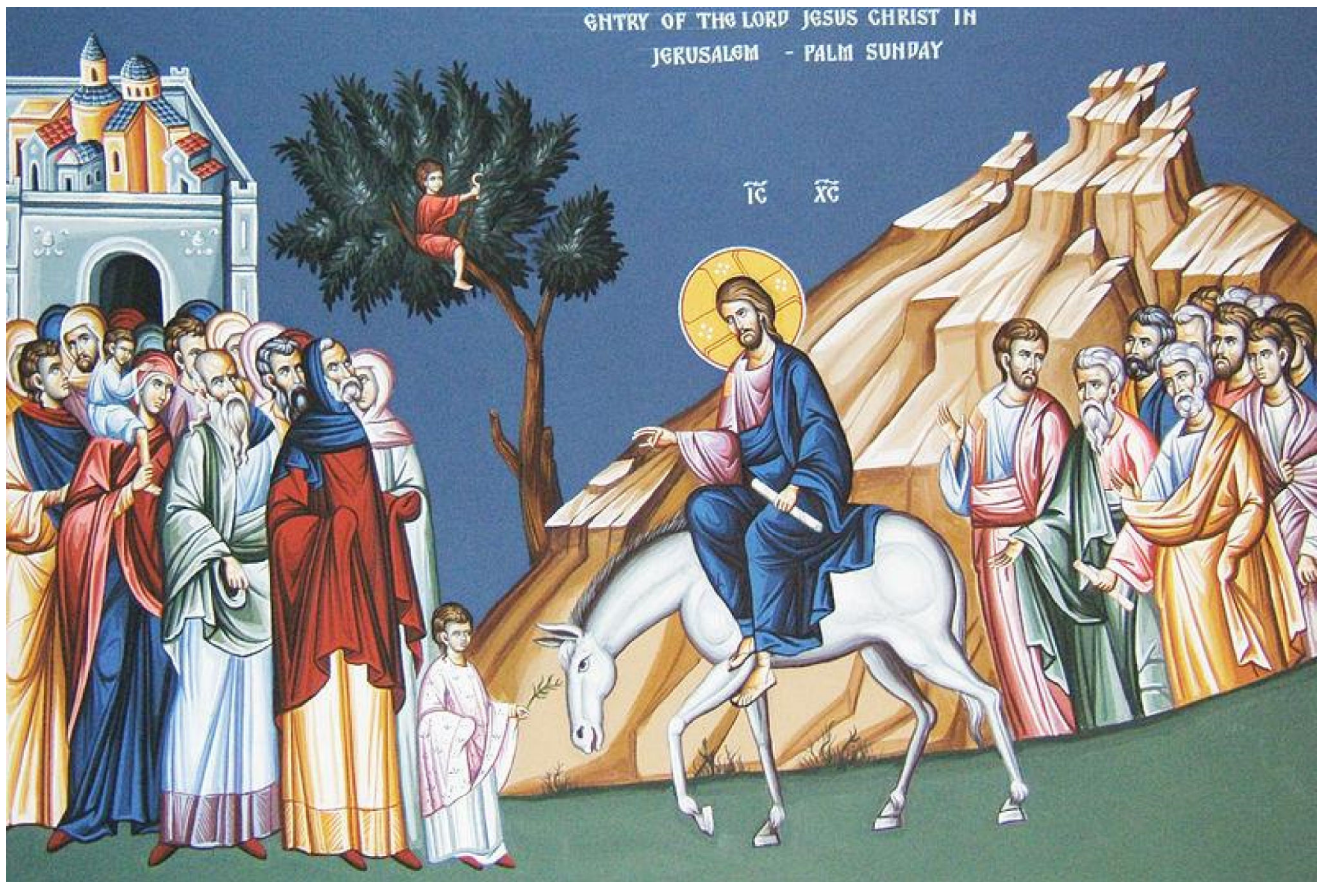


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



April 14, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

~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 downstairs 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

INTROIT

“Hosanna! Blessed is He”
Children and Adult Choirs

Carol McClure

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

L: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

**All: We now come near to the end of one story.
Another will soon begin.**

L: We have followed Jesus this far; today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection, and torment.

