

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**January 31, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourth 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always 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 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.

INTROIT

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day is holy to our God!

**Adults: We gather to listen for God's word,
to discern God's will, to worship with God's people.**

Leader: This day is holy to our God!

**Children: We are members of Christ's body,
Christ's family, Christ's church.**

Leader: This day is holy to our God!

**Adults: The Spirit of God is upon us,
and we have been anointed to bring good news to all.**

Leader: This day is holy to our Sweet God!

**Children: May the words in our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts
delight you, O God.**

All: Let us worship our Holy God!

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

You gather us from our separate lives, Great God,
 to hear your word and respond to your revealing.
 You have appointed us for the work of your church.
 We seek your guidance, your wisdom, your way.
 Help us to perceive and understand your law,
 and then to follow you faithfully, as your people.
 Bind us together with you in worship,
 and transform us from distinct persons
 into the Body of Christ, alive with your Spirit in this place.
 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.

***SUNG RESPONSE:**

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. The first system has a treble clef staff with the lyrics "Glo - - - - - ri - a" and a bass clef staff with a corresponding accompaniment. The second system has a treble clef staff with the lyrics "in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -" and a bass clef staff with a corresponding accompaniment. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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.

ANTHEM

“Steal Away”

arr. Don McKeever
The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-30

N.T. p 53 pew Bible

SERMON

“The Spirit of the Lord”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

New Century (black) 537

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

“O Waly Waly”

settings by Randolph Curie and Hal Hopson

*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

Musical notation for the first part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -".

Musical notation for the second part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.".

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN** Let Justice Flow Like Streams New Century (black) 588

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Cindy Hunt

USHERS

Deb Copes, Steve Smith, Elaine Somes and Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

*The tower is lit this week in memory of Russell Carlo
by Phyllis Carlo*

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Tues. Feb 9 5:30pm **ShroveTuesday / AshWednesday** Gathering

Wed. Feb 10 9:00am – 5:00pm **Labyrinth Walk Meditation**



Sun. Feb 14 11:30am **2nd Hour: Sacred Conversation on Race**



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 on a Sunday, or with Craig or church office any weekday. Thanks!

A Memorial Service for **Robert W. Ledder** will be held at Rocky Hill Congregational Church on Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 AM. Bob and his wife, Inara M. Ledder, raised their family in Connecticut and were members of RHCC. Bob was also a member of BPOE#2308 in Wethersfield-Rocky Hill.

*Volunteers
Needed*



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, by phone (860-729-6541) or email (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.



We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to office@rhccucc.org. The facebook administrators will post it in a timely manner. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about worship and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/rhccucc>

HONOR LOVED ONES *DEDICATE ALTER FLOWERS

Sign up on the flower calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167). If you have questions – please call Kathy Moser 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT

It is the time in our year to think about how each of us feels called to participate in the life of our church. There are many opportunities for giving your time and talent. There are brochures available if you have questions about the various positions and the opportunities associated with each. If we can't answer your questions about the particular group we will put you in touch with someone who can.

If during your reflections there is an aspect of a board or committee's responsibility that interests you, please, make that known. For example: two members helped the deacons deliver Christmas poinsettias to home bound members, another volunteer is cooking for the Comfort Dinner.

With warm regards;

Bill Hoffman Candy Smith Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio Steph Heneghan



We **warmly welcome** Kathleen Bergamo and Maurice (Mo) Wyman. Kathleen and Mo were received as new members during worship on Sunday, January 17, 2016. We are glad you're here!

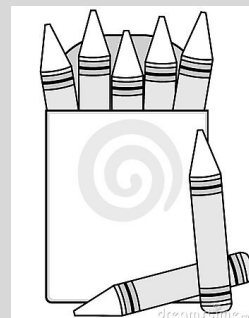
Interested in joining the church? Please contact the church office to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday evening February 9th at 5:30pm will be celebrated by Inreach and Faith Formation. Please join us for pancakes, activities and music; and then we will turn our hearts and minds to the reflective time of Lent, as celebrated with a service of prayer and ashes. Also, we are collecting old crayons to be re-purposed on Holy Saturday. Sign up in Chapin Hall or call Steph Heneghan.

Crayon Collection for Lent

Bring in your broken crayons for lent, as we reflect on our own 'broken-ness' during the Lenten Season. We'll have boxes posted near the doors and in Chapin Hall.



SHROVE TUESDAY/ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING

Gather for a pancake dinner, celebration, and special music, followed by a time of worship.

Tuesday, February 9 5:30-7:30pm

Join us As we move from dancing into a time of preparation.



SIGN-UP IN CHAPIN HALL OR EMAIL OFFICE@RHCCUCC.ORG

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.

Today is the deadline for ordering cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders placed today will be available for pickup on February 7. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall, or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by the end of Sunday. After today, the next order will be placed on February 28th.

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, Bonafish 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 **Deb Copes** 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

Bible Study



Men's Bible Study First and Third Saturday

Come join your Christian brothers as we pursue and try to understand God's words. All are welcome. For more details, please contact Jim Stevens at: 860-632-5810.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of winter weather on a Sunday morning, our first priority is to ensure the safety of church members. If and when worship is canceled, a notice will be posted on **Channel 3 WFSB-TV**, and the voice mail greeting on the church phone will be updated with the cancellation. Additionally, an email and phone tree will alert church leaders to the same information. Cancellations will also be posted on the church website: www.rhccucc.org and our facebook page.

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



AND CHILI SUPPER

We hope you can attend this popular event. Come sample the *MANY* types of chili as well as the offerings of our talent-laden church family.

Singers, instrumentalists, story-tellers, and more.....

What: Chili, fixin's, breads, dessert. The perfect winter evening.

When: Saturday, February 27

Time: Chili supper begins at 6 p.m. Talent show starts 6:45 p.m.



Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ
Hartford Association

At the request of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC
And upon the recommendation of the

Committee on Church and Ministry of the Hartford Association

An Ecclesiastical Council is now called to install the
Rev. Craig Lewis Cowing as Senior Pastor

All are cordially invited to the installation of

The Rev. Craig Cowing

on

Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC

The Worship service for Installation will begin at 3:00 PM

A Reception will follow

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 31

- 10:00am **Worship**
2:30pm **High School Youth**
4:00pm Siragu Tamil School Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27
(5:30pm Comfort Food Dinner snowdate) Chapin Hall

February 1

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

February 2

- 6:00pm Kickboxing w/Carolayne
7:00pm **Boards & Committees**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

February 3

- 6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

February 4

- 9:30am Little Hands in Harmony
1:00pm **Ladies Young in Spirit**
7:30pm Men's AA

February 5

February 6

- 8:30am **Men's Bible Study**
11:00am **R. Ledder Memorial Srvc** Chapel

Sunday

Sanctuary

Monday

Chapin Hall
Loft

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli Rm
Room 25

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Choir Room

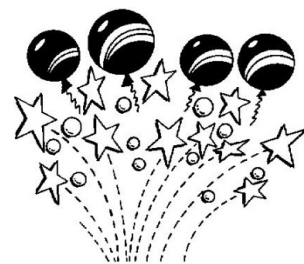
Thursday

Room 25
Fiorilli Rm
Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday

Fiorilli Rm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 31 Laurel Cole
Feb 2 Cindy Hunt
Doreen Grandell
Feb 3 Teagan Reed-Swale
Feb 4 Zoey Grisham
Feb 5 Kim Sweezy
Feb 6 Cole Triblets

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

Visit us on Facebook at: 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

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie ghuie@rhccucc.org

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Theresa E. Cleary office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

God is still speaking,
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