



The Voice

Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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Worship Today

Sermon	Christ Community
Coordinator	Mike Rizzo
Scripture	Galatians 4:8-20 Carl Sallstrom
Communion	Frank Buck
Prayer	Ken Erman
Wintonbury	Julie Georges
Nursery	Deb Rossing
Cleaning	Ermans, Cogswells

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.

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.

Derek has his CEM blog at <http://derekcem.blogspot.com>. Please visit and read about what is happening in France.

Directory Updates

The office is working on updating the member's directory. Please check your information on the "master copy" in the kitchen area and mark up any changes you have to your information, or email information to the office.

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

Contribution for November 22, 2009: \$1,720.00
Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20

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Benevolence - Jeri Erman
Body Life - Paula Brown
Children & Youth - Sam Garner
Facilities - Henry Karas
Finance - Jeri Erman
Missions - Mike & Pennie Gilliland
Outreach - Julie Georges
Small Groups - Mike Gilliland
Worship - Sam Garner

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

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 5th: Christmas Party at the Schneider's
 - 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 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 2 Dinah and Cari

Ministry Group Leaders Meeting December 6th

The Golden Girls of Faith Celebration has been postponed to January 10

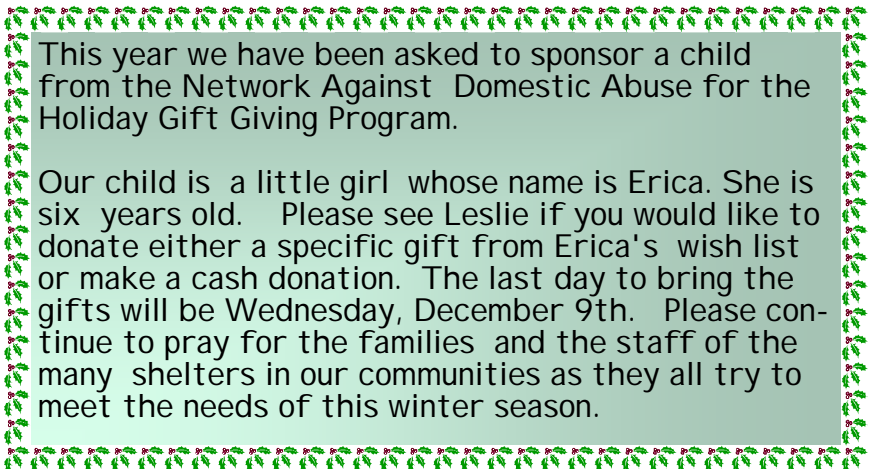
You still have time to write a message for each woman!
A small booklet of encouragement will be put together for each lady.
Please describe or state what you admire about their faith or life. Give these to Cari Merrick as soon as possible.



Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 5
Time 6:00 p.m.
Theme Homemade Gifts "will be loosely interpreted"
Location The Schneider's
319 Dunn Road, Coventry CT

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen area. Please let us know how many are coming and what you will bring !



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.

Holiday Gift Bag Ideas

Take one of your favorite holiday recipes (baking, casseroles, etc.), purchase the ingredients, along with a small gift card for the perishable items. Include the recipe in the bag.

These "special" gift bags can be brought to the Food Pantry room and we will be sure to get them into the hands of someone who will enjoy them.

Pantry Needs

Tuna
Canned Meats
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Condiments
Cooking Oil
Baking Supplies

No bread or perishable items.