**All: And we witness, once more, that he taught and
walked in love through every step of the journey.**

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

In the spirit of Palm Sunday, you are encouraged to wave your palm branches,
as we raise our voices to welcome and bless Jesus Christ in our midst.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“The Palms” (*Les Rameaux*)

by J. Faure

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.*

Refrain

*Join all and sing, His name declare!
Let every voice resound with acclamation!
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
Bless Him that cometh to bring us salvation!*

*His word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity to each doth give his right.
While those in darkness find restored the light.*

(Refrain)

*Sing and rejoice, O! blessed Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing thee emancipation!
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Bring faith and hope to thee forevermore.*

(Refrain)



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

Our God, we come before you on this day with thankful and joyous hearts because your love knows no bounds. No boundaries, limits, or obstacles—including those of our own making—can stop your loving kindness from following us all the days of our lives. Yet during this week, your story of passion mirrors to us how we have tested your love and spurned your compassion. Be with us as we follow Jesus through the trials of this week that we might be faithful disciples.

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

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

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

“Ring Dance”

The Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

NT pew bible p83

Reading of the Passion Narrative Luke 22:1-23:56

The Rev. Craig Cowing

***HYMN**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

NCH190

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor 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

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

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 -

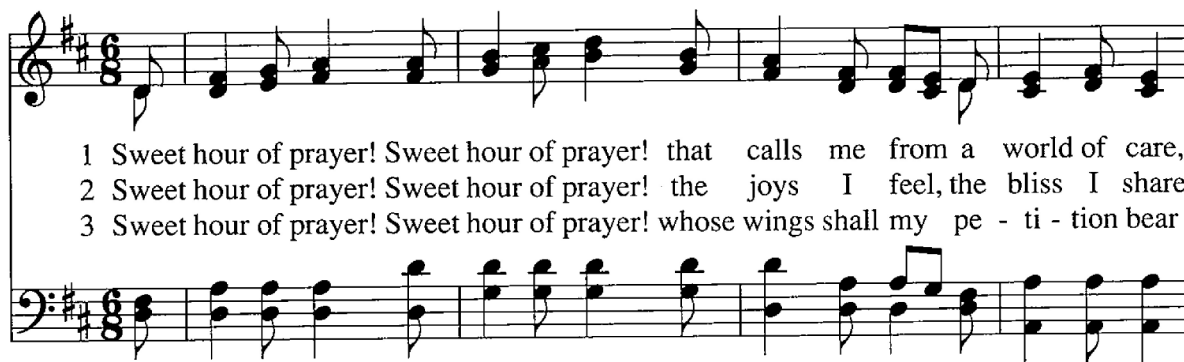
***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

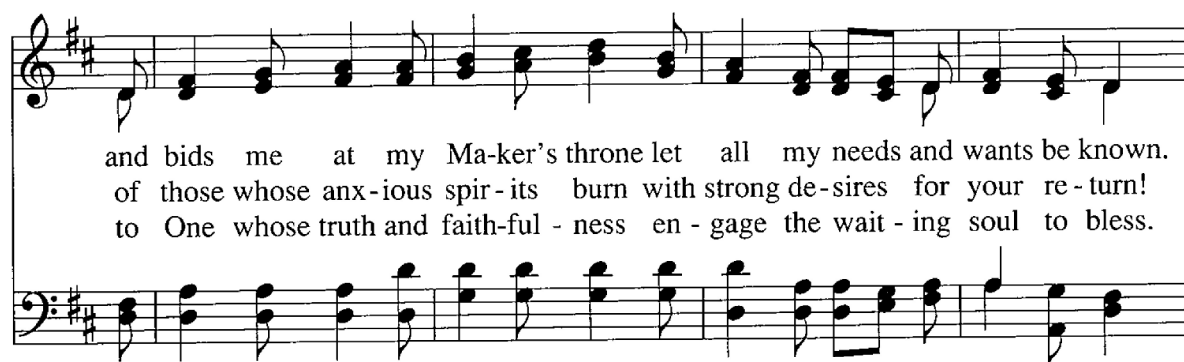
Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer" verse 1

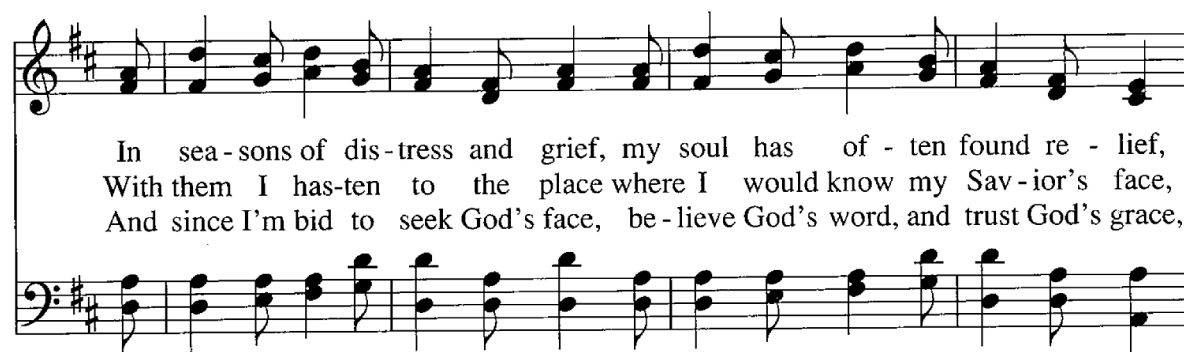
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be-lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

