

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



June 12, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday

Fourth 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

“The Gift of Love”

Currie/Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Church school students and teachers

Leader: Drawn by God's presence...

People: ...we gather

Leader: Inspired by God's spirit...

People: ...we worship

Leader: Empowered by God's grace...

People: we live

Leader: Opened by God's love...

People: ...we share

All: Let us come together today and celebrate life as part of God's family.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

***HYMN** “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

1. *He’s got the whole world in His hands (four times)*
2. *He’s got the sun and the rain in His hands (three times)*
He’s got the whole world in His hands.
3. *He’s got the itty bitty baby in His hands (three times)*
He’s got the whole world in His hands.
4. *He’s got everybody here in His hands (three times)*
He’s got the whole world in His hands.
5. *He’s got the whole world in His hands (four times)*

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Thank you, God for all of your many blessings. We are surrounded with your goodness and mercy every day. We come to you today as a group of people who are all very different. We are different ages, skin colors, and personalities. You have made each one of us different and unique, yet we are all welcomed with open arms into your family. Help us to remember to extend that welcome and love to all those who enter and surround our lives. This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray by 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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION Heifer Project International
Nicolis Alessi, Ben Rolfe, Will Rolfe
Big Fluffy Dog Rescue

Anthem: "Siyahamba" South African Freedom Song
The Choir, Children and Congregation
Craig Cowing, Dave Hall, Michael Bower and Children, percussionists

(The congregation is invited to join in singing the final verse: " We are singing for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.")

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 11:1-18 2nd to 5th graders

SKIT "Cornelius Becomes a Christian"
adapted from *The Family Story Bible* by Ralph Milton

HOMILY "Welcome" Middle School Youth

***HYMN** "Love, Love, Love, Love"
used by permission: Yohann Anderson

*Love, love, love, love
Christians, this is your call:
Love your neighbor as yourself,
For God loves all.*

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

Liz Reed-Swale

*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

Pre-K to 1st graders

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

BACCALAUREATE BLESSING

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.

Bless these graduates as they now finish their course of study.

We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.

Strengthen their many talents and skills.

Instill in our graduates a confidence in the future you plan where the knowledge they have gained will be used for the good of all people. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN

“O For A World”

New Century (black) 575

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Variations from Organ Concerto Set 1, Op. 4, No. 1 Handel

The flowers are given in loving memory of
my Grandmother, Marvie Baize by Natalie Tine

The Tower is Lit in loving of memory of all the fathers and grandfathers
who are with us in spirit.

LITURGIST

Church school students and teachers

USHERS

Victoria Bower, Molly Morgan, Julia O'Connor, and Brian Speers

HOSPITALITY

Lynn and William McKenna

A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUNDAY

Worship leadership is provided today by the children and youth of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School. This year several of the units in church school focused on acceptance, on being the family of God, and on hospitality. We explored what it means to love and welcome others, even as God loves and welcomes us. The children and youth offered their thoughts and reflections which have been incorporated throughout today's worship service. The "slide show" on Heifer International was solely and completely created by Will Rolfe and Ben Rolfe.

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	4:30pm	Youth Group Pool Party
Sun. June 19	10:00am	Strengthen the Church Offering
	11:00am	Father's Day Coffee Hour
Sun. June 26	11:00am	Second Hour: Governance

■ Middle School Youth - Faith Formation

■ **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! Held at Kathy Morgan's home.



Thank You, Teachers!

Assistants:

Denise Carberry
Julia O'Connor
Victoria Bower
Brian Speers
Sherry Silkowski
Bay Tran
Jean Goff
Anita Hawkins
Deepa Joshi

Lead Teachers:

Jeannie Alessi
Candy Smith
Kristy Solie

Kathy Morgan
Sue Speers
Liz Pulling
Kari McCaw

Nancy Rolfe
Liz Reed-Swale
Christine Kainamura
Steph Heneghan

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

The RHCC church family extends congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the following 2016 graduates:



Mark Sheehan from Kingswood Oxford School.

