

**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



Welcome to Spirit Story – a ministry in which you will...
Experience the gospel come to life,
Hear scripture as never before,
Encounter Bible stories as they were first passed on
from one person to another

January 12, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Epiphany

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Nursery care is offered during worship downstairs in Room 4. Hearing devices are available for worship; an usher will be glad to assist you when you ask.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in Chapin Hall, which is located downstairs. The Welcome Table in Chapin Hall offers information about the church; someone will be glad to answer your questions!

Reflection

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved...

— *Miriam Therese Winter*

Prelude

Andante

Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Deb Copes

One We gather in your presence, God, realizing our need

All and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

All and you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you have invited us;

All and you promised never to turn us away.

One Come, let's gather for worship!

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come

NC164

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold denotes unison response

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *(together)*

God of grace and majesty, we exalt you
for your wisdom, compassion, strength, and love.
We thank you for choosing to walk among your people
in all the circumstances of our lives.
We pray for a deeper awareness of your presence among us.
Grant us ears to hear and eyes to see, through faith,
the Christ in all who call upon your name.

Spirit of God who is powerful and mighty, we give thanks
for your call to do justice, and to speak loudly on behalf
of all who need the life and love God wants to share.

Jesus, as the Light of the world, you help we tune our hearts
to the rhythm of your grace,
by following the brightness of your love.
We ask all of this in your name, praying as you taught us to pray, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

*Sung Response

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free
(repeat once)

John Bell
WGRG

**Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you with a handshake, an embrace, or a greeting comfortable to you.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

A Message for All Ages

(Children are invited to depart for Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You” by John Corrado



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

Anthem

Dream a Dream
The Choir

Ed Robertson

Sermon

“2020 Vision of Justice”

Rev. Cynthia Maybeck

Hymn

O for a World

NCH 575

Offering of Gifts

After the ushers receive the offering, they will collect blue prayer request cards.

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Southern Harmony

*The Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;



Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

NCH 573

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

Variations from Organ Concerto Op. 4, No.1

Handel

Pastor Nada is away this weekend for some rest and relaxation. She will return to the office tomorrow, on Monday.

Today we welcome with joy and gratitude the Rev. Cindy Maybeck as our guest preacher.

Rev. Cindy Maybeck, founder of Spirit Story ministry, designs original presentations blending scripture telling and storytelling as a way to bring God's word to life and to inspire the church to move forward in faith with hope and joy. You may learn more about her ministry and invite her to teach workshops, lead retreats, give storytelling presentations or provide individual spiritual coaching. www.cindymaybeck.com

THANKS to our worship participants today:

Ministers	You, the people of God
Guest Preacher	Rev. Cindy Maybeck
Liturgist	Deb Copes
Ushers	Steve Smith, Marge Murk, Dave Sageman
Greeter	Joan Tennyson
Hospitality	Stephanie Heneghan, Ruth Jensen
Childcare	Jennifer Madley, Kaedryn Pulling

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Pastor Nada's Office Hours:

Monday 9:30am – 3:30pm

Tuesday 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday 3:00pm – 5:00pm

And by appointment; please feel free to contact me if you'd like to find a different time that works better for you. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Mothers' Group – Thursday, January 16, 5:30pm.

(and not defining what “young” is) The group is intended to be for purely social and support reasons, so no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here...and so is your child.

Dinner will be provided, so RSVP by contacting Georgette Huie ghuie@rhccucc.org or (860) 529-4167.

Meet our new childcare providers! Council has hired two childcare workers who can be a consistent caring presence every Sunday during worship and for special events. **Jennifer Madley and Kaedryn Pulling** began their work in November and have been doing a great job. You already know Kaedryn: she grew up at RHCC and is a church member. She is a senior at Cromwell High School, is a soccer player and has been a student leader there. **Jennifer Madley** has two grown children and a granddaughter age 4; and two dogs. She lives in Rocky Hill. She has worked with children from birth to 6th grade in multiple settings. She graduated from Goodwin College in 2018 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Management and Leadership. She currently works full time with the YWCA Greater Hartford Region in their Early Learning Centers and for their *Kidslink* program in Rocky Hill. Prior to that she worked with the YMCA in Wethersfield as a site director, camp director and program director for their school aged programs.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for the ongoing work of our Regional Minister, the Rev. Tamara Moreland, and of our partner churches throughout Connecticut, and the ongoing work of the wider UCC church, especially the work of Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, Rev. James Moos, Executive Minister, Co-executive of Global Ministries.