NCH 216

LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

Christ our Friend, today we have entered the week we call holy –
with songs and shouts, palms and prayers:

we have cheered you as our savior, hailed you as our hero;

forgive us tomorrow, when our passion wanes.

Today we have turned to you and trusted you again;

**forgive us on Tuesday when we will think we can take care of
ourselves.**

Today we have called you the center of our lives;

forgive us on Wednesday when we will have forgotten.

Today we have called out to you by name;

forgive us on Thursday, when we pretend we’ve never met you.

Today we have gathered and called ourselves your disciples;

forgive us on Friday, when we will turn and run away.

In your hour of trial, you will seek your trusted friends and they will say,

“We do not know him.”

In your hour of trial, you will say “See, my betrayer is at hand,”

and we will pretend not to understand.

Before Pilate you will stand and claim a kingdom not of this world;

and Pilate will not understand.

The crowds will gather, like today, and Pilate will ask them,

“What shall I do with this Jesus?” And the crowds will shout,

“Crucify him!”

And so it will be, that with cheering voices and nailed-shut hearts,

we will crucify Love.

And then it will be, that with faithfulness from the foundations of the world,

Sorrowed Love will await its rising.

Please remain seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

“When Jesus Wept”

William Billings

The Choir, Melody Hall soloist

LITURGIST
USHERS
HOSPITALITY

Bob Carberry
Sue Chatfield and Chris Sheehan
Jean Goff and Nancy Rolfe

*The Tower is lighted this week
In Loving Memory of O.V. Baize & Leo Latham Arnold
By Gail & Natalie Tine*



Weekly Bible Readings – April “Sustained by God’s Word of Hope”

April 14 - Luke 19:28-48

April 15 – Luke 20:1-8

April 16 – Luke 20:19-47

April 17 – Luke 22:1-30

April 18 – Luke 22:31-71

April 19 – Luke 23:1-43

April 20 – Luke 23: 44-56

*Friends: It is with sadness we announce that former church member
Diana Gengenbach passed away last Sunday. A Memorial Service will be held on
Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. here in the Sanctuary at Rocky Hill Congregational
Church, United Church of Christ. All are invited to attend. Our prayers of sympathy are
with her husband, Bruce and their family.*

TODAY! Want to Make a Difference? Move Your Feet.

Join us for a Sole Hope shoe party! Sunday, April 14, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Sponsored by the Board for Faith Formation. We will start with a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, along with a traditional Ugandan bean dish. We will then use patterns provided by Sole Hope to cut out pieces from our old jeans that will be turned into shoes by Sole Hope shoemakers in Uganda. What to bring: One or two pairs of old jeans—adult sized, regular denim is recommended. Denim with stretch is not recommended.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

MOVE YOUR FEET.

