

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**June 7, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

*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) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

## PRELUDE

"Nothing But the Water"

Grace Potter and the Nocturnals

*I have seen what a man can do when the evil lives inside of you  
Many are the weak and the strong are few; but, with the water we'll start anew  
Won't you take me down to the levee, take me down to the stream  
Take me down to the water, we're gonna wash our souls clean  
Take me down to the river, take me down to the lake  
Yes, we'll all go together, we're gonna do it for the good Lord's sake  
I have fallen so many times for the Devil's sweet, cunning rhymes  
This old world has brought me pain; but, there's hope for me again  
I tried my hand at the Bible, tried my hand at prayer  
But now nothing but the water is gonna bring my soul to bare*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

Whether we are up or down, flying or sinking,

**our God is holding us... how can we keep from trusting?**

Whether we are faith-filled or fear-filled,

**our God goes with us... how can we keep from hoping?**

Whether today we have faith or are trying to have faith,

**our God lives with us... how can we keep from trying?**

On this and every day, in this and every place,

God brings us to life and life brings us to God...

**How can we keep from singing?!**

**\*HYMN**

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

New Century (Black) 476

## **\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**This is a new day, O God -- help us receive it.**

**This is a new chance -- help us live it.**

**We can be new people -- help us trust that.**

**Washed clean by your love**

**and fed by your grace,**

**we can begin again -- help us know that.**

**For you, the Living One, are making all things new --**

**even us, even here, even now!**

**We pray with thanks and praise,**

**in the name and spirit of Jesus the Christ. Amen**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“Gospel Amen”

*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen*

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

**ANTHEM****“Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning”**

Blind Willie Johnson

*Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
And see my God has done*

*Sister don't get worried  
Father don't get worried  
Brother don't get worried  
Our work is almost done*

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

Revelation 21:1-5a

**SERMON****“Always Beginning”**

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) 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****“Going Down to the River”**

Doug Seegers

*I'm going down to the river to wash my soul again  
I've been runnin' with the Devil and I know that he's not my friend  
I've been falling by the wayside livin' in this world of sin  
I'm going down to the river, gonna wash my soul again  
  
I'm going down to the country to bury my head in the creek  
I'm gonna jump into that water, baptize both my feet  
'Cause everywhere I've been walking, getting in trouble deep  
  
I'm going down to the river, gonna wash my soul again  
  
Well, this whole world's going to hell in a handbasket  
If I don't get some resurrection soon, gonna end up in a casket*

## \*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



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

### \*HYMN

“Precious Lord”

New Century (Black) 472

### 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

We come to the table with Jesus, where all who love him gather.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

It is the table of bold grace and radical welcome for all. Even you, even me.

So come to this table.

**We come to this table,  
we who have much faith  
and we who would like to have more;  
we who have been here often  
and we who have not been for a long time;  
we who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and we who have failed.**

Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**We come because Christ invites us.**

**We come because we want to meet Christ here.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

#### **Communion Music**

"Galician Folk Tune" and Improvisations in D minor

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.  
Take us, renew and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you  
still awaits us.  
Lead us on.  
Take us with you. Amen.**

## **The Practice of Peace**

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**

“Glory Glory Hallelujah”

New Century (Black) 2

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

“Wade in the Water”

*All are invited to be seated for the postlude, and remain in place  
for the prompt start of the Annual Meeting.*

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### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Michael Bower, Judy Graham, Stephanie Heneghan  
Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Elaine Somes, Bob Inderbitzen

### **GREETERS**

Lily Hill

### **HOSPITALITY**

Daniel and Sujalha Gujjarlapudi

### **OPEN ROAD BAND**

Wendy Berry - Vocals

John Corvo - Piano and Vocals

Marc Fritzer - Drums

Chris Mosure - Bass

Rhody Triblets - Guitar

Valerie Triblets - Vocals

**The tower is lit this week by the Deacons  
in honor of retiring Deacon Bill Hoffman**

## **CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for **Sunday, June 7, 2015** 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 2015-16 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To hear a report of progress of the Settled Pastor Search Committee.
4. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
5. To conduct any additional business to come before the congregation.
6. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted;

Marsha Hoffman, Clerk

## **S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner**

*Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell*

***Children are invited to remain in worship today,  
following along with the children and youth bulletins.***

*Please pray for the Children and Youth of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School as they prepare for Children's Worship Sunday. They are planning, writing, and leading worship, with the entire congregation in mind.*

***PARENTS – If your child is planning to participate in Children's Sunday, and you have not already done so, please notify Meghan Young or a S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School Teacher.***

### **6-8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Dinner & Worship Planning TONIGHT!**

June 7, 5:30 PM – 7 PM. If you are participating in Children's Worship Sunday, and are in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, please come for dinner and sermon writing. Meet in the Fiorilli Room. See you tonight!

### **NOAH'S TABLE (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) – End of Year Gathering!**

June 14, 5 PM – 7:30 PM. Join us for our last gathering of the program year. Come for dinner, a lip sync battle, a climb to the top of the church, and a time of saying goodbye. Please RSVP by Friday, June 12, with Meghan Young at [Meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:Meghan@rhccucc.org). 1 Chaperone is needed for this event.



