Rocky Hill Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 A.M

The Friendly, Open and Affirming Community Church at the Center Established 1727

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome you and extend a special greeting to our visitors; our service is enriched by your presence! Join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time at the conclusion of worship. Nursery care is available downstairs in Room 4. Children will go directly to Chapel.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

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 usher or pastor prior to worship.

Prelude

"Amazing Grace" RHCC Dixieland Jazz Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon William Hoffman

Based on Psalm 150

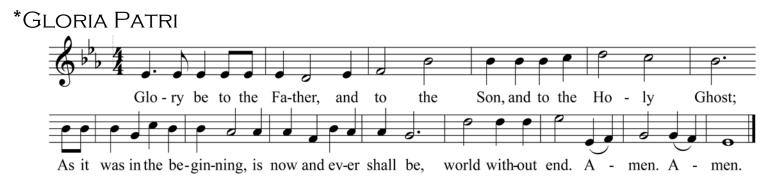
- One: Alleluia! Praise God in the sanctuary; Praise God under the open skies!
- Many: Praise God's mighty love and saving acts; Praise God's great and generous goodness!
- One: Praise God with the call of the trumpet; Praise God with piano and guitar!
- Many: Praise God with tambourine and dancing; Praise God with strings and woodwinds!
- One: Praise God on the drums, and with resounding cymbals!
- Many: Let everything and everyone that has breath praise the Lord! Alleluia!

* H y m n

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (printed in bulletin)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, how glad we are that you hold us in your hands! Send your Spirit to be with us in this time of worship, that we might know glimpses of your glory and grace. Let our time with you and each other transform our hearts and minds, and give us renewed strength in our journey of discipleship. Hear us now as we ask all these things in the name of your son and our friend Jesus, even as we pray together the words he teaches us... 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.



A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 9:28-43 (N.T. p. 70)

Anthem

"What a Wonderful World" by George Weiss and Bob Thiele Rose M. Lewis and Kylie Pirre, soloists

SERMON "Glimpses of Glory" The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

* HYMN (printed in bulletin) "We Shall Not Be Moved"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

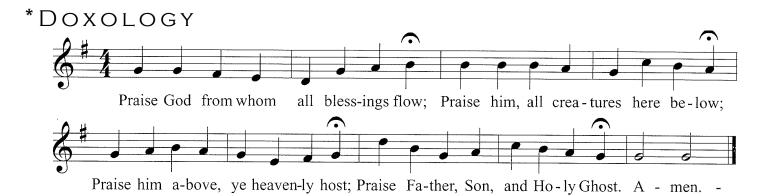
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sign Me Up"



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN (printed in bulletin) "When the Saints Go Marching In"

BENEDICTION

Postlude "Do Lord"

(*All who are able, please stand.)

RHCC DIXIELAND COMBO

All music arranged by Dave Hall Clarinets: Gail Hall, David Lewis Trumpet: Dave Hall Trombone: Sarah Mosure Baritone: Ruth Fitzgerald Guitar: Chris Mosure **Bass: Bill Pirre** Percussion: Michael Bower, Rose Lewis, Kylie Pirre

GREETERS

Mark and Kim Biglow

HOSPITALITY

Head Usher

Cheryl Hummel, Denise Carberry, Lori Benito Tom Rolfe, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Bob Carberry

The flowers this morning are given to celebrate all the women in our church family by Todd Doten.

Last week the beautiful arrangement was given in memory of Carl and Rose Newman and Ida and James Tennyson by Joan Tennyson.

The tower is lit this week in honor Douglas and Emily Graham's 1st anniversary.

Tom and Chris Kainamura

NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 21, 2010 Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 / Luke 4:1-13 Sermon: "Lent...A Time of Preparation" The Rev. The Rev Barbara J. Libby

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: An information session about RHCC – Sunday, February 21 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Are you new to RHCC? Have you been worshipping with us for a while and desire to know more about our church community? Perhaps you're even thinking about joining the church. If so, please join the pastors and other church members at a session that includes basic information about the church including: RHCC mission and history – our denominational affiliation: the United Church of Christ – boards and committees – church staff – becoming a member – belonging to the church – YOUR QUESTIONS – CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED. Sign up in Chapin Hall or contact one of the pastors for information.

