

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 10, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Children's 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 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

INTROIT

“This Is the Day”

Violet Collins
Georgette Huie

This is the day	(this is the day)
That the Lord has made	(that the Lord has made)
We will rejoice	(we will rejoice)
And be glad in it	(and be glad in it)

***Together:* This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day	(this is the day)
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***Together:* That the Lord has made.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Gau

Leader: Let us come together...

People: ...to hear God's Word.

Leader: Let us come together...

People: ...to know God's will.

Leader: Let us come together...

People: ...as partners on the Way.

Leader: Let us come together...

People: ...to give and receive encouragement and hope.

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Violet Collins

Dear God, we come together today praising and thanking you for our lives and many blessings. In response to your love, we have tried to be the kind of people you would want us to be, but sometimes we mess up. Forgive us when we forget your commandments, such as when we are jealous of others and want what they have, or when we tell lies about others, or when we don't respect our parents and other people. Forgive us when we talk about others behind their backs, or when we take your name in vain and say a swear word. Help us to help each other as we try our best to live out your will.

This we pray 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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You” v.1 NCH510

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

BAPTISM



Gabriel Thompson

READING FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 138

Anna Gau

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:20-35

Pew Bible (NT)p.37

SERMON

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

HYMN

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

(NCH) 539

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to collect the prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

Georgette Huie

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 Music

***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

Church school children

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer “Be Still and Know that I am God” (NCH743)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first system of musical notation is for the first two lines of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second system of musical notation is for the last two lines of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN** “Children of God” (NCH) 533

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** “Spiritual Sailor” Sacred Harp, arr. James Boeringer

LITURGISTS Anna Gau, Violet Collins, Bob Carberry
USHERS Sarah DeGiovanni, Marge Murk, Steve Smith and Deb Copes
HOSPITALITY Nancy Harlow and Ruth Jensen

*The tower is lit this week in loving memory of In Loving Memory of Marvie Baize
by Gail & Natalie Tine*

A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship leadership is provided today by the children and youth of the Church School. As the children thought through the lessons they had learned this past year, it was the Ten Commandments that they remembered most. The children offered their thoughts and reflections, and their words have been incorporated throughout today's worship service.

Thank You,
Teachers!

Many thanks to the church members who put in time and effort to teach our young people!

Teachers: Candy Smith, Sue Speers, Liz Pulling, Liz Reed-Swale, Steph Heneghan, Sherry Silkowski, Jen Cordes, Sandy Gau.

Assistants: Don Pagnucco, Marge Murk, Bay Tran, Kristy Solie, Kathy Morgan, Molly Morgan, Hannah Fuller, Julia O'Connor, Toryn Pulling, Kaedryn Pulling, Victoria Bower, Brian Speers.

OUR WORSHIP CORE MINISTRY SEEKS COMMUNION SERVERS

The worship core ministry is looking for a few good people who have never served communion before to be included in the new serving schedule beginning this October. Servers in the past have all been deacons or life deacons, but we would like to open it up to people who never served on diaconate. Communion each month will be led by a current member of the worship core ministry or an experienced life deacon, so all you have to do is bring yourself to church at 9:30 instead of 10:00. The lead server for that month will guide you through the process. If you want to serve but cannot navigate the steep stairs to the balcony-no problem. We already have servers who always stay downstairs and you can join them. Would you prefer to have some training in advance? We will happily do that too, probably in September. If you are interested please contact the church office or Christopher Sheehan at sheehancole@att.net or (860) 529-5151. We look forward to hearing from you!



VMT – VISITOR MINISTRY TEAM

Bring a smile and a prayer to a church member. One of the new ministry teams is being formed to visit church members in person, by mail or phone. If you would like to learn more or be included in with team, please contact Steph Heneghan, Wendy Ware or Don Pagnucco.



What is the Time, Talent and Treasure (TTT) Ministry all about?

With the passage of our new governance structure and the start of another church year on May 1, the Time Talent and Treasure Ministry is officially off and running. While we're still gearing up, there are many activities in the works.

Here are a few:

- We have started planning for our next pledge campaign and hope to better link the idea of Stewardship in all of our ministries
- We are starting a new Ministry Team to help us all connect our individual time and talent with the various ministries that are important to us.
- We have also started a new ministry team to begin exploring ways for us to build on the foundation of our current history and endowment with a campaign for planned giving and/or legacy fund creation.