Meagan and Emily Grandell from Northwest Catholic High having earned High Honors every semester. Emily will be studying Bio-Medical Engineering at UConn. Meagan will be studying Occupational Therapy at Quinnipiac University.

Maley Hunt with Summa Cum Laude honors from The George Washington University, Washington, DC with a Master of Health Administration degree.

Joe Malespini from Penn State with a Mechanical Engineering degree. He will start working for United Technologies as of June 1, 2016.

Deb Copes with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Hartford.

Each year, the RHCC Trustees grant **college scholarships** to deserving students based upon church and community involvement, demonstrated scholastic achievement, financial need, and submission of an application. The scholarship grants are funded by church endowment funds, which are restricted for this purpose. The following five students have been awarded college scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year: **Gregson Curtin, Jack Malespini, Sarah Anne Mosure, Joseph Sheehan, Mark Sheehan.**



Church Mouse

Submission deadline for the July/August issue of The Church Mouse will be Wednesday, June 15 and the mailing date will be Monday, June 27 We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org. Thanks.

From the Trustees –

Volunteers needed on Saturday, June 18th – time tbd, to help move furniture out of the church school classrooms on the 3rd floor, in preparation of the floors getting refinished. Contact Jim Stevens. Many hands make light work!

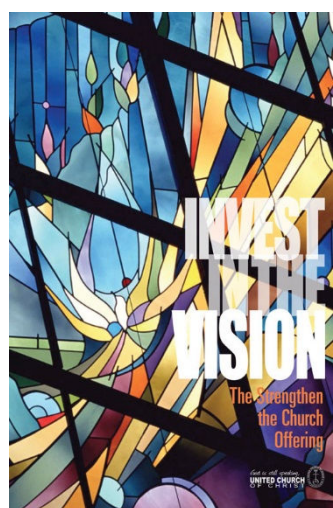


RECYCLE AND HELP OTHERS

Donate your old eye glasses to the Lion's Club to help others. A collection box is in the church office hallway.

Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls Friday June 17 – 7pm.

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!



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.***

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.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
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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 Kunzelman	Ralph Lexa	Tom Schreier
Richard Somes	John Sword	James Ussery Jr.	Frank Vann
Stewart Sprague	Mo Wyman	Richard Starr	

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.



NEW CHURCH GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION



The Organization and Governance Small Group has been meeting and hosting second hours/information sessions to review our work to date. This small group will be hosting a second hour directly after service in Chapin Hall on **June 26th** to discuss and review the proposed draft of a new organizational framework. This 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.

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.

"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.

Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!! Summer Coffee Houseand Fiesta!

We are so delighted that Bobby Jo Valentine is coming back to RHCC-UCC this summer. Last June, Bobby delighted a packed Chapin Hall coffeehouse with his special talent for songs from the heart. Talented, engaging and authentic, Bobby's gentle and humorous style will touch your heart. He now has a new album out, so he has even more to share. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, July 22nd** and join us for a great evening of food (of course!), sharing, humor and deep connection.

A south-of-the-border themed dinner will be served between 6:15 and 7:30 (come any time during that timeslot). The coffeehouse music will begin at 7:30.

*While there is no charge for this event, your free will offering will be donated to Hearts Over Latin America. *HOLA is a humanitarian organization run by UConn undergraduates. Its mission is to provide sustainable improvements in the quality of life of underserved communities in Latin American while fostering global leadership among students." Our own Sarah Mosure was one of the founding members of HOLA and has made several humanitarian trips to Latin America during her UConn career.*





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



REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR MISSIONS

We are a Global Mission Church Here...Near...and Far.

This year the Board for Missions streamlined activities while still providing support and resources for the community. The congregation has been committed and steadfast in your support of the mission and ministry of RHCC. Your prayers and contributions have allowed the Board for Missions to represent RHCC as one of outreach and service.