Luke 9:28-43a - ²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

<u>**"Bad" Girls of the Bible**</u> – A Bible Study for Women – February 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Fiorilli Room – We will study and explore the story of Hagar, concubine of Abraham and mother of Ishmael. The texts we will explore are Genesis 16:1-15 and Genesis 21:8-21. All are welcome!

Lenten Book Study - Wednesdays, 10-11:30a.m. Fiorilli Room - beginning February 24 through March 31 – **Read: <u>This I Believe</u> edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman** (Holt publisher) – Come to discuss and reflect on the personal credos of many famous & not so famous people. Look for listing of essays and the order we will read them.

Pastoral Search Committee – A Table with information about our pastoral search process has been set up in the back hall of the church and in Chapin Hall. Please feel free to review the materials and submit questions for the Search Committee to answer.

The RHCC-UCC Sunday School needs classroom volunteers. Classroom volunteers join us for Sunday school, learn with us, get to know the fabulous teachers, get to know our amazing children and youth, and have fun! Volunteers help RHCC be a Safe Church. Our safe church policy requires that each classroom have at least two adults, over the age of 18. Interested? Sign-up in Chapin Hall or talk to Meghan Young.

<u>Sewing Packages</u> – Would you like to sew at home, either hand stitching or machine stitching? Packages of blocks are ready to be assembled to make lap robes for patients in nursing homes. Better still—Come sew with the Quilters on Wednesday mornings. We are assembling blocks for the next Fair Quilt.—Grace Cole



Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and cards during my recent illness. They were much appreciated.

Lois Stevens

THIS WEEK AT RHCC
<u>February 14</u>
11:30am Lunch Bunch
<u>February 15</u>
Office Closed
5:30pm Yoga with Lynn
6:30pm Covenant to Care
7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm Bell Choir
FEBRUARY 16
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday
Celebration
<u>February 17</u>
9:00am Quilters
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
12:30pm Bible Study
6:00pm Yoga with Pam
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
FEBRUARY 18
5:30pm TOPS
7:00pm Bad Girls of the Bible
8:00pm Men's AA
<u>February 19</u>
6:00pm Youth Group Dinner &
Movie Night
<u>February 20</u>
8:30am Yoga with Lynn

Sunday Soup and Stories



Walk with Us Four Sundays in Lent

February 21, 28, March 7, 21

11:30am – 12:45pm in Chapin Hall

Join us for a simple meal and then explore stories of faith in scripture, art, history, and our own lives.

Childcare and special children's programming will be available.

<u>SUNDAY</u> Youth Room MONDAY

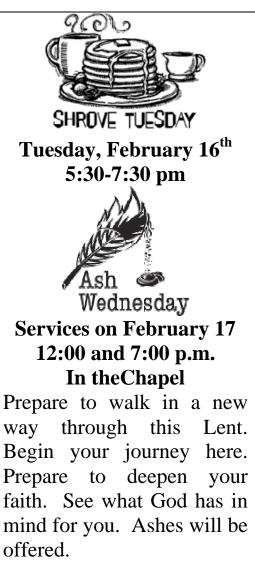
Chapin Hall Fiorilli Room Room 23 Loft <u>Wednesday</u>

Chapin Hall WEDNESDAY Room 6 ice Chapel Fiorilli Room Chapin Hall ice Chapel Choir Loft THURSDAY Chapin Hall Fiorilli Room Chapin Hall FRIDAY

> Chapin Hall <u>SATURDAY</u> Chapin Hall



- 14 Kurt Sheathelm Chris Mosure **Brian Speers**
- John Speers 16
- 17 Laura Butler Ryan Painter **Owen Geddes**
- Kathy Bighinatti 18 Alexander Benson
- Leona Griswold 19
- Midge Harvey 20



Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ 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 in us.

Voted in by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Barbara J. Libby <u>barblibby@rhccucc.org</u>

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio associate@rhccucc.org

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"He's GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS" He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands, He's got the moon and the stars in His hands, He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands, He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands, He's got you and he's got me in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands, He's got everybody there in His hands, He's got everybody everywhere in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

(up a key for the final verse) He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands,

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole --- world --- in --- His --- hands!



"When The Saints Go Marchin' In"

O when the saints go marchin' in, O when the saints go marchin' in, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marchin' in.

O when the trumpet sounds the call, O when the trumpet sounds the call, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marchin' in.

And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marchin' in.

And on that hallelujah day, And on that hallelujah day, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marchin' in.

O when the saints go marchin' in, O when the saints go marchin' in, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marchin' in.