

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**January 22, 2017~ 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

~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** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available down the hall in Room 4.*

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 pastor 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) and be prepared to pass it to the center aisle during the offertory, when Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to collect them.***

PRELUDE

“Increase My Vision”

arr. Dave Hall

Dave Hall, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Bower

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**People: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Leader: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

**People: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

Leader: One thing we ask of God:

**People: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gracious Light-Bearer,
Into the shadows of our isolation
you speak words of life and community.
Challenger of our lives,
you call us from places we call home
to lead us more deeply into the world you love.
With your gentle, healing touch
you redeem the broken places of our lives
and you heal the wounded places of the earth.
Inspire our worship here this day,
so that we may receive liberation in your word,
and be filled to overflowing
to share your reconciling love throughout the earth.
We pray in Jesus’ name, as he 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**

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Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It also features a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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”

by John Corrado



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

“Steal Away”
The Choir

arr. Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:12-25

NT Pew Bible p3

SERMON

“What We Leave Behind”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

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OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to collect your prayer 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

“Be Thou My Vision”
Dave Hall, cello

arr. Percy Hall

*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 “Behold Us, Lord, a Little Space” (verse 1) PH 395



1 Be - hold us, Lord, a lit - tle space From dai - ly tasks set free,
2 A - round us rolls the cease - less tide Of busi - ness, toil, and care,
3 Yet these are not the on - ly walls Where - in thou mayst be sought;
4 Thine are the loom, the forge, the mart, The wealth of land and sea,



And met with - in thy ho - ly place To rest a - while with thee.
And scarce - ly can we turn a - side For one brief hour of prayer.
On home - liest work thy bless - ing falls, In truth and pa - tience wrought.
The worlds of sci - ence and of art, Re - vealed and ruled by thee. A - men.



Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

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BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Tollite Hostias”

Saint-Saens

LITURGIST

Victoria Bower

USHERS

Deb Copes & Steve Smith, Jim Stevens, and Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Chris Engel

Today’s Altar Flowers are given in
Loving Memory of our Parents, Mary and George Carpenter
By Sue VanNess and Family

The Tower is lit this week in
Loving Memory of Charlotte Bacon
by Ed Bacon.



TODAY

[11am All-church Luncheon “What are our Ministries?”](#)

During this fun and fast paced lunch session, we'll explore who we are NOW as a church and who we want to be. We'll also discuss how a revised governance structure (how we are organized) may help us become the church we want to be.

Your participation is important! Please join us.



All Are Invited to InReach's

COMFORT FOOD DINNER

Saturday, January 28, 5:30 pm

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

Entertainment – Magic of Michael Michaels

“Magic for all occasions”

\$10.00 – Adults; \$5.00 – 4 to 12 years;
Free – Children under 4 years old. Family cap \$35.00

Please reserve tickets: Jeannie Alessi 860/839-1321

Tickets on sale during January Coffee Hours

Snow date: January 29, 2017



Sunday, January 29 at 7:00p.m.

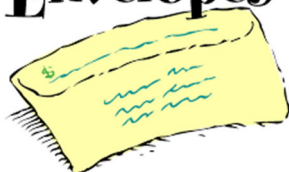
“An Interreligious Call – To Love Thy Neighbor and Act for All Americans.”

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Farmington Ave.

The Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU) and Archbishop Leonard Blair, Archdiocese of Hartford, warmly invite the wider community to a gathering of love and understanding. The evening will include readings and music from sacred texts, and other expressions of the principle of love for one's neighbor, from the breadth and diversity of religious traditions actively present in our local community. This event is held in response to the hate and bigotry, Islamophobia and racism, and sexism that have been spoken aloud and acted out in recent months in this country – and that still continue.

CCIU – “When we understand each other more.....we hurt each other less.

Offering Envelopes



From the Financial Secretary:

If you would like pledge envelopes, please let me know.

I can be reached by email at deb.copes@gmail.com, by phone at 860-729-6541

or on Sunday morning either before or after service. Thanks! -Deb Copes



Super Bowl Party Basket Raffle!

Purchase your tickets during Coffee Hour or at the Comfort Food Dinner:
\$2 per ticket – 3 tickets for \$5 – 7 tickets for \$10 – 15 tickets for \$20

Drawing will be held at Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 29
Basket will be ready for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5

Basket will include:

- Super Bowl themed napkins, plates, tablecloth, cups, and a football dish
- Craft beers from the Firefly Hollow taproom and brewery (whose proprietor is our own Bill Collins) - Non-alcoholic sparkling beverages will be substituted if so desired
- Gift card for one Super Sub sandwich
- Gourmet salsa and tortilla chips
- Crackers, chips, and dips
- 24 frozen already-made appetizers from BJ's
- Homemade baked goods

Proceeds to support the High School Youth Group mission trip to Louisiana, to repair homes damaged by various weather events.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The November campaign for 2017 pledges has received 79 pledges for a total of \$205,134 pledged so far. There are 20 “pledge units” (individuals or families) who have not yet pledged, but usually do. We anticipate that pledge amount to be about \$34,600 for total 2017 pledges of \$239,734. This is \$4,685 (or 1.9%) less than 2016. A lot of the difference is due to people who have passed on or moved away. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please do so soon. **Thank you** all for your prayerful consideration of your offering to God’s work through our church.

Our thanks go to Experimac at 2162 Silas Deane Highway in Rocky Hill. They donated their labor for fixing the screen on Pastor Craig's computer, saving approximately \$350. They are currently donating 10% of all sales between now and the end of May for Project Grad in Rocky Hill.

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
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- 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

The next ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory will be on Sunday, January 29.

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.

Stop by 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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 22

- 10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Church Lunch**
2:30pm **MS Youth Interfaith**
4:00pm **Tamil School**

January 23

- 7:00pm **Women's AA**
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

January 24

- 6:00pm **LSP Board**
6:00pm **Cedar Hollow**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

January 25

- 6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

January 26

- 9:30am **Music Together**
7:30pm **Men's AA**

January 27

- 4:00pm **Set up for Dinner**

January 28

5:30pm **COMFORT FOOD DINNER**

Come enjoy delicious home cooked food and entertainment by

The Magic of Michael Michaels

\$10.00 – Adults; \$5.00 – 4 to 12 years;

Free – Children under 4 years old.



Youth Group Raffle to win a Superbowl Party Pack

Sunday

- Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall

Rms 22,23,25,26,27

Monday

- Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Tuesday

- Parlor
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Room 23

Wednesday

- Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Thursday

- Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

- Chapin Hall

Saturday



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| 23 | Nancy Newton |
| 24 | Candy Smith |
| 25 | Sylvia Steucek |
| 25 | John Engel II |
| 26 | Spencer Rupaka |
| 27 | Judy Graham |
| 27 | Emma Vann |
| 28 | Laura Pandolfo |

New Church Directories are available in Chapin Hall after worship or in the office during weekday office hours. Contact the office if you would like one mailed to you, and specify whether you want large print or legal size.



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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 Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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