



# The Voice

## Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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### Worship Today

<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Trust in Christ</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Rick Rossing</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Galatians 3:1-14</b> <b>Lenny Raina</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Mike Rizzo</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Frank Buck</b>
<b>Wintonbury</b>	<b>Steve Webb</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Nicole Mercer</b>

In an effort to provide more time during our Sunday morning gatherings to worship, we are transitioning to not having "open announcement time." We are asking everyone to provide necessary announcements to the office by Thursday each week, so that one person can make announcements in a brief, concise format on Sundays. The goal is not to prohibit announcements, but we are attempting to offer them in various formats such as The Voice, the website, email, and during the announcement portion on Sunday. We do understand that the need occasionally arises after Thursday to provide information the following Sunday; we simply ask that you provide that to the person making announcements on Sunday.

This minor change in format will offer a couple of opportunities. First, the office will gain information, so that it can be provided through appropriate avenues. Many times announcements are made only during our Sunday worship because we either cannot hear them or the information is unclear. If it is provided in writing or through a phone call earlier in the week, the most effective format for that specific news can be implemented. Second, it is clear that the most effective way to provide information is not through announcements on Sunday morning. While some people value this time to discover news, most leave the worship service forgetting the specifics or even the general topic of what was announced.

The office is making an effort to improve the process of providing information. Please assist us with this effort. We are not prohibiting announcements on Sunday; we are only attempting to provide news in an effective manner. Most importantly, this change should allow us to devote more time during our assemblies to song, prayer, and other worship practices.

**Wednesday Meal!**  
**Jerl Erman**

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Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20

<b>Our Shepherds</b>	<b>Minister</b> Sam Garner <a href="mailto:samjgarner@gmail.com">samjgarner@gmail.com</a> 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 Finance - Jeri Erman Missions - Mike & Pennie Gilliland Outreach - Julie Georges Small Groups - Mike Gilliland Worship - Sam Garner
Frank Buck Gary Burke Ken Erman Steve Schneider Steve Webb	<b>Office Administrator</b> Leena Mack <a href="mailto:office@ctvalleychurch.org">office@ctvalleychurch.org</a> 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	

### 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

- **Today, November 8th: Small Groups**
- November 13th: Children's Fun Night: Make Duct Tape Flowers 6:30pm
- November 14th: Potato Bake Fundraiser for LTC
- November 13-15: Manchester Youth Rally
- November 15th: Meal: Italian
- November 15th: Youth Group 6pm
- November 15th: LTC Class 1:30-3:30pm
- November 22nd: Small Groups
- November 25th: No Meal or classes; 7pm Devotional
- December 6th: Honoring Golden Girls of Faith
- **December 6th: Ministry Leaders Meeting**
- December 6th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 11: Veggie Tales Saint Nicholas Movie at 6:30pm
- December 13th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 20th: LTC Class 1-3pm

We have an attended nursery for birth to 3 years during worship service.

The following items are still needed for Wintonbury.

Full size Lotion  
Full size Deodorant  
Full size Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Lip Balm/Chap stick  
(NO Razors, please)

Please place these items in the plastic bin marked Wintonbury.

Thank you for all the items we have received.

## Pantry Needs

Juice/Juice Boxes  
Crackers, Cookies, Snacks  
Paper Towels  
Dish Soap  
Condiments  
Canned Carrots and Peas

Non Perishable items only.  
Give grocery cards to Linda Kiebish.

## Potato Bake

Saturday, Nov 14th, 5:00-7:00 pm

This is a fundraiser to help offset trip expenses for the participants in the Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) Convention. Entertainment will also be provided that evening.

**Cost is \$15.00**

Please see Sue Buck, Linda Kiebish, Nicole Mercer, or Donna Free for tickets.

A silent auction for desserts will also be held. Please see Nicole for details.

Dempsey will be moving into an apartment soon and will need a couch and chair. Please see Jeri if you have these available to donate to him.

## New Adult Classes

### II Corinthians: Gary Burke

The apostle Paul's relationship with the church in Corinth was probably more complex than with any other church. Over the course of only six or seven years in the 50s, he visited the church at least three times and wrote no fewer than four letters to it. Yet, when it comes to our knowledge of that church, for most of us it comes almost entirely from I Corinthians, his second letter. We would be hard pressed to identify more than one or two of the key teachings of II Corinthians, his fourth letter. Our congregation has never studied this oft neglected but rich letter, an oversight that we will rectify in the adult class during the fall-winter quarter.

### Christian Spirituality: Sam Garner and Mike Gilliland

Our relationship with God is a journey which can create a sense of uncertainty; we are not sure of his whereabouts within our life. However, God is involved actively within our existence, yet we tend to either misinterpret his presence or even fail to seek him. Further, we are not alone in this search for God. Through such fundamental sources as scripture and prayer, we can maintain access to God. 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. Since we are all novices in this area, everyone is welcomed to join as we attempt to discern our relationship to God.