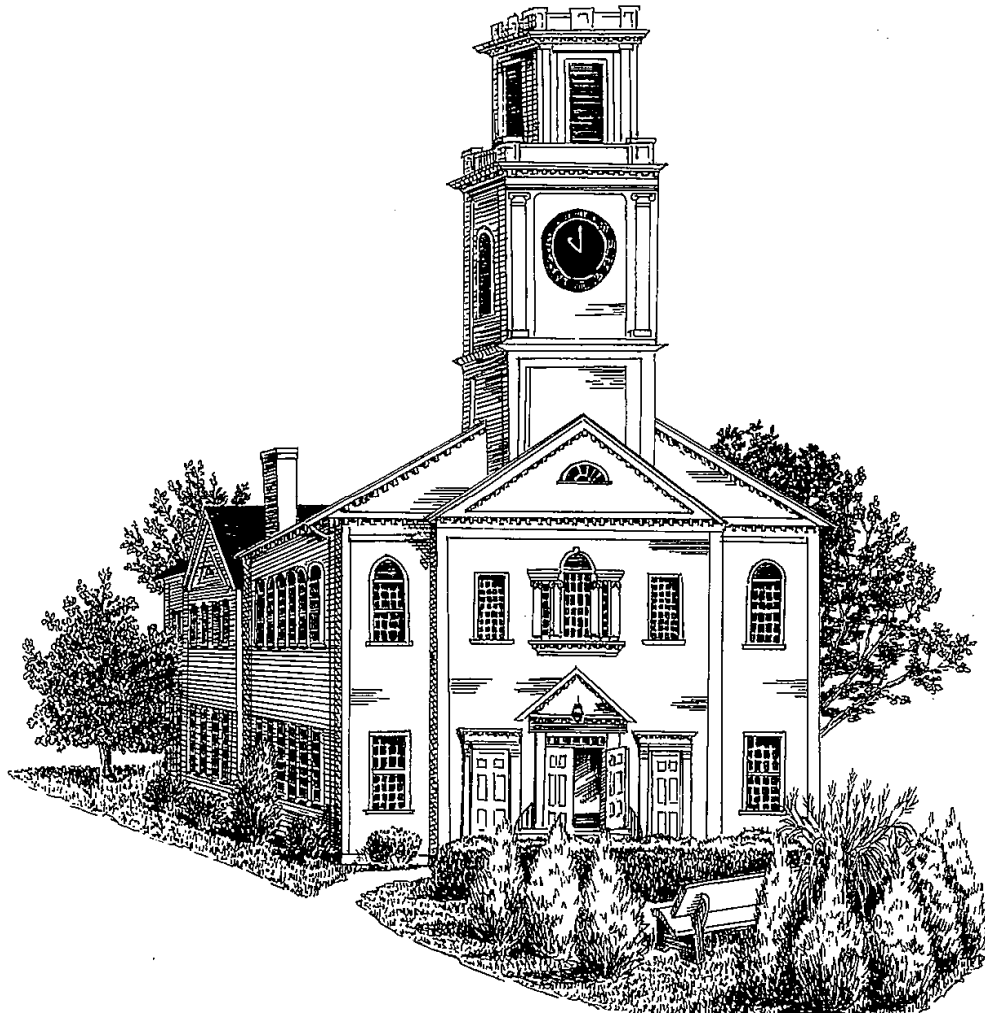


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727



January 19, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Hymn Request Sunday

The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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 downstairs in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

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 pew racks (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

New Century (black), 476

Choir and congregation

Verses 1, 2, 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Meghan D. Young

This is the day that the Lord has made –

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Everywhere, the music of God –

the song of life sings itself in all things.

Everywhere, the voice of the Singer –

in us, through us, among us.

Let us be at worship in word and in song,

for God is in the midst of us,

and we are in the midst of God.

*HYMNS FOR THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Verses 1, 2, 3

251

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Verses 1, 2, 3

366

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

All Verses

223

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We praise you, Giver of life and new life,
for the gift of this new day and its every blessing.
Gathered here, we wait for the sound of your Spirit
singing in us, moving through us.

May the songs of faith awaken us,
may the music of worship stir us,
that we might leave behind our small and frightened spirits
and awaken this day to the pulse of faith made new.

This we ask in Jesus' name and spirit, as we also pray together:

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:

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

I Adore You

*Creator, I adore you;
Lay my life before you;
How I love you.*

*Jesus, I adore you;
Lay my life before you;
How I love you.*

*Spirit, I adore you;
Lay my life before you;
How I love you.*

ANTHEM “We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light” (Siyahamba)

South African Freedom Song

Verse 1, - Choir

Siyahamba

Drumming interlude

Verse 2, 3 - Choir Congregation

We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 96

REFLECTION

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

***HYMNS OF FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP**

Pilgrim Hymnal (red)

“Be Thou My Vision”	All verses	391
“O Master Let me Walk with Thee”	Verses 1, 4	418
“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”	Verses 1, 2	267
“Rock of Ages”	Verse 1	358
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	Verses 1, 2, 4	228

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) will come to the center aisle to receive prayer request cards.

