

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 5, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Third 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.

INTROIT

“Sanctus”
The Choir

Franz Schubert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Bower

(based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth —

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**People: God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

People: for God keeps faith forever!

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Faithful God, you draw near to us
in our joy and in our grief,
in our hope and in our despair.
When we are bowed down, you raise us anew.
We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.
God of compassion and love,
move among us this hour.
Open our eyes, dispel our fears,
and show us the real life you have to offer.
We pray this in the name of the Risen One,
Jesus the Christ, 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 line of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are placed below the treble staff.

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

The second line of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are placed 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 image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 17:1-16

NT (Pew Bible) p300

SERMON

“The Myth of Self-Reliance”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

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

“The Table is Long”
The Choir

Webster/McKeever

*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. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily quarter notes with some eighth notes. 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 continues with two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature and time signature are consistent with the previous part. The melody uses quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 342

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that the burdens which weigh us down also narrow our vision.

Fear of scarcity makes us focus on our own survival.

We regard strangers with suspicion and find it difficult to share.

We speak words that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak.

Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith.

We wonder how there could be good news that is not of our own making.

We, whom you call to be an Easter people, are in need of resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the person of Jesus,
God invites us to discover the freedom and new life that God offers us.
God's forgiveness heals us.
God's grace dispels our weariness and discouragement.
God's love clears our vision.
God's compassion lifts our burdens.
We are made new!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership.

This morning, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words "The bread of life" and "The cup of blessing." If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.

Invitation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God, we thank you that you have satisfied us with the food and drink of eternal life. We offer ourselves in service to you and our neighbors as we seek to bring your grace to all whom we encounter. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you (a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).

***HYMN**

“Be Now My Vision”

New Century (black) 451

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Michael Bower

USHERS

Victoria Bower, Wendy Ware, Nancy and Barry Wilcock

COMMUNION SERVERS

Laurel Cole, Deb Copes, Sarah DeGiovanni
Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Bill Hoffman, Val Triblets

HOSPITALITY

Denise Carberry and Ruth Jensen

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY June 5	11:00am	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 12	10:00am	Children's Sunday
Sun. June 12	4:30pm	Youth Group Pool Party
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 all members, please take one.

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.

Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating? Or had you graduated sometime this past year? High school, college, a credited program? We would like to recognize your accomplishment in June during worship. Please contact the office and let Theresa know your name and the accomplishment at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org



“He leads me beside quiet waters.”

— PSALM 23:2



Cards of Sympathy

On behalf of **Albert Griswold III** may be sent to the office, and will be forwarded to his family. On behalf of **Paul Tine, Jr.** to: Gail and Natalie Tine, 159 Westerly Terrace, Rocky Hill, 06067. On behalf of **Ramona Doten** to: Todd and Caryn Doten, 61 Center St. Wethersfield, CT 06109. On behalf of **James Mclean** 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.



Honor Your Loved Ones

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167)



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.

Great-Grandfathers!

We extend an invitation to all Great-grandfathers to worship with us Father's Day on June 19. During this worship we will proudly recognize our great-grandfathers of the church. If your name is not listed below or if you have recently become a new great-grandfather, please contact the church office at 860-529-4167 and we will add your name to our list.

Rudy Burgess	Neal Cox	David Dean	Bob Hamilton
Bob Hansen	Joe Kunzleman	Ralph Lexa	Tom Schreier
Richard Somes	John Sword	James Ussery Jr.	Frank Vann
Stewart Sprague			

In honor of Father's Day, June 19
InReach is offering Brownie Sundaes
during Coffee Hour.
All are welcome!



Father's Day Raffle

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

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

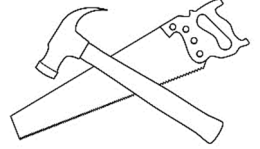
A second drawing will be held on June 26th for

a Camping Weekend at either Nelson's Campground or Wolf's Den campground.

Tickets for both raffles \$1.00 each.

Note from The Trustees

The Trustees are developing a project to replace the flooring in our Sanctuary. One option would be replacing the carpet with similar carpet, but there are other options such as wood or other hard surface flooring. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.



*Congratulations to
Bill Cordes and
Jennifer Courtemanche
who will be married at
Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
on Saturday, June 11th*

Don't Miss! Bobby Jo Valentine Coffee House Concert

Friday, July 22, 5:00 – 9:00pm Chapin Hall
Talented, engaging and authentic, Bobby's gentle and humorous style will touch your heart. join us for a great evening of food (of course!), sharing, humor and deep connection.



Wed. June 8 at 9:00am - Breakfast Club at Bob's Coffee Shop, 33 New Britain Ave, Rocky Hill. Members of RHCC meet once a month, on the second Wednesday. Join us for coffee and fellowship!



Country Fair News

**The Country Fair this year will be on
October 22nd from 9am to 3pm.**

We are very excited to be having the Children's Booth back again as "Kids Corner". It will be operated by Holly Alessi, she is planning to sell toys, and play games. There will also be cotton candy sold. Also planned is a costume contest for the categories of scariest, prettiest and most original, plus a parade led by Liz Reed Swale.

The fair will be on 3 floors, the 3rd floor will have a White Elephant room, Antiques & Collectables and Sew Country (which will have all things sewing, knitting, etc.). On the 2nd floor will be the Tea Room, The bottom floor will have the Silent Auction, Kid's Corner, Holiday Shop and Jewelry. In Chapin Hall will be the Candy Shop, Bake Shop, Farmers Market and the Snack Shop.

The "Once Again" quilt will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win the quilt. The Quilt drawing will be held the same night as the Country Fair Dinner on November 5th at 5:30pm. Tickets for the dinner will be available during the fair and also be contacting the church office at (860) 529-4167.

If you would like to donate something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. For donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner we ask that it be clean and in good shape. I am sorry but we will not come and pick up. Being a volunteer is a great way to see the fair, if you want to volunteer but can't stay the whole day that is not a problem. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.

Booth Chairpersons:

Silent Auction: Elaine Somes 563-4099
Kid's Corner: Holly Alessi 680-3163
Holiday Shop: Lynn McKenna 836-0961
Jewelry: Bea Donahue
Candy Shop: Candy Smith 563-4488
Bake Shop: Don & Polly Pagnucco 563-3233
Farmers Market: Ruth Jensen 563-4617
Tea Room: Sue Starr 529-3150
Sew Country: Nancy Rolfe & Anita Hawkins
Antiques & Collectables: Nancy Harlow 529-4214
White Elephant: Bob Carberry 563-8311
Snack Shack: Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi 529-3652



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

June 5

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am Annual Meeting

Sunday

Sanctuary

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June 6

Craig out of office this week at Yale Program

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

Monday

Chapin Hall

Loft

June 7

11:00am Retired Clergy

7:00pm **Governance Talk**

7:15pm **Boards and Committees**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Parlor

Chapel

Fiorilli

Room 25

June 8

9:00am **Breakfast Club**

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday

Bob's Cafe

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

June 9

9:30am Toddler Music

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

June 10

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30pm **Wedding Rehearsal**

Friday

June 11

2:00pm **Bill & Jenn Wedding**

Saturday

Sanctuary



June 6	Sandra Fritzer
8	Thomas Kainamura
9	Samuel Dean-Lee
11	John Goff III
	Morgan McLean

For emergency Pastoral Concerns during the week while Craig is out of the office, contact the office at 860-529-4167. Rev. Bob Woodward will be covering.

Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!!

Dinner and Bobby Jo Valentine coffeehouse. Friday, July 22.

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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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