

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



June 21, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine Some

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts
to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Disturb us, Lord.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Ever-living God, you are like the sea:
Powerful and endless,
yet soothing and constant.
God of the quiet places, God of the stormy seas,
we gather in your calming presence.
Let us feel you refresh us
as we gather near your waters
to wade in the possibilities of life
that you offer us this day.
Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts.
Let us hear your promise to us in Christ’s whispered, “Be still.”
And in our stillness, let us know within our whole selves
that you and you alone are our God.
God in Community, Holy in One,
hear us as we pray as we have been taught,

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**



COMMISSIONING OF DEACONS

Victoria Bower, Bob Carberry, Gail Hall

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

setting by Jack Schrader

The Choir

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

“Have a Little Faith”

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

*HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

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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

“Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling”

by Thew Elliott

Victoria Bower, Soloist

*Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a mem'ry long grown dim,
crying from creation's moment seeking voice from deep within.*

*I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame.*

*Now I see you all around me, now I hear you call my name.
Now I speak the words you give me, now I feed creation's flame.*

*You are speaking through my pain. Now I feel you moving in me, and I'll never
be the same.*

*Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free,
I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me!*

Now your love defines my longing.

Now your love shines through my pain.

Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation's name!

*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

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

Joys & Concerns

Recognition of Great Grandfathers

Bob Carberry, Deacon

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

ORDER FOR TIMES OF PASSAGE: Farewell

Michael Bower & Kathy Morgan

Greeting

Remembrance and Recognition

Giving and Sharing Symbols

Ending an Authorized Ministry, Recognition of the End

Leader: In August 2009, Meghan Young first came to RHCC as Director for Christian Education, and in October 2010 was subsequently called as Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation.

*Pastor Meghan: I thank Rocky Hill Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ,
its members and friends,
for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 6 years.
I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made.
I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.*

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Vows of Release

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, release the Rev. Meghan D. Young from the duties of Action Associate Pastor for Faith Formation?

Congregation: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

Congregation: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you, Meghan, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Meghan: I do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Pastor Meghan: I do, with the help of God.

Prayer

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. We give you thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared in the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared in worship, in learning, in fellowship. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***THE PRACTICE OF 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**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

Printed in Bulletin

***SUNG PRAYER**

“Old Irish Benediction”

setting/additional words

The Choir with Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

by Don McKeever

*As you move along life's journey, and the road winds up and down,
And you find that there are steep, long hills you'd rather walk around;
Know that others walk there too. On that hot and thirsty climb,
When you wonder whether you're all together in body, soul and mind.*

*Know that Jesus walked there too.
And that God did see Him through,
Oh, that you may find there God's love divine there,
Just waiting there for you.*

*May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine soft upon your face,
May the rain fall soft and without lack.
And until we meet again,
As God alone commands,
I pray that God will hold you gently
In the palm of God's hand.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Elaine Somes

USHERS

Victoria Bower, Louis Drenzo, William McKenna and Candace Smith

**The flowers are given in memory of Alvin Hummel
by the Sue VanNess, John Hummel and Alvin Spegt families.**

**The Tower is lit this week in memory of
Arthur Murk and Mayne Pittsinger by Marge Murk.**

**NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 28
CANDIDATING SUNDAY**

**The Rev. [name redacted for internet version], Pastoral candidate will lead
worship.**

Special Congregational Meeting to follow.

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 28, 2015 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Settled Pastor Search Committee to call the Reverend [name redacted] as our settled Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

RECOGNITION OF GREAT-GRANDFATHERS

In honor of the great-grandfathers of our congregation, the Deacons have made a donation to "Honor Flight New England," an organization that arranges for trips to Washington DC for veterans, so that they may visit the national monuments. Their address is PO Box 16287, Hooksett, NH 03106

Phone 603-518-5368

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Rudy Burgess

Neal Cox

David Dean

Bob Hamilton

Bob Hansen

Joe Kunzelman

Ralph Lexa

Tom Schreier

Richard Somes

Richard Starr

John Sword

James Ussery Jr.

Frank Vann

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner
Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

*S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming for preK – 5th Grade will begin on Sunday, July 12.
Programming will also be available on July 26, August 9, and August 23.*

IMPORTANT EVENTS THIS WEEK

June 26	5 p.m.	All Church dinner with Rev. [name redacted], pastoral candidate
	7 p.m.	Coffeehouse concert with Bobby Jo Valentine
June 27	11 – 2	Brunch for committees, boards and Council members with Rev. [redacted] at the home of Steph Heneghan

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning July 1st – August 31st
Office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Fridays

Messages may be left on voice mail which will be checked frequently.

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 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



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!



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.

Today is the deadline for placing orders for gift cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning, or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by Sunday night. Cards ordered this weekend will be available for pickup on Sunday, June 28. The next ordering deadline will be the last Sunday in July (July 26), so plan accordingly.

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, Bonefish 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

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Church Website: rhccucc.org

Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: The Rev. Meghan D. Young
meghan@rhccucc.org

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Mitsey Baker office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

June 21

10:00am **Worship**

June 22

7:00pm Women's AA

June 23

6:00pm Community Event

June 24

9:30am **Quilters**

6:30pm Pilates w/Carolyn

June 25

7:30pm Men's AA

June 26

5:00pm **All Church Dinner**

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

7:00pm **Coffee House Concert**

June 27

11:00am **Memorial Service**

11:00am **Leadership Brunch**

3:00pm Wedding

Sunday

Sanctuary

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Room 24

Wednesday

Rm. 6.

Chapin Hall

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapin Hall

Sanctuary

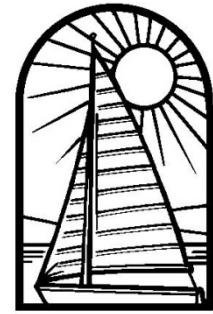
Chapin Hall

Saturday

Sanctuary

Off Site

Sanctuary



Happy Birthday

June 21 Glenn Hunter
22 Jack Pawlich
Gail Hall
Frank Murray
24 Philip Carpenter Jr.
Douglas Toft
25 Kirsten Fulda
26 Aiden Montana
27 Arthur Peterson
Nancy Robbins

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.

**The July-August Church
Mouse will be mailed**

out on

Tuesday, June 30th

9:30 in the Fiorilli Room.

All help is welcome.