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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, November 4, 2016 11:35 AM

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



This week has been a flurry of activity! Rooms have been rearranged, books are being lined up, jewelry is being displayed, pies are being baked, and baskets galore have made their entrance into Fellowship Hall waiting to be scooped up in the frenzy that is about to take place this evening and tomorrow. And there is so much more that you will find at the Holiday Fair. I remember months ago when some of the ladies from church started gathering to make the first baskets. As I would walk past them and wonder, "Why are they making baskets now? The Holiday Fair is 11 months away." Well, now I know! It takes a long time to make and put together such a fantastic assortment of items to sell. I'm confident all of their hard work will be appreciated and supported! Be sure to visit the Holiday Fair Friday from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Friday night they'll be serving a dinner of Beef Burgundy! You can eat and shop!)

Trunk-or-Treat was AWESOME! I loved, loved, loved looking around our congregation and seeing not only the children dressed in costumes, but adults as well! I also loved that we had visitors from the community come and be a part of us during this time. It was a wonderful day! We are a church who knows how to celebrate!

Sunday's text comes from the book of Jonah. It's a whale of a tale. There's something fishy about this story. Was Jonah a part of the "catch and release" program? Okay ... I'll stop. Seriously, though, this is a very unique story in our scriptures that is there to provide us with a valuable lesson. Come and hear what God is saying to OUR church through Jonah's story!

Remember ... "Blessing of the Animals" is after church on Sunday. Tell your pets!

Grace be to y'all!  
Robin

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### **Prelude to the Preludes**

This week we celebrate communion and commemorate our saints. I have an arrangement of "God So Loved the World" for piano and organ which I'll attempt. How? The organ has an internal recorder, so I record that



part first, then play along with it on the piano (Sneaky, huh?). That piece is from the cantata "The Crucifixion" by English composer and organist John Stainer who died in 1901. Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" is the source of "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth." I'll end with "Come, Come, Ye Saints" which is Lani Smith's arrangement of "All Is Well" by J.T. White. During communion you'll hear the tunes "Salvationist," "This Holy Feast" and "Nearer the Cross." Our service will close with the traditional "When the Saints Go Marching In." --James

## REMINDERS....

**Holiday Fair** tonight from 5-8 PM and tomorrow from 9 AM-2 PM. **Please Note...**volunteers are needed after the fair on Saturday from 2-3 PM to help take down and put away tables and to return the downstairs, including the Sunday School wing, to normal for Sunday.

**Daylight Saving Time ends November 6.** Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** 1 hour.

**Kids' Club**, Saturday, 5-9 PM in Fellowship Hall

**Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving**, sponsored by the Board of Missions. Once again, we are asking people to provide a turkey and other related Thanksgiving dinner items for local families in need. This **Sunday is the last day** you can **sign-up**.

**Blessing of the Animals** after church on Sunday



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