

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community

*O
Come,
Holy Spirit,
Come awaken us!
Come, Holy Spirit,
Come stir in this place!
Come like wind, gather us up,
Come like fire, into our hearts.
Come with the peace of a dove,
With the quickness of a word,
With the power of a prayer,
With the rhythm of song.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Come
and
awaken
us!*

June 29, 2014 ~ 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 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. **S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming** is available today for Pre-K - 5th Grade, following the “Message for All Ages” in the Fiorilli Room.*

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 pew racks (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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

The Spirit of God gathers the people of God
in its power –

and we listen for the sound of new winds blowing.

The Spirit of God gathers the people of God
in its delight –

and we watch for the new life it wants to give us.

The Spirit of God gathers the people of God
in its mystery –

and we trust the peace that surpasses our understanding.

May the Spirit call us into new life this day,

empowering us for the future that is on its way.

*HYMN

“Creator God, Creating Still”

printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Like the rush of a wind, like the light of a flame,
like the peace of a dove, like the heart of God...
your Spirit finds us and touches us, Holy One -
and then we are not the same.

May it be so with us today!

We pray as Jesus prayed, as we also say together:

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:



Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!

Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

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



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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation

Questions of Commitment

*Welcome of the Congregation

Friends, we welcome you with joy
into the life of this church.

We promise to you our friendship and our prayers
as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, within us and among us,
may we continue to grow together
in the knowledge and love of God,
and faithfully witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer

SOLO

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Paul Baloche

John Hoffman, soloist

Arr. Lloyd Larson

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

“New Winds Blowing” The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

*HYMN

“Come, O Spirit with Your Sound”

printed in bulletin

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

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here



Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

printed in bulletin

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

USHERS

Anne Louise Griswold, Bobbie and David Hawkins

The flowers are given in loving memory of
our grandparents by Michael Bower and Bob Inderbitzen.

We welcome Gail Tanguay as our guest pianist this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome two new members this morning.
Jeremy Thompson and Betty Schako.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

Join Us Today for S.P.I.R.I.T. Programming!

(Parents: Pick-Up your child in the Fiorilli Room)

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer programming today focuses on “Favorite Bible Stories”. S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer programming, for children in Pre-K through 5th grade, will be offered again on Sunday, July 13th.

LESSON → Favorite Bible Stories: Jacob’s Ladder

Scripture: Genesis 27–28

Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story: (1) Memorize this week’s Bible Verse, Genesis 28:15; (2) God forgave Jacob, supported him in his despair, armed him with confidence, and continued to use him to fulfill God’s promise. Share a time when you experienced forgiveness; (3) God’s love is always with us. When have you felt God’s love? Carry around a stone to remind you of God. Keep it with you all day. Whenever you see God’s love in the world, rub the stone as a reminder.

Prayer for the week: *God, your love is always with us. Help us to listen to your Word, and follow it. We are so glad that you will love us, no matter what we do. We are so glad that you are with us wherever you go. Amen.*

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee or email them at RHCCchildcare@gmail.com for more information.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Volunteers – If you are interested in helping with any of our summer programming, please email Meghan at meghan@rhccucc.org. Volunteers are needed for 8/10, and 8/24.

It's Coming: Koinonia 2014!

"Jesus, the Storyteller"

An intergenerational Vacation Bible School for the whole church family!

August 25th–28th

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner provided. Freewill donations accepted.

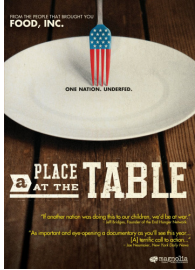
Mark your calendars and sign-up in Chapin Hall or by emailing

meghan@rhccucc.org.

Small Group Ministry at RHCC:
Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Join a small group to explore and enrich your faith in new ways!

Mission & A Movie:



A Place At The Table.

Sunday, July 13, 12 PM – 2:30 PM

Chapin Hall

Hosted by Missions & Faith Formation

50 Million Americans – 1 in 4 children – don't know where their next meal is coming from. A Place at the Table tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, A Place at the Table shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides – as they have in the past – that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all. Join us for a viewing of A Place at the Table, and a conversation with a panel of homeless individuals from Hartford about issues of homelessness and hunger in our community and how we can work together to end hunger.