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 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” New Century (black), 459
Choir and congregation

***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**

HYMNS OF CONTEMPLATION AND PRAYER

New Century Hymnal (black)

“Be Still, My Soul”	All Verses	488
“When Peace Like a River”	Verses 1, 4	438
“I Come to the Garden Alone”	Verses 1, 3	237

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

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***HYMNS FOR GOING FORTH**

New Century Hymnal (Black)

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”	391
“Joyful, Joyful”	4

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETERS

Pat Hughes Walworth and Mark Walworth

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff, Jeannie Alessi and Liz Reed-Swale

USHERS

Chris, Joe, and Mark Sheehan, Rob Grandell, and Wendy Ware

**The flowers are given in loving memory of Mary Carpenter
given by Sue VanNess, John Hummel and Family.**

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

Children are invited to remain in worship today, following along with the children & youth bulletins for Hymn Request Sunday. S.P.I.R.I.T. Faith Formation will resume on January 26th, with week 2 of Praying With Jesus.

Here's what we're learning about this unit...

COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 3 – Praying with Jesus (Luke 11:1-13)

In *Praying With Jesus* we are studying the Lord's prayer. Jesus' words recorded in both Matthew and Luke, were a response to a request from his disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus' reply has become a central, virtually unchanged piece of our Christian worship. The prayer is spoken on behalf of others, and echoes with voices from the past, present, and future. The emphasis is on community, rather than self. Through this concern for others, expressed in prayer, we can feel connected with God.

A Prayer For This Unit.

Jesus, teach us to pray. Remind us that we can come to you with all of our needs, and that we must also listen while we pray. As we seek to grow closer to you through prayer, help us not to be selfish but only to request that which is your will. We ask for your love and mercy to be a blessing to others. *Amen.*

GROW YOUR FAITH & GET INVOLVED WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.

The RHCC S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School is a place that values intergenerational relationships, growing in faith, and learning throughout our lives to be the disciples Christ calls us to be. You are invited to come join the circle and get involved. **We are currently in need of a Food & People Learning Center Guide for unit 3.** Learning Center guides prepare engaging activities to teach the bible story through community service, drama, games, crafts, and food. Training and lesson plans are always provided. **If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry please contact Meghan Young at meghan@rhccucc.org.**

NOAH'S ARK

The RHCC Youth Group (6th-12th Grade) has started. We meet every Sunday after church for lunch, fellowship, and faith formation from 11:30 AM – 1 PM. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP with Diana Hellyar.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee or email them at RHCCchildcare@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

COMFORT FOOD DINNER

Sat. Jan. 25, 5:30 PM, Chapin Hall

Featuring Meat Loaf, Mac & Cheese, Ham; entertainment featuring Magician Lon Cerel for a great price: \$10 for adults; \$5 ages 4-12; free for children under 4 years; family cap \$35.

Please call Joan Tennyson for reservations 860-529-8789

Tickets are on sale during Coffee Hour.

Sponsored by InReach

Snow date is 1/26/2014

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.

The deadline for the next full order will be next Sunday, January 26. In the meantime, we have a variety of cards in inventory from more than 30 different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase - including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bertuccis, Burger King, Chipotle, Denny's, Dunkin Donuts, Exxon/Mobil, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, McDonalds, Panera, Shell, Starbucks, Subway, Sunoco, Target, and Walmart. We also always carry cards for Big Y, CVS, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, West Side Marketplace, and Whole Foods. See Gail Hall at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

Think SCRIP!

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of winter weather on a Sunday morning, our first priority is to ensure the safety of church members. Some winters the snow and ice are a real danger, and so worship is cancelled for the day. If such a storm happens, please know that a system is in place to make as many of our members and friends aware as possible. If and when worship is canceled, notice will be posted on **Channel 3 WFSB-TV**, and the voice mail greeting on the church phone will be updated with the cancellation if you choose to phone the main number. Additionally, an email and phone tree will alert church leaders to the same information. It takes a real storm to disrupt our worship, but if that happens, we want to be ready. Cancellations will also be posted on the church website: www.rhccucc.org.

On weekdays, if schools are closed in Rocky Hill, the church office will also be closed.

Please note that if Rocky Hill posts a parking ban, the church will be closed. However, check on Sunday morning to see if a Saturday ban has been lifted.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 19

10:00am **Worship**
11:30am **Noah's Table**

Sunday

Sanctuary



January 20

OFFICE CLOSED

4:00pm Yoga with Lynn
5:30pm Yoga with Lynn
7:00pm Women's AA
7:00pm Bowling
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

Monday

Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall
Chapel

Loft

Jan 19 Anne King
20 Lois Stevens
Nancy Flynn
21 Isabel Vann
William Cordes
Lindsey Nunes
Matthew Fulda
22 Elizabeth McKinney
Charlotte Bacon
23 Nancy Newton
24 Doris Hick
Dorothy Carruthers
Joseph Tokarski
Andrew Harvey
Candace Smith
25 Sylvia Steucek
Ronald Robbins
John Engel II

January 22

9:30am **Quilters**
12:00pm **Bible Study**
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday

Rm. 6.
Fiorilli Room

January 23

5:30pm Tops
8:00pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall

January 25

5:30pm **Comfort Food Dinner** Chapin Hall

Saturday

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 12 noon – 1 p.m. (Fiorilli Room)

Led by the preaching pastor for the week, the study is based on the Scripture text(s) coming up for the following Sunday in worship. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one up from the shelf. Brown bag lunch is optional.

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 to 12:00

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

Interim Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka brenda@rhccucc.org

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