

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**January 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time after worship.*

*The Welcome Table in Chapin Hall offers information about the church and members who can answer your questions. **Hearing devices and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your nametags. All announcements should be written down and given to the ushers or pastors prior to worship.*

*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). Be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## PRELUDE

"Antiphon"

Marcel Dupre

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God has made us to be one body with many members.

**United and uniting. This is our calling.**

God calls us to share our diverse gifts  
activated by the one and same Spirit.

**United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

God longs for us to be united in love  
and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**United and uniting. This is our worship.**

Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship  
to our Holy God, who challenges us  
and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*\***Bold type denotes collective response.***

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invocation

O God, all people are your Beloved,  
across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations  
and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.

We are all manifestations of your image.

We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality  
and tied to a single garment of destiny.

You call us into your unending work  
of justice, peace and love.

Let us know your presence among us now:

Let us delight in our diversity  
that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.

Strengthen us with your steadfast love and  
transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action.

Under the shadow of your wings in this hour  
may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.

We pray this in Jesus' name, who 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.

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**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

**CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL**

*(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)*

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.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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**ANTHEM**

"MLK"

U2 arr. Bob Chilcott

The Choir with Bob Inderbitzen, Tenor

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 62:1-9

N.T. p 652 pew Bible

**SERMON**

"I Will Not Keep Silent"

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*During the time of offering, your prayers can be offered using the blue prayer request cards and placed in the offering plate. The pastor will read the prayers aloud during the Joys and Concerns.*

**Invitation to the Offering**

*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.*

**Offertory Anthem**

"One Bread, One Body"

John Foley  
The Choir

**\*Doxology**



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



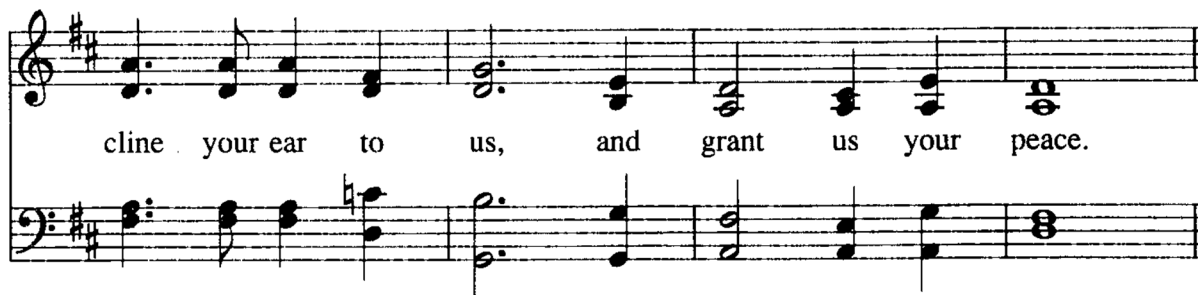
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Sung Call to Prayer**



## Pastoral and Silent Prayer

- \*HYMN** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" New Century (black) 593
- \*BENEDICTION**
- \*POSTLUDE** "The Spirit that Dwells Within" David Paxton
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**LITURGIST** Ruth Fitzgerald

**USHERS** Bob Carberry, Denise Carberry, Julia O'Connor and Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

*The flowers today have been given in memory of  
Mary Hummel Carpenter and George Carpenter  
by Sue VanNess*

### LOOKING AHEAD

**TODAY 11:00am Second Hour**

**WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE CHURCH  
TO BE VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Come explore what it means to be an open and affirming community of faith in the community and our visibility in the community.

**Sun. Jan 24 11:00am Second Hour**

**SACRED CONVERSATION ON RACE**

**Sat. Jan.30 5:30pm COMFORT FOOD DINNER**

**Sun. Feb 7 3:00pm Installation of The Rev. Craig Cowing**

**Tues. Feb 9 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Gathering**



**Cleaning up after the holidays?** Please save your last-year's calendars and Christmas cards for church craft projects in the upcoming year. Bring to church any day this month - leave with Anita Hawkins if on a Sunday, or with Craig or church office if a weekday. Thanks!



**COMFORT FOOD DINNER** sponsored by InReach – **Sat., Jan. 30 5:30 PM**, Chapin Hall, featuring Meat Loaf, Mac & Cheese, Ham. The evening will include very special entertainment, from the Hartford-based comedy improv company **Sea Tea Improv!** In their shortform improv shows, they spin audience suggestions into several quick scenes, games, and sometimes even songs, just like the tv shows: *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, *Wild n Out*, and *Drew Carey's Improv-A-Ganza*.



Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 ages 4-12; free for children under 4 years; family cap \$35. Please call Jeannie Alessi for reservations 860-839-1321; tickets on sale during Coffee Hours. Snow date is January 31, 2016.