Listed below are some of the items we were able to accomplish together:

- As always, the 2015 program year kicked off with the Foodshare Walk Against Hunger where we had a small, yet faithful team backed by the support of the congregation.
- We were able to provide support for communities in immediate need, within our country and globally. In June of 2015, we donated to the UCC International Disaster Relief Fund to support victims of the earthquake in Nepal. In addition, we were able to make donations in February and March to support the Flint Water Crisis in Flint, MI.
- The congregation received a letter from Clemence, our scholarship student in Rwanda as she prepared to graduate. Hearing from Clemence as she moves on to the next chapter in her life highlights the mission and ministry of RHCC and our dedication to building committed relationships here, near and far.
- In November, we held a clothing drive to benefit the teenagers of our Covenant to Care liaison. As always, our church's generosity helped to cloth many that would have gone without warm clothes and coats. Teenagers at are a time in their life when self-expression is so important and many children in the DCF system do not have the ability to express themselves through their clothes. RHCC helps the physical and emotional well-being of these children when they donate clothes.
- At the church fair, we sold jewelry, arts and crafts made by women and men in Haiti through the Apparent project. The items sold helps empower the people of Haiti by giving them a source of income.
- The 'March of the Toys' returned in December with Hartford Seminary's toy drive as the recipient for the many toys (over 100) that the congregation bought and selflessly gave.
- In January, we collected diapers during the epiphany project for Diaper Bank. Over 120 packs of new diapers were donated to keep babies and toddlers clean that would be at risk for infection and unintended neglect.
- In late January, we provided funds for food for high school youth group to serve a meal at Center Church, The 1st Church of Christ in Hartford.

- In February, we welcomed Michael Joseph, Global Ministries missionary in Colombia for a dinner where Michael spoke about his important and on-going work with the people of Colombia.
- Our Easter offering was donated to support the work of Michael Joseph & The First Church of Christ in Hartford as a demonstration of our commitment to our local community and our greater community in the Americas and the world.
- In April, we sponsored a taco luncheon for HOLA (Hearts over Latin America), a missions group located at UCONN that designs projects that will have a sustainable impact on underserved communities in Latin America. A group of students, including Sarah Mosure (a past Board of Missions member) spoke about their work on a past mission trip to Guatemala.
- In addition to our hands on work, the board of missions was able to financially support a wide variety of programs and organizations. We have provided financial support to: Hands on Hartford, Back Bay Mission, Operation Fuel, Rocky Hill Food bank, Volunteer Care Teams of Rocky Hill, Hawkwing, True Colors, Christian Activities Council –Adventures in the City, Adelbrook, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Operation Fuel, Mercy Housing & Shelter Corp., Interval House, Families in Crisis, Silver Lake Scholarship fund and the Fundacion Sor Dominga Bocca. Through these organizations, we are working to fight against hunger, homelessness, domestic violence and child abuse. We are supporting LGBT youth, Native American families, children and families in our global world and in our community a walking distance away.

This coming year, we welcome Anita Hawkins and say good-bye and thank-you to Lisa Eleck. We retain all of our other current members.

This coming fiscal year, we are excited to look for more ways to support our global and local communities and come together to learn about and pray for those in need wherever they may be.

Your Board for Missions

Kari McCaw, Chair

Wendy Ware, Secretary

Kathy Morgan, Treasurer

Lisa Eleck (outgoing board member)

Anita Hawkins (new board member)

Cindy Hunt

Bob Inderbitzen

Marge Murk

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 12

10:00am **Worship**

4:30pm **Youth Group Party**

June 13

7:00pm **LSP Board Mtg**

7:00pm **Women's AA**

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

June 14

7:00pm **Council Meeting**

7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

June 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:00pm **Pilates w/Caroline**

June 16

7:30pm **Men's AA**

June 17

7:00pm **Harmonic Healing**

June 18

Work Day Classroom Floor Prep

Sunday

Sanctuary

Monday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Loft

Tuesday

Fiorilli

Room 25

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapel

Saturday



June 12	Douglas Goodrich
	Cheryl Connor
June 15	Robert Carberry
June 18	Betty Stedman
(June 9	Julia O'Connor)

We'll hold our Summer worship in air-conditioned Chapin Hall during July and August 10:00 a.m.



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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