TTT Ministry: Ruth Fitzgerald, Deb Copes, Barry Wilcock, Gail Hall, and Doretta Andonucci.

If you are interested in helping out or have questions, please contact Ruth Fitzgerald rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com.

THINK SCRIP!!

Scrip helps fund all of our ministries. Please join the action and try to increase your use of scrip for the purchases you are making anyway. Since 2009 we have spent \$1.9 million on scrip yielding \$125,000 income to the church, yet we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg. YOU can help us increase our scrip income. For more details on our scrip program, see the full-page "Scrip-Sure" article in each weekly bulletin, or visit <http://rhccucc.org/scrip>

faith and
finances



The icon of the Month for June is a Pentecost icon, the original of which was painted at the Monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai around 1300.

It is typical of Orthodox icons of Pentecost in showing the Apostle Paul (on the right at the top) as being present, even though he wasn't. This icon also does not depict Mary, even though she was there. Some icons do depict her. Either way, it is an interesting look at the beginning of the church. Stop by the Weil Chapel during June and spend a few minutes in contemplation with this icon.

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

**PROUD
NEW
GRANDPA**

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 on June 17th, during worship. Please contact the office to let us know your name and the accomplishment at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org



Wed. June 13 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!



CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 17, 2018 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2017 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2018-19 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, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tokarski, Clerk

Our church Annual Report is available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy.



If you are interested in helping with teaching Church School, please see Georgette or Steph Heneghan.

Church School

After June 10, we will go to a summer schedule, and church school will be offered every other Sunday, starting June 24. All ages, grades Pre-K to 8, will form a one-room church school class. We will be studying Jesus' teachings, the stories he told, and the people he met.

Summer Church school dates will be:
June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 12, and August 26.

Youth Groups

The High School Youth Group will be meeting during the summer and planning for a weekend mini-mission trip. Our first such meeting will be June 27. We will also be taking a realistic look at the ever-increasing school and sports pressures to see what makes sense for a church youth group schedule in the fall.

In March, the Middle School Youth Group had such a meaningful and good time cooking and serving the community meal at Center Church in Hartford, that they asked to do it again, soon. We are scheduled to repeat on June 10, a wonderful way for this service-minded group to end the academic year.

It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Rev. Craig L. Cowing's father, **Kenneth P. Cowing** on Sunday, June 3, 2018. A memorial service was held at Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Center Congregational Church, 474 Broad Street, Meriden. Kenneth Page Cowing was born in Malden, Massachusetts on August 1, 1923. He was the son of the Rev. Clarence J. and Alice Lewis Cowing. Ken served in World War II from 1943 to 1946. After the war Ken returned to his employment at Home National Bank in Meriden where he spent the rest of his career. During his tenure there he rose from bank teller to Assistant Vice President. Ken was active in the Meriden Historical Society for decades. He enjoyed puttering in his workshop, hiking and chess. Ken and his wife, Louise Durand Lacey, were active in Center Congregational Church in Meriden, Connecticut, where they raised their three sons, Keith, Craig and Bruce Cowing.

Cards of Sympathy may be sent to: Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067. Donations in his memory may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

June 10

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

(Children's Sunday/no church school)

11:00 am **Coffee Hour**

June 11

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

June 12

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-Noon

7:00pm **Council**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

June 13

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-2PM

9:00am **Breakfast Club**

7:30pm **Choir**

June 14

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-2PM

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

June 15

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Chapin Hall

Monday

Fiorilli Rm

Sanctuary

Tuesday

Fiorilli

Room 6

Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop

Sanctuary

Thursday

Room 22

Chapin Hall

Friday



11 John Goff III
13 Mo Wyman
15 Bob Carberry

Please send your articles for the July/August edition of the Church Mouse to:
office@rhccucc.org

The Church Mouse

*Little Scholars Preschool
is now closed for the
Summer!*



UCC Conference June 11-12: Our Office Manager will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday attending the 50th Annual UCC Secretaries Gathering in Massachusetts.

RHCC ANNUAL REPORTS will be available in the Narthex on June 10 and 17.

Our Annual Meeting will be held after worship on June 17.

Visit our new website! www.RockyHillUCC.org

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, Buffalo Wild Wings, 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, Walmart
Grocery:	Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on June 17.

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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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

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