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A NAMETAG



Wearing a nametag is a very important way to let people know who you are, especially for our newer members, visitors, or folks who haven't been back in a while. And with new staff coming on board in the coming months, this will be all the more important! Please remember to wear your nametag every

Sunday! "But I don't have a nametag!" you say. That is easily fixed. Simply contact Mitsey in the church office at [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or 860-529-4167 and one will be created just for you! Or you can see me after church! I'll be wearing my nametag!

Michael Bower, Deacon

### AT A GLANCE...

### IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP SOON!!



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| <b>June 14</b> | <b>10 a.m.</b> | <b>Children's Sunday</b>   |
| <b>June 21</b> | <b>10 a.m.</b> | <b>Pastor Meghan's last Sunday – special worship and reception</b>     |
| <b>June 26</b> | <b>5 p.m.</b>  | <b>All Church dinner with Rev. Craig L. Cowing, pastoral candidate</b> |
|                | <b>7 p.m.</b>  | <b>Coffeehouse concert with Bobby Jo Valentine</b>                     |
| <b>June 28</b> | <b>10 a.m.</b> | <b>Candidating Sunday – special congregational meeting</b>             |

### CALLING ALL GRADUATES



On June 14th, we will celebrate and acknowledge all our members who have graduated from high schools, colleges and post college degree programs. Please notify the office at 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) of anyone to be recognized and supply the institution and degree earned.



Join Us for A

# Coffee House Concert

featuring

**Bobby Jo Valentine**

**June 26, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

Admission: A free will offering will be collected.

Join us in Chapin Hall for this casual coffee house (coffee, soft drinks, snacks & desserts will be served) for a special evening with master lyricist and performer **Bobby Jo Valentine**.

**Dubbed “The nicest guy ever to pick up an acoustic guitar” by LA Weekly**, he is a favorite among Open and Affirming UCC churches, and has developed a loyal following with warm, inviting melodies and lyrics filled with depth and hope.

Invite your friends and family for this exciting event!

## **Breakfast Club**



### **The RHCC Breakfast Club**

meets

the **second Tuesday** each month

at Bob's Coffee Shop

33 New Britain Ave

at 8:30am.

Join us for breakfast and lively discussions.

### **HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**



Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall**, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167).

You may either bring your flowers (purchased or self arranged) or you may order from the Root System, 860-529-2777 – who will deliver directly to the church.

If you have questions – please call Kathy Moser 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.

After the service, you can leave your flowers to be delivered to shut-ins or take them with you.



*In Memory of...*

*Members and Friends of Our Church  
Who Have died  
From May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Years a member</u>
Althea R. Gustafson	5/7/2014	*
Dolores Dejohn Silveira	6/23/2014	*
Angelo F. Rutigliano	8/01/2014	36
Elizabeth (Bette) Swain	8/25/2014	56
Margaret Anne White	9/9/2014	18
Dorothy Louise (Dill) Carruthers (Duffy)	9/21/2014	9
C Lawrence Carlson	10/01/2014	63
Gary Nicholson	11/5/2014	44
Louise Tangarone	11/7/2014	7
William White	11/11/2014	46
Alfred Freeman Harlow II	11/12/2014	67
Robert Janes	1/2/2015	*
Albert Griswold Jr.	1/31/2015	34
Dorothy Hunter	2/2/2015	57
Pricilla Howland	3/3/2015	30
Marcia T. Rush	4/7/2015	*
David Edwards	4/8/2015	10



## 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.*

The next ordering deadline (for cards not kept in inventory) will be June 21, which is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered by June 21 will be available for delivery on June 28.

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards 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, Bonafish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Denny's  
On the Border, TGI Fridays, Outback Steakhouse

**Shopping:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,  
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,  
Toys R Us, Walmart

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 7

10:00am **Worship**  
11:00am **Annual Meeting**  
5:30pm 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade meeting

### June 8

7:00pm Women's AA

### June 9

8:30am **Breakfast Club**  
7:00pm **Council**

### June 10

9:30am **Quilters**  
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

### June 11

7:00pm Fair Committee  
7:30pm Men's AA

### June 13

9:00am Yoga with Lynn  
3:00pm **S.P.I.R.I.T. Sunday**  
**Rehearsal**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Sanctuary  
Fiorilli Room

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

Bob's Cafe  
Fiorilli Room

### Wednesday

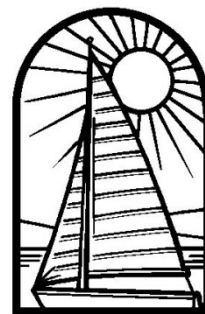
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### Thursday

Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall

### Saturday

Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary



*Happy Birthday*

June 8 Tom Kainamura  
9 Sam Dean-Lee  
Julia O'Connor  
11 John Goff III  
Stephen Kobernat  
Morgan McLean

### **WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website,

**rhccucc.org**

(See WORSHIP BULLETINS)

or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

First and third  
Saturdays in the  
Fiorilli Room,  
8:30-9:30am.



For more details contact  
Jim Stevens . 860-632-5810

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**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 to 12:00

**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

Interim Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka [brenda@rhccucc.org](mailto:brenda@rhccucc.org)

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