
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

Date: Friday, November 18, 2016 12:27 PM

Family and Friends of FCCV,



"We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord, with all our heart! We will sing Your praises before all creation, and rejoice in Your steadfast love! You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself. In You we become everything You have made us to be!" This Sunday, we will look at Psalm 138, which is one of the "Thanksgiving Songs," which is appropriate to "sing" since this next week we will be celebrating a day for which we intentionally give thanks for what we have.

I can imagine a lot of our tables will look similar on Thanksgiving Day ... bread, vegetables, stuffing (or dressing), gravy ... and of course, the main dish ... the turkey! (I'm sure vegetarians have a favorite main dish, too.) And, around our table will be those we love, and for whom we give thanks, that are in our lives. For some, though, the table will be missing someone ... perhaps a loved one has passed; perhaps a loved one is hospitalized; perhaps a loved one is estranged; perhaps a loved one must work at a job that protects people, cares for people, or feeds people and cannot be with his/her own family. As you say a prayer of thanksgiving, also say a prayer for those who are missing someone around the table, and for those who have no table at which to eat.

This Sunday is "giving" Sunday. Over the past 3 weeks, you have been invited to prayerfully consider a financial commitment to the First Congregational Church of Vernon United Church of Christ. This is for our church. This is for our church's future. Your gift is a gift of faith ... faith to see beyond this present moment ... faith to see the influence we will have in our community ... faith to open our hearts in humility and respond to God's call of obedience. In response to all that God has given us, we give ... we share ... we love!

Grace be to y'all,
Robin

REMINDERS...

Children will be downstairs this Sunday for the **Advent Workshop**.

If you ordered a **pie** from Women's Fellowship, please remember to **pick it up** during Coffee Hour.

ONA Cottage Meeting this Sunday at 3 PM in Fellowship Hall

Jr Jz Sleepover Wednesday, November 23, 7 PM at the church

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast and **Service**, November 24, 7:30 AM

The **Church Office will be closed** Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.



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