



The Voice

Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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December 6, 2009 Worship Today

Sermon	Free Children
Coordinator	Gary Burke
Scripture	Galatians 4:21-31 Nick Albani
Communion	Mike Rizzo
Prayer	Steve Schneider
Wintonbury	Pennie Gilliland
Nursery	Leena Mack

Adult Classes

II Corinthians: Gary Burke — This is the first time our congregation has studied this oft neglected, but rich letter.

Christian Spirituality: Sam Garner and Mike Gilliland — In this class we will examine “Christian Spirituality” including the basic practices of our faith and reflect upon God’s active presence in our lives.

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 back 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 November 29, 2009: \$2,751.51
Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20

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

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.

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 6th: Ministry Group Leaders Meeting
- December 6th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 6th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 12th: Women's Breakfast at Sue Buck's
- 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
- January 10th: LTC—All Art work due
- January 10th: Golden Girls of Faith Celebration
Save the Date:
- March 13th New England Church Growth Conference

Wednesday Meal - December 9—Linda Sallstrom

Ladies Breakfast—Saturday December 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Please let Sue Buck know if you are attending as well as what you can bring.

Christmas Caroling at Wintonbury

We are looking for a group of adults to go to Wintonbury on Wednesday, December 16th to hand out the gift bags that were put together and go caroling in the halls. 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. We will check again as the date draws near to see if their policy has changed.

As we move into the winter months, everyone should be aware that information regarding delays or cancellation of services due to inclement weather will be communicated primarily thru 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. ~ Thank you!

This year we have been asked to sponsor a child from the Network Against Domestic Abuse for the Holiday Gift Giving Program.

Our child is a little girl whose name is Erica. She is six years old. Please see Leslie if you would like to donate either a specific gift from Erica's wish list or make a cash donation. The last day to bring the gifts will be Wednesday, December 9th. Please continue to pray for the families and the staff of the many shelters in our communities as they all try to meet the needs of this winter season.

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
- No bread or perishable items.