

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**July 10, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Eighth 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

“Prelude No. 7 in B Minor”

by Robert D. Vandall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barry Wilcock

Leader: We come to experience the living God.

People: **Like weary travelers, we come to rest.**

Leader: Like empty jars, we come to be filled

People: **Like wounded warriors, we come to recover and be reassigned.**

Leader: Like kindling, we come to be set ablaze.

ALL: **Whatever our hope, may God do holy work in us.**

*HYMN

“There Is A Name I Love To Hear”

New Century (black) 52

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, touch us deeply in this sacred hour,
so that the places where we hurt can be healed,
the vision we may have missed will be seen again,
and the challenge we may have side-stepped can be taken again.
Fill us in this hour with Holy Spirit,
with joy and power for every day of this new week, 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE

NC 750

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving stepwise to D5, then a half note G4, and ending with a quarter note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, D3-F3-A3, and G2-B2-D3.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second musical system is identical in notation to the first, with the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third musical system is identical in notation to the first two, with the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

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



ANTHEM

"How Can I Say Thanks"

by Andrae Crouch

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:13-20 and 3:1-4

Pew Bible NT 176,180

SERMON

"Desperate for Good News! For Hope!"

The Rev. John Afman

*HYMN

"O Mighty God When I Survey In Wonder"

New Century (black)35

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

"Amazing Grace"

arranged by Jay Althouse

*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 CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer

“More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1)

NC 456

1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the

Refrain
prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” New Century (black) 472

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Prelude No. 4 in F Major”

by Robert D. Vandall

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

Bob Inderbitzen, Bea Donahue and Bob Simmons

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*Special thanks to the **Reverend John Afman**, our guest minister this morning,
And to **Melody Hall**, for leading us in music today.*



*The tower this week is lit
in loving memory of
Michael Tine
by Gail and Natalie Tine*

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	10:00am	Kids' Summer Sunday School in Chapel
Sun. July 17	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
Sun. July 24	10:00am	Kids' Summer Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall



The icon for JULY is by Antonello de Messina, an Italian painter of the late 1400's. It depicts Mary at the Annunciation alone, as she absorbs what she has just realized. Stop by for some quiet reflection in the Weil Chapel during July!

The display case outside the church office has been transformed into a beautiful sea-faring work of art by one of our members. Stop by to see it. If you had donated your cross for the previous display, please pick it up in the office on Sunday or during office hours. Thank you.



Pastor Craig will be organizing a confirmation class along with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Faith Formation. Please contact him if you would like to learn more. We hope to start in the fall.



We will have Summer Sunday School on the following dates:
July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21.
All ages will meet together for a brief lesson and mission-related activity, in air-conditioned classrooms. If you are able to help teach, lead an activity, or be a second adult in a classroom, please contact Georgette Huie or Kathy Morgan.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue (bigfluffydogs.com) is a charitable organization dedicated to helping giant mixed breed dogs in need. While they value dogs of all breeds, they specialize in what the name says: **big, fluffy** dogs. Their headquarters are in Tennessee but, they have volunteers in several states in the South and New England who work to help homeless big fluffy dogs find a home to call their own.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue works to save Great Pyrenees, Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands and their mixes from euthanasia. Their dogs come in to rescue for many different reasons. Many were abandoned at high kill shelters in the South. Some were turned in by owners who could not properly care for them and still others are failed livestock guardian dogs.

Regardless of their origins, the goal for every dog they have is the same: a safe, happy home where each dog is a well-loved member of the family.

The items we will be collecting over the next several months are:

- Dog crates (used in working condition are fine)
- Towels, comforters and bed linens
- Dog food and treats
- Toys
- Cleaning products

There will be a bin in the back of the Sanctuary, or large items can be brought to the Church Office.



Flower Memorials



If you are ordering flowers to be delivered for Sunday Worship, please tell the florist our building is locked on Saturday. Flowers should be delivered on Friday between 9am and Noon when the office is open. Thank you.

WELCOME VISITORS

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. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



Please contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone or email. Office@RHCCUCC.org or 860-529-4167.

We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to office@rhccucc.org. Don't forget to follow us on facebook and share our event for **Bobby Jo Valentine Fiesta and Coffeehouse Concert on July 22!**

www.facebook.com/rhccucc



Want to get in shape and relieve stress? Join the Pilates Group with instructor Carolyn Phillips in air conditioned Chapin Hall every Wednesday at 6pm. Drop ins are welcome. For more info visit: FitBehavior.com or call 860-869-4877.

Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!!
Summer Coffee Houseand Fiesta!
FRIDAY, JULY 22!

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 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 time). 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.*





October 22

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Country Fair

Rocky Hill Congregational Church
805 Old Main Street

Snack Shack

"Once Again" Quilt Raffle

Entertainment by singer/songwriter Liz Reed

Featured Shops

White Elephant Shop

Jewelry Shop

Farmers Market

Tea Room (opens at 11:00 am)

Holiday Shop

Candy Shop

Sew Country

Kid's Corner

Bake Shop

Antiques & Collectables

Silent Auction (closes at 2:00 pm)



Roast Beef Dinner & Quilt Raffle Drawing

Saturday November 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Tickets \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children - Children under 4 free

Reservations are required

Tickets can be purchased at the Fair

or call the

Church Office at (860) 529-4167

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 kept in inventory will be submitted on July 24.

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** or **Deb Copes** 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

July 10

10:00am Worship

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 11

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 12

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

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July 13

9:30am RHCC Breakfast Club

6:00pm Pilates w/ Caroline

Wednesday

Bob's Cafe

Chapin Hall

July 14

9:30am Healing Hands Harmony

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

July 15

7:00pm Sound Healing Tibetan Bowls

Friday

Chapel



10	Ruth Jensen Sean Mullins
12	Scott Benson Paul Laporte
15	Anna Gau Heather Lizotte Dave Sageman
16	Maley Hunt Doug Robbins

Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls
Friday, July 15 at 7pm with Rev. Craig Cowing.

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind.

Singing bowls developed in the region of Tibet a long time ago. These instruments have been found to positively affect the body on many levels. The vibrations soothe the nervous system and invite the release of tight muscles, stress, anxiety, PTSD and depression.

Research has found that soothing sounds can actually alter the brainwaves that are produced. The sound of singing bowls definitely has that effect. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!



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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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