and flowers look every time you come to church? Have you felt the warm, inviting presence of the Holy Spirit as we worship with one another? Have you heard the laughter that bubbles up every Sunday in the sanctuary? (Yes! We are laughing in the sanctuary!) Have you noticed some newer families in our midst? There are so many things happening at our church that I cannot name them all in this email. God is doing some wonderful things among us! And I believe that God will continue to bless us in our efforts to share God's love!

As you know, there are many ways for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to continue to learn how to be disciples. We have an opportunity to continue to grow and do more amazing things to make a difference in the lives of our church, our community and beyond. This Sunday is the start of our Giving Campaign. For the next 3 Sundays, we will begin each service with a Stewardship Moment, and then provide an opportunity for questions and comments during our "Coffee & Conversation" time after worship. You will be asked to consider making a financial commitment to empower this church – your church – to be the hands and feet of Jesus to make a difference. This is not so much about the church, as it is about you. It is an invitation to discover the joy of giving in response to all that you have received. I am asking that you prayerfully prepare yourself for the choice you will be making as commitment Sunday approaches on Sunday, November 20th.

We will hear in our text this Sunday from I Kings how a widow woman was gathering sticks to make a meal for her and her son. She only had a handful of flour and a little bit of oil left so she was preparing to die. Elijah came to her and asked that she prepare him a meal first before she and her son ate and told her not to fear that God would take care of the flour and oil. She had faith in God ... and what happened was miraculous! Come and hear what a mighty God we serve!

Grace be to y'all,
Robin



Prelude to the Preludes

I don't think it was always the case, but because of "The Phantom of the Opera" and many other Hollywood portrayals, the pipe organ has become the iconic sound for creepy old mansions, haunted houses and villainous madmen. And so it's perfect for creepy Halloween music. I'm going to start on the piano, though, with a funeral march by Beethoven. He says that it is for a hero, and it is stately, not morbid. Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre" is a devilish waltz for an out-of-tune violin. I'll end with the Finale from Charles-Marie Widor's third organ symphony. Although it has plenty of gothic spookiness, its themes are of a tragic-heroic nature. After a fortissimo climax in the middle, it gradually subsides, ending in a slow, eerie "final curtain." My postlude will commemorate Reformation Day with Martin Luther's "Ein' Fest Burg" or "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." ---James

Reminders.....

This Sunday....

Trunk or Treat following the worship service on the church lawn.

Coffee & Conversation following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Come and get a better understanding of our church budget, hosted this week by the Board of Trustees and Grounds Committee.

Soupfest fundraiser being held on November 3 at St. Bernard's church. **Buy your raffle tickets from Delythe Kracke during Coffee Hour.**

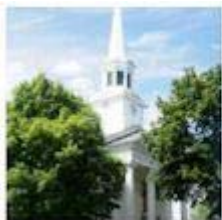
ONA Cottage Meeting - We'll meet in the Sanctuary following Trunk or Treat

Holiday Fair

Friday, November 4 from 5-8 PM
Saturday, November 5 from 9 AM-2 PM

Volunteers are needed to help set up this coming week and to work during the fair. Call Phyllis Chase, 860-875-8653 or email Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

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