A Place At The Table – Part 2: Serving Our Neighbors

Saturday, July 19

7 AM – 11 AM

Center Church in Hartford, CT

Join us as we prepare and serve a meal to the homeless and low-income population in Hartford. 6–10 Participants needed. *Sign-Up in Chapin Hall or email Meghan@rhccucc.org.*



July 13 through August 24: Summer Sermon Series

"Living Stones: Imagining the Future of the Church"

A series of sermons meant to engage us together in imagining how, and reflecting on why, the church might move forward – in a time very different from the past.

July 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Peter 2:1-10 "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..."

What would it mean to be a church of living stones, letting ourselves be built by God, not our own hands, a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices?

July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14 "The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones...He said to me 'Mortal, can these bones live?'"

What would it mean to truly believe God can breathe new life into our dry bones? What would it mean to be a church, willing to go through the noise, and rattling, and growth, as God's spirit breathes life?

July 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday

Members of the congregation will lead worship.

Romans 12:1-8 "Don't be conformed to the world, be transformed by the renewal of your minds... We are like one body, with many parts but not all with the same function."

What would it mean to be a church with a presence in the world that is not just like the world, and where a variety of gifts are discovered, used and welcomed?

August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

Acts 17:22-34 "The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands."

Jesus said nothing about "Church" as an institution, but much about faith and love. What would it mean to be a church not tied to the bounds of membership and building, but living by Jesus' great commission to go and make disciples?

August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 3:1-16 "One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer...And a man lame from birth was being carried in...And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them, but Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.'"

What would it mean to stop and look up as we dash to our "temples" (jobs, committee meetings, resume building activities, etc.) and offer the love of God, recognizing that God calls us to be in the world?

August 17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 " 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, for all peoples,' says God, who gathers the outcasts. 'I will gather yet others besides those already gathered.'"

What would it mean to understand the church as primarily a "house of prayer," and God as a God who means to gather in the ones who aren't here yet?

August 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 5:1-11 "Jesus said to Simon, 'Push out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' It was no sooner said than done – a huge haul of fish, so many it strained the nets."

What would it mean to understand our core purpose as the church to be about depth, our main task as "going deeper"?

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.

As previously announced, the end-of-June scrip order deadline will be deferred until July 13, with delivery on July 20. Please plan accordingly.

Today we continue to have a variety of cards in inventory from more than 35 different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase this morning, including (but not limited to):

Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

Fast food: Burger King, Chipotle, McDonalds, Subway

Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco

Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Marketplace, Whole Foods

Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens

Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, On the Border

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Marshall's, Staples, Target, Walmart

See Deb Copes at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

THINK SCRIP!

The Reverend Dr. James Christopher's 50th Anniversary of Ordination celebration

will be held on the 29th of June, 10:30 a.m. at Bayside Christian Church, UCC in Virginia Beach, VA. He was previously interim minister of Rocky Hill Congregational Church. Greetings may be sent to baysidecucc@gmail.com

The web site is www.baysidecucc.org

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

June 29

Sunday

10:00am Worship

Chapin Hall

5:00pm Noah's Table

June 30

Monday

7:00pm Women's AA

Chapel

July 3

Thursday

7:30pm Men's AA

Chapin Hall

July 4

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning June 30th - August 31st

Office hours will be

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays

STAFF VACATIONS

Mitsey will be away from June 30 - July 9.

Brenda will be away from July 11 - July 22 and July 30 - August 13.

Meghan will be away from July 2 - 11 and July 21 - 28.

Mary will be away from June 23 - June 28,

July 21 - 27. and August 11 - 24.



HAPPY



June 29

Lynn Webster

Jaye Veley

Riley McLean

July 1

Russell Sheathelm

3

Rich Pawlich-

Pagliccio

Maxwell Rowe

4

Anthony Marcucci

5

Adella Buswell

Janice Rousseau

Thomas Reed-

Swale

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**Will not meet
until September.**

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS

During the next few weeks (from June 30th until July 9th) there will be limited office hours due to vacations. Messages may be left on voice mail which will be checked frequently.

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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

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