



# The Voice

## Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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### December 13, 2009 Worship Today

<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Faith Expressed Through Love</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Steve Webb</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Galatians 5:1-12 Rick Rossing</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Ken Erman</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Henry Karas</b>
<b>Wintonbury</b>	<b>Linda Kiebish</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Julie Georges</b>
<b>Building Clean Up</b>	<b>Fahey, Free, Garner</b>

### Current Sermon Series: Freedom in Christ

Unlike other letters where he is optimistic about churches' futures, when Paul crafts the letter to the Galatians, he is concerned about their formation. The church is in disarray. Some opposition has arisen against Paul's earlier teachings, and these opponents have created a divisive environment for the believers. Simply stated, love does not exist. Paul rebukes this way of life, specifically calling out those who would enforce boundary markers other than Jesus Christ. Within this combative letter we discover Paul's instincts on the freedom that the gospel offers. Decrying the way the world attempts to enslave us to a chaotic, self-serving existence, Paul calls the church back to the way of Christ. The letter to the Galatians reminds us of the necessity of the gospel, or the good news, for without it we are defenseless against the empty promises of being slaves to the world. Paul invites us to freedom that only resides in Christ.

### A few notes of gratitude from India:

"Thank you very much for the money sent to me. My son could not write exams last year because of fees and this year he will write because of this help." - Susheela

"The gift is very much helpful to me. I paid the fees for my computer training ... thanks also for your concern for me." - Lalita

Prayer Requests are listed on the Members page of the CVCC website. Please check regularly for updates. Urgent prayer requests will still be distributed via email.

### Encourage one Another

- Ruth Lewis is in the Bloomfield Rehab Center and would love visitors!
- Notes of encouragement for Haley can be given to any of the Buck family members; Sara will bring them when she visits.

### The Golden Girls of Faith Celebration January 10

Have you written your words of encouragement yet?  
Give these to Cari Merrick as soon as possible.

Remember to turn in items for the Voice and necessary Sunday announcements to the office before NOON Thursday each week.

**Contribution for December 6, 2009: \$6,734.10**  
**Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20**

<b>Our Shepherds</b>	<b>Minister</b> Sam Garner samjgarner@gmail.com Cell: 860.992.8050	<b>Ministry Leaders</b> Adult Education - Katherine Trumbull Benevolence - Jeri Erman Body Life - Paula Brown Children & Youth - Sam Garner Facilities - Henry Karas Missions - Mike & Pennie Gilliland Outreach - Julie Georges Small Groups - Mike Gilliland Worship - Sam Garner
	<b>Church Administrator</b> Jeri Erman office@ctvalleychurch.org Office No: 860.683.0591	
<b>Sunday Morning:</b> 9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages 10:45 am - Worship	<b>Wednesday Evening:</b> 6:00 pm - Meal 7:00 pm - Bible Classes for all ages	

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus is Lord Authority of Scripture Importance of Baptism Spirit of Unity

# What's Happening

- December 13th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 16th: Christmas Caroling at Wintonbury—7 pm
- December 18th: Veggie Tales Saint Nicholas Movie at 6:30pm
- December 20th: Family Meeting
- December 20th: LTC Class (following Family Meeting) 1:30-3:30pm
- December 20th LTC—Hotel Registration deadline
- December 20th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 23rd: No Meal or classes; Devotional 7 pm
- December 30th: Meal 6 pm, Devotional 7 pm (no kids classes)
- January 2nd: Congregational breakfast at the building 9 am
- January 10th: LTC Class 1-4 pm —All Art work due
- January 10th: Golden Girls of Faith Celebration

**Save the Date:**

- February 6th: Men's Breakfast
- February 7th: Super Bowl Party @ the Schneider's
- March 6th: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Party
- March 13th: New England Church Growth Conference
- March 20th: Women's Breakfast

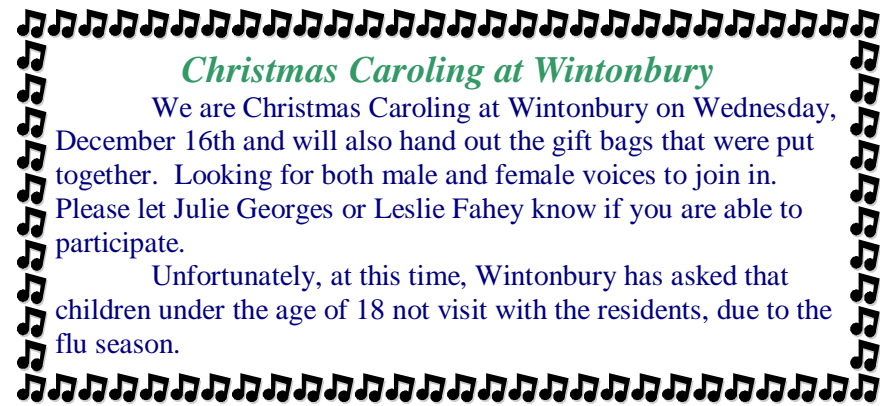
**Wednesday Meal - December 16**  
~ The Garner's ~

*Upcoming Ministry Groups Meetings*

- January 10th: Adult Education Ministry Group Meeting
- January 24th: Body Life Ministry Group Meeting
- March 7th: Ministry Group Leader's Meeting

## Gift for our Missionaries

We will be sending a "year end" gift to the Young's. If anyone would like to donate towards that gift, checks can be made out to CVCC and given to Jeri, no later than December 27th.



## Christmas Caroling at Wintonbury

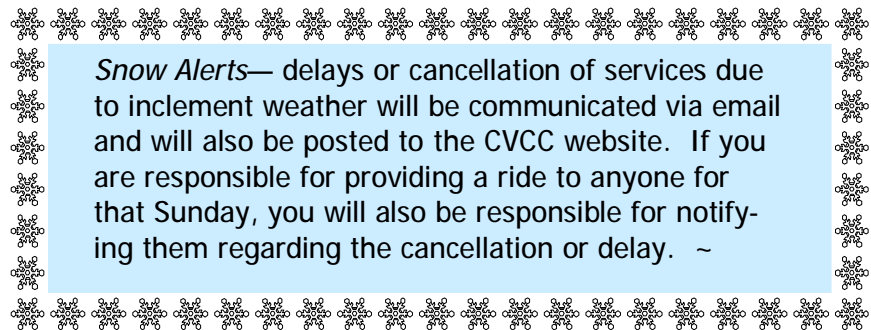
We are Christmas Caroling at Wintonbury on Wednesday, December 16th and will also hand out the gift bags that were put together. Looking for both male and female voices to join in. Please let Julie Georges or Leslie Fahey know if you are able to participate.

Unfortunately, at this time, Wintonbury has asked that children under the age of 18 not visit with the residents, due to the flu season.

Stay tuned ...

**Information regarding the Re-emphasis on Small Groups will be announced on Sunday, December 20. Please be in prayer about this important aspect of our body life.**

**Thank you !**



*Snow Alerts*— delays or cancellation of services due to inclement weather will be communicated via email and will also be posted to the CVCC website. If you are responsible for providing a ride to anyone for that Sunday, you will also be responsible for notifying them regarding the cancellation or delay. ~

**Winter Items Collection  
for the Homeless**

Cara Webb is again collecting winter items for the homeless. She is particularly looking for new socks, blankets, winter coats, and heavy sweaters. A collection bin is set up in the kitchen area for these items. Thank you for your help!

**Pantry Needs**

Tuna  
Canned Meats  
Cooking Oil  
Cookies  
Crackers  
Sugar  
Cake/Cookie Mix  
Laundry Detergent  
Granulated Sugar