

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



May 29, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Meditation on 'Land of Rest'

Anthony Giamanco

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to our God a new song,
Sing to the maker of heaven and earth--

People: **Sing of wisdom and beauty, healing and strength!**

Declare God's glory among all people
Show the marvels of God to the whole world--
Sing of wisdom and beauty, healing and strength!

God longs to be known in the world;
God's power overflows all boundaries and walls—
Sing of wisdom and beauty, healing and strength!

Worship our God in holy splendor--
Sing of wisdom and beauty, healing and strength!

*HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Pilgrim Hymnal (black) 440

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, you astonish us with your generosity.

You pour forth your goodness on all you have made, and are not limited by the barriers we place on your grace.

You constantly move the hearts of strangers as well as friends, enemies, as well as neighbors. Let your grace flow through us here and now that we may see all peoples as you see them—beautiful, whole, deserving of mercy and justice—and let our lives be shaped by that graced vision.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, 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

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

The first part of the musical notation is for the phrase "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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

The second part of the musical notation is for the phrase "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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 image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "We Will Keep a Place For You". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "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."

SOLO

“Precious Lord”

Tommy Dorsey

Val Triblets, soloist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 7:1-10

NT (Pew Bible) p56

SERMON

“An Opportunity for Reconciliation”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

New Century (black) 576

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the 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

“Homeward Bound”

Marta Keen

The Choir with Victoria Bower and Jillian Maynard, soloists

*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

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of The Living God”

NC 283

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness” New Century (black) 179

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Sue Monaghan

USHERS

Bobbie and Dave Hawkins, Lynn McKenna, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

HOSPITALITY

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. June 5	11:00am	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 12	10:00am	Children’s Sunday
Sun. June 12	4:30pm	Middle School Youth
Sun. June 19	10:00am	Strengthen the Church Offering
	11:00am	Father’s Day Coffee Hour



CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for **Sunday, June 5, 2016** immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2015 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2016-17 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
4. To conduct any additional business to come before the congregation.
5. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted;
Marsha Hoffman, Clerk



There will be copies of the Annual Report available TODAY for members to take home and read, in preparation for next week's meeting.

Middle School Youth - Faith Formation

Sunday, June 12 – 10am Worship – Children's Sunday

We will give a presentation to the congregation about our trip to Heifer International's Overlook Farm.

Sunday June 12 – 4:30 – 6:30pm

Celebration and Planning: This will be the last regularly scheduled meeting until the Fall, so we will celebrate with a pool party and ice cream! And games! At Kathy Morgan's home.



The icon of the month for May 15-June 4 is Craig's copy of an **18th century Russian icon of Pentecost**. It depicts Mary at the center of the gathering, placed in the midst of an Orthodox church. Please come and enjoy this mystical representation of the beginning of the Christian Church.

"He leads me beside quiet waters."

— PSALM 23:2



Cards of Sympathy on behalf of **Paul Tine, Jr.** may be sent to:
Gail and Natalie Tine, 159 Westerly Terrace, Rocky Hill, 06067.
Cards of Sympathy on behalf of **Ramona Doten** may be sent to:
Todd and Caryn Doten, 61 Center St. Wethersfield, CT 06109.
Cards of Sympathy on behalf of **James Mclean** may be sent to:
Dawn Mclean and family, 24 Grimes Rd, Rocky Hill, 06067.

NEW CHURCH GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, June 7, many of the Boards and Committees will meet.

There is usually a short devotional period for everyone in the chapel starting at 7pm. This time, the Organization and Governance Small Group will use that communal time to host a short discussion session (no more than 20-30 minutes) on the proposed draft of a new organizational framework. Even if your group does not meet that night, please join us at 7pm. Even if you aren't currently on a Board or Committee, **please join us at 7pm**. The session is open to everyone.

Our intent is to continue to share our vision as to how changes in our organizational framework might help us to more effectively carry out our purpose - and to hear feedback. We are still in the development phase of shaping our proposal, and we want to hear YOUR ideas before we "go back to the drawing board."



RHCC Missions Board - 'Fairy Angels'

"This month the board of missions is going to practice being 'Fairy Angels'. I was told by a very smart 4 1/2 year old that fairies and angels both wear pretty dresses, have wings and do magical things so are basically the same.

Our Fairy Angels will be leaving little messages of love throughout Rocky Hill in the form of low denomination gift cards that will be used in any way that the good Lord sees fit.

It is our way of spreading our message of love, joy and welcome arms to the community of Rocky Hill. If you too would like to be a 'Fairy Angel' let one of us know and we will get you some fairy dust.



NEWSLETTER MAILING

The June CHURCH MOUSE will be mailed this **Tuesday, May 31**.

Join a terrific speedy group of mailers in the Fiorilli Room beginning around 9:30am. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Refreshments are served.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

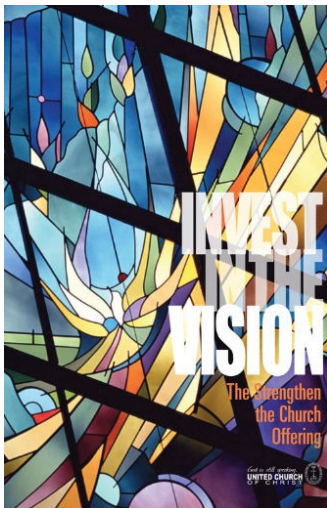


PROUD
NEW
GRANDPA

Great Grandfathers!

Are you a new great-grandfather? Please let us add you to our list of wonderful men who have become great-grandfathers, and we will be honoring you during worship on Father's Day. Contact the office at 860-529-4167 or

office@rhccucc.org



Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message. The offering will be collected on Sunday, June 19.

Father's Day Raffle

Hartford Yard Goats 4-Homerun Porch Passes for the 2016 season

Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each

Drawing June 19th (Father's Day) after Church Service

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 order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on Sunday, June 19. Note that this is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered by June 19 will be available for delivery on Sunday, June 26.

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.

See **Gail Hall** 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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

May 29

10:00am **Worship**

Sunday

Sanctuary

May 30

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am **Memorial Day Parade**

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

Monday

Lawn

Chapin Hall

Loft

May 31

9:30am **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

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Room 25

June 1

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

June 2

9:30am Toddler Music

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

June 3

9:00am LSP Graduation

Friday

Outside or Chapin

June 4

5:30pm **New Member Dinner**

Saturday

Chapin Hall



May 29	Jim DeGiovanni
30	Robin Welch
June 1	Harry Schmidt
	Zachary Rupaka
June 2	Eric Jokl
June 3	James Day
June 4	Alexander Gau

Men's Bible study
will not meet during
the Summer. We'll
see you in
September!



THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30th at 8:30 a.m.! (Parade starts at 9:30am)
Anyone wishing to help out that day see a member of the
Events Committee. It is a fun two hour community event
and you have a great location to watch the parade!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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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

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