**HEAVENLY HELPERS** One of the most meaningful pastoral services that our church community offers is a memorial service and, for current or previous members, a reception for family and friends afterwards. Food, flowers and fellowship are staples of church family and are very much appreciated by those celebrating the life of someone they have known and loved. The number of folks available to offer this service is dwindling. Often, there is not much notice given for the event and the time and effort needed are easier when shared by many. Volunteers are asked to bake, or help for 2 hours of setting up, or two hours for serving and cleaning up.

The families who are served by this mission are so grateful and the act of having lightened the burden of grief is special for those of us who serve. Please, contact **Jan LaCava 860-529-2192** or **Steph Heneghan 860-529-4672** to volunteer.

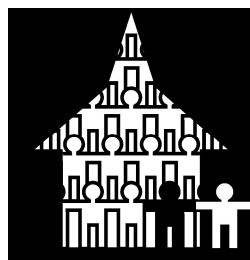
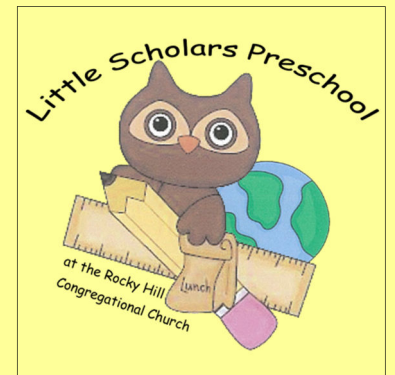


### **From the Financial Secretary:**

Please contact me, Deb Copes, either by phone (860-729-6541 new number) or email ([deb.copes@gmail.com](mailto:deb.copes@gmail.com)) if you need pledging envelopes for our 2016 pledge year. I can leave them for you down in Chapin Hall or another place in the church convenient for you to pick them up. If you are interested in signing up for Vanco/electronic funds transfer for your pledge, I would be happy to help you do that. I do contribute via Vanco for everything – pledge, Scrip payment, Missions/Diaconate offerings – and it is very convenient. And I'm all about convenience! If you already use Vanco and need assistance changing your current pledge, I would be happy to assist you with that as well.

## **LITTLE SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church PRIORITY REGISTRATION**

The priority period for church members to register their children for Little Scholars Preschool for the 2016-2017 school year is from **January 11 to January 24**. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Church Office. The Pre-K 3 Program will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM – Noon. The Pre-K 4 Program will run 5 days/week, also from 9 AM – Noon. If you have questions or would like a brochure or registration form mailed to you, please send an email to: [lsp.registration@yahoo.com](mailto:lsp.registration@yahoo.com).



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### **INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?**

We always welcome those interested in inquiring and exploring, as well as those who know they wish to join the church. If you'd like to learn more about our church, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Welcome!



## 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.

January is off to a strong start, with more than \$800 earned through the first two Sundays. Thanks to all who continue to support this fundraising program!

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. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendys
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Marketplace, Whole Foods
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Restaurants: Bertucci's, Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Denny's, Olive Garden, On the Border, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Toys R Us, Walmart

See Gail Hall at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered. Think SCRIP!

**THINK SCRIP**

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### January 17

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am **Second Hour**

4:00pm Siragu Tamil School

6:00pm **Middle School Youth Group** Chapin Hall

### Sunday

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

### January 18

**Church Office Closed** Martin Luther King Day

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### Monday

Chapin Hall

Loft

### January 19

10:30am Retired Clergy

6:00pm Kickboxing/Caroline

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Parlor

Chapin Hall

Room 25

### January 20

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

### January 21

9:30am Little Hands in Harmony

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

### January 22

### Friday

### January 23

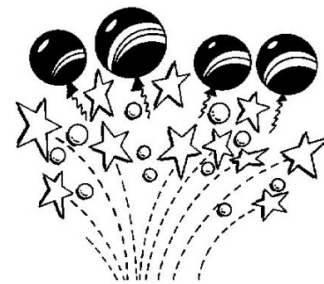
8:30am Men's Bible Study

2:30pm Memorial Service

### Saturday

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Sanctuary



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Jan. 17 Kenneth Rousseau  
18 Grace Cole  
Daphne Donahue  
19 Anne King  
20 Lois Stevens  
Nancy Flynn  
21 William Cordes  
Matthew Fulda  
Quincy McNeil  
22 Charlotte Bacon  
Nancy Newton

**The Church Directory** has been updated and copies are available in the church office. Stop by anytime during office hours. Monday through Thursday: 9am – 2pm, and Friday: 9am – Noon.

**Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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Church Website: [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org)

Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**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: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing [ccowing@rhccucc.org](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

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Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero [mary@rhccucc.org](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org)

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