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Sunday, April 14, 5:30-7pm

WHERE

Rocky Hill Congregational Church—Chapin Hall

HOSTED BY

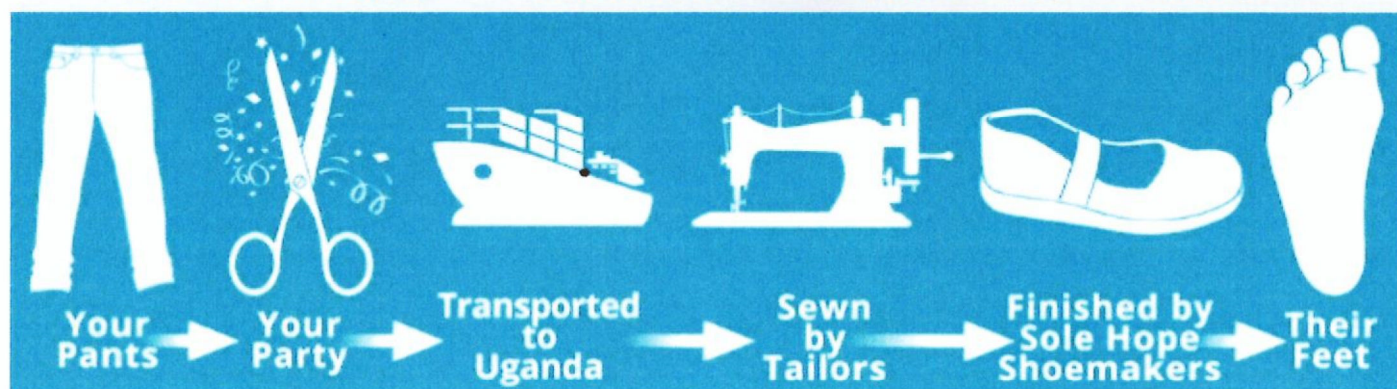
Board for Faith Formation

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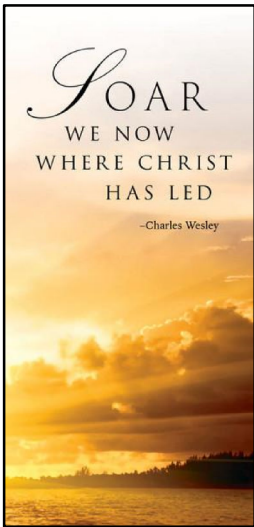
What to bring:

- One or two pairs of old jeans—adult sized, regular denim is recommended. Denim with stretch is not recommended. If children want to donate their jeans, we will find a use for them.

- Fabric scissors, if you have or can borrow some.

Sole Hope asks that with each pair of shoe tops, we donate \$10, which covers the costs of completing the shoes and transporting them to the children who will wear them. BFF has paid for the first ten shoes; we will take a free will offering at the Shoe Party should we end up making more than ten shoes.

Since the scissors will be sharp, we will ask the children to help assemble Soul Hope Care Kits, similar to First Aid kits, which will also be shipped to Uganda. Further info can be found at www.solehope.org.



The Easter special collection will benefit a Connecticut shelter for migrant children; **Noank Community Support Services** located near Groton. At this time, they have unaccompanied 10-12 minor children (teens mostly) from the border in their care, and are at or near capacity all the time. They also have other shelter-homes for homeless or disadvantaged local youth. Regina Moller, director of the shelter says it provides a family-like environment for up to 12 children while it looks for sponsors, typically family members living in the U.S., who can take them - a process that typically takes four to six weeks. She says the teens in her shelter had left their home countries unaccompanied by their parents to escape severe threats and violence. Contact Anita Hawkins or Heather Collins from Outreach & Witness Ministry with questions.



Taco Dinner Fundraiser

for the fight against Crohn's disease

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 7:30pm

Where: Rocky Hill Congregational Church,
805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill

Cost: \$10

What: tacos, chips, salsa, dessert & beverages

Activities will include basket raffles, live music & merchandise for sale!

Hosted by the Jokl family and Crohn's crushers. If you have any questions, contact

Michele: mjokl@joklfamily.com



**Save the date: Earth Day celebration on Sunday April 28.
More information to follow!**

Copies of the proposed amended church constitution are available in the narthex, in the parish house hallway (across from the office), and in Chapin Hall. This proposal will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 16, 2019. If you would prefer to receive a digital copy (pdf format), please contact Dave Hall at treasurer@rhccucc.org.



Council News: The Council has retained a consulting firm, Agile Church, to carry out a preliminary “Health Check” of various practices and procedures related to worship, hospitality, communications and marketing, financial management, stewardship, governance, and personnel. We believe that it’s important to periodically “take our temperature” as to how well we are doing in being the active, engaged and welcoming church we want to be. Interviews will be held with various church leaders and staff. We expect to receive a completed report in the next couple of months. At that time, we will share the results and discuss what we need to do to respond to the findings. Agile Church has a strong track record in this type of work and has been instrumental in helping churches to grow and prosper.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTO YET???

We are overhauling our church directory into a photo directory. That way we may get to know each other a little better every time we look up a phone number. But we need your help. Please—today—email a photo to the church office. Photos can be casual or formal--it’s your choice. If your favorite family photo is at the beach or standing in front of the Eiffel Tower, that’s fine. Here’s what we need:

1. Pick your favorite individual or family photo and email it to: office@rhccucc.org
2. If you are a couple, please send a photo of yourselves as a couple (whether or not you have the same last name).
3. If you are a family with kids at home, please send a family photo.