Serving our country in the military: God bless all men and women serving our country at home and overseas - and remembering those who have died.



We'd like to stay in touch with you! Here's how...

Please include your full address, phone number and email as you sign our friendship registration pads. If you have a prayer request you would like read aloud for today's prayers, please fill out one of the prayer cards found in the friendship registration pads (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected. If you have announcements, please write them down and give them to the ushers or pastor prior to worship.

Honor Your Loved Ones with Flowers or Tower

Dedicating altar flowers or the church tower in memory of a loved one is a nice way to mark a special date or memory. Sign up on the flower calendar or the tower schedule, both in Chapin Hall, during coffee hour after worship. Another way to sign up is to contact the church office.

RHCC Newsletter – It's that time again! Submission deadline for the February issue of The Church Mouse is January 15. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org. The mailing date will be Tuesday, January 29.

SCRIP-SURE



What is it? Scrip-sure is a **fundraising program** for our church, which allows the regular shopping we do at a variety of retailers to generate income for the church. *How?* Participating retailers sell gift certificates or gift cards to our church at a discount. Church members buy the certificates for full face value and redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! The retailers get our business, and our church gets a regular source of revenue that involves nothing other than what we would all be doing anyway – shopping/spending at grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants, gas stations, and many other businesses, including online retailers.

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards typically available:

- Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **January 26** (with delivery on February 2). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and "Covenant-to-Care for Children" through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries (food pantry) or other retail stores (CC). For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries or clothing.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 12

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

January 13

7:00pm Women's AA

January 14

11:00am Facilities
7:00pm Council

January 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

2:00pm Staff meeting
6:30pm LSP Board
7:30pm Choir

January 16

7:00pm Fair Committee
5:30pm Mother's Group
7:30pm Men's AA

January 17

Office Closed; No meetings scheduled

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall

Monday

Fiorilli

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Pastor Office
Fiorilli
Choir Room

Thursday

Fiorilli
Room 6
Chapin Hall

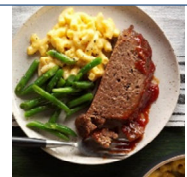
Friday



12	David Dean
13	Robert Speers
13	Louis DiRenzo
13	Jesse Smith
15	Mark Sheehan
16	Martin Sudell
17	Kenneth Rousseau
18	Grace Cole
18	Daphne Donahue



COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14- 7PM



All are invited to InReach's COMFORT FOOD DINNER!

Saturday, January 25 – 5:30pm

Entertainment provided by singer/songwriter Frank Critelli

Menu: Tossed Salad & Rolls, Hot Vegetables, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, a variety of Desserts, and Coffee, Tea, Soda.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-12, free under 4 years, Family cap of \$35.

Tickets will be on sale after worship during January Coffee Hours. See Nancy Harlow. *Snow date: Sunday, January 26th, 5:30pm.*

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Church Website: www.RockyHillUCC.org

Visit us on Facebook & Instagram at: [RHCCUCC](#)

Office Hours: Open Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday – Closed

Open and Affirming Statement

Because we believe that all people are created in God’s image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is a unifying and strengthening force within our Christian Faith, we, the members of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus’ inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God’s children into God’s covenantal community. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us.

Approved by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers:	All the members of the church	
Pastor:	Rev. Nada Sellers	nsellers@rhccucc.org
Minister for Children & Youth:	Georgette Huie	ghuie@rhccucc.org
Minister of Music:	Mary DeLibero	mary@rhccucc.org
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Webmaster:	Steve Smith	admin@rhccucc.org
Childcare	Jennifer Madley	office@rhccucc.org

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY - In the event of bad winter weather predicted for a Sunday morning, our priority is to ensure the safety of our church members & friends. If worship is canceled, a notice will be posted Saturday evening or early Sunday morning on the following media outlets:

- Channel 3 WFSB-TV
- Our facebook page – facebook.com/rhccucc
- Our website – RockyHillUCC.org