Finally, if you have no electronic photos or don’t know how to email, please bring your photo to worship on a Sunday. We will arrange to scan and use your favorite “real” photo or to take your photograph at church sometime. Thanks! We look forward to seeing all your photos. Contact Ruth Fitzgerald or the office with questions.



Heather Wolfe-Taylor, Jarod Taylor and Alexander Taylor

DEADLINES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The submission deadline for the weekly service bulletin and weekly e-mail blast - is every Wednesday. The email blast is sent, and the bulletin printed every Thursday. Submission deadline for the May issue of The Church Mouse is Monday, April 15th, and the mailing date will be Tuesday, April 30th. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org. As always, thanks to the members who come in every month to fold and prep the newsletter! 😊

Our office manager, Theresa will be on vacation April 19-25.



Walk Against Hunger: Saturday April 27, 2019

Join Our Walk Team!

Outreach and Worship Ministry invites you to Join our team!

Battling hunger is a team effort. In Hartford and Tolland counties more than 120,000 people worry about having enough food for their families. The Foodshare Walk Against Hunger is the largest anti-hunger event of its kind in Connecticut.

- + The Walk itself is less than 2 miles long, making it fun for people of all ages. It begins and ends with music, children's activities, informational booths, and so much more. It takes place on Saturday, April 27th at 10 AM at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford.
- + We'll meet at the church at 8 AM for a continental breakfast, and then carpool to the walk.
- + To sign-up, use the forms available on our website (RockyHillucc.org) in the office or Chapin hall, and return them to Heather Collins or Elaine Sellenberg.
- + You can also support our team with a donation to Foodshare by searching for our team, "Rocky Hill Congregational Church" on the Foodshare website.
- + Together we can fight hunger in Connecticut!

Spring Breakfast & Plant Sale

Treat your Mom to Breakfast and a Beautiful Plant for Mother's Day!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church

805 Old Main St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Saturday, May 11, 2019

8:00 am – 10:30 am

Menu:

Egg Strata, Pancakes,

French Toast, Cereal,

Bacon, Sausage,

Fruit, Pastries

Juice, Milk, Coffee

Adults: \$7.00, Kids 4 – 12: \$4.00, Under 4: Free

Plants: vegetables, herbs, flowers (annuals and perennials), hanging baskets, houseplants and garden crafts



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
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **April 28** (with delivery on May 5). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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!

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Church Website: RockyHillucc.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: Steve Smith admin@rhccucc.org

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

April 14 SUNDAY

Easter Flower Orders Due

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:00am **Church School**



Sanctuary

Room 4

Rms 24,25,26,27



April 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00pm Women's AA

7:00pm Bonsai Group

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

Monday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Sanctuary

April 16

10:00am **Memorial Service**

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

Tuesday

Sanctuary

Fiorilli

April 17

6:30pm **LSP Board**

7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Fiorilli

Sanctuary

14 Carolyn Furman
14 Nicholas Benson
16 Ruby Bennett – 103yrs!
16 Joan Diaz
17 Jake D'Addario
18 Sarah DeGiovanni
18 Dawn McLean
18 Victoria Bower
18 Grace Triplets
19 Lois Griswold
19 Sue Monaghan
19 Wendy Ware
20 John Goff IV

April 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Service of Tenebrae in the Sanctuary

Thursday



April 19

GOOD FRIDAY

Office & Preschool Closed

9am-2pm **Prayer and meditation** Chapel

1pm-4pm **Icon Painting**

Friday

Fiorilli

Easter Worship: 6:00am
Sunrise Service at
Rose Hill Cemetery
and
10am Service in Sanctuary
All are welcome!

**EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE**

REMEMBER OR HONOR LOVED ONES WITH EASTER FLOWERS



The flowers will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Easter Sunday, April 21

The three choices this year will be:

Easter Lily 6-inch pots with 6+ buds (\$10)

Hyacinth 6-inch with 3 bulbs (\$7)

Tulip 6-inch full pots (\$7)

The Deadline for orders is April 14

Please fill out the information below

Given by: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Dedication ("in loving memory of...", "in honor of...", etc.):

	<u>Number ordered</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Lily	_____ x \$10 =	_____
Hyacinth	_____ x \$7 =	_____
Tulip	_____ x \$7 =	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please select:

- [] I will pick up my plant after worship on Sunday, April 21.
[] The flowers may remain in church to decorate the sanctuary

Make your checks payable to:

Rocky Hill Congregational Church with "Easter flowers" in memo line and
mail to: Kim Burghoff, 204 Gray Fox Lane, Rocky Hill CT 06067.

You may call Kim with questions at 860 563-3287.