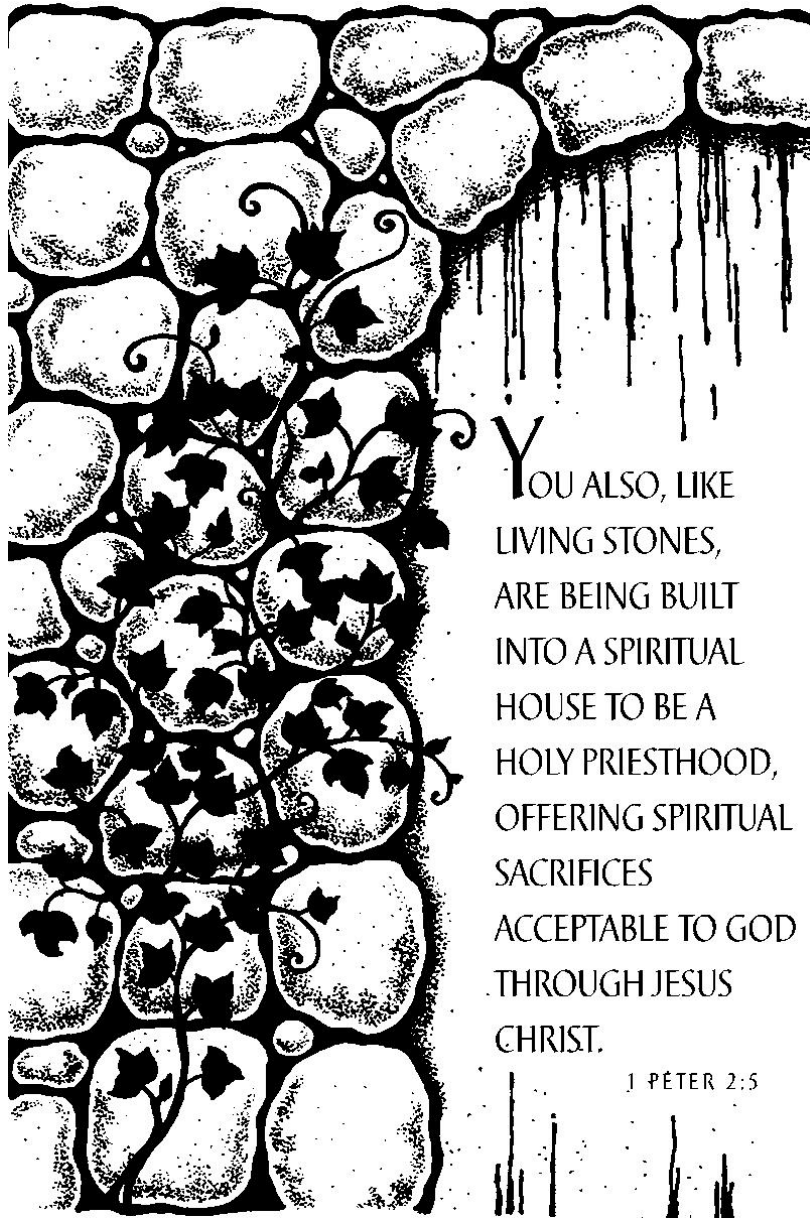


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



YOU ALSO, LIKE
LIVING STONES,
ARE BEING BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE TO BE A
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
OFFERING SPIRITUAL
SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5

July 13, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fifth 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. **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. 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

Meditation on "Land of Rest"

Anthony Giamanco

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Judy Graham

We are God’s household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

our hearts a shelter for the outcast;

our hands open to the stranger.

We are God’s people, created in the divine image:

to tell others of God’s love,

to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

We are God’s children, called to give of ourselves:

chosen to serve the lost and lonely,

gifted to minister to a hurting world.

*HYMN

“O Praise the Gracious Power” (verses 1-5)

printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You O God, are our Way:

you call us to celebrate your peace, in the face of oppression,
to celebrate the seed of faith, planted in the doubts of our hearts.

You O God, our Life:

would have us celebrate those who love us,
in the midst of hurt and hatred.

You O God, our Truth:

you teach us to celebrate our new life
in the gift of the Risen Lord;
to celebrate the grace of your heart which melts our fears.

Once, we were nobodies, alone and hopeless.

but by your mercy, Living God,

we are now a family.

When the Way leads us home to you our Truth,

when your Life gathers us with our sisters and brothers,

we sing glad songs of praise to you forever.

Our Way, our Truth, our Life,

we lift our prayers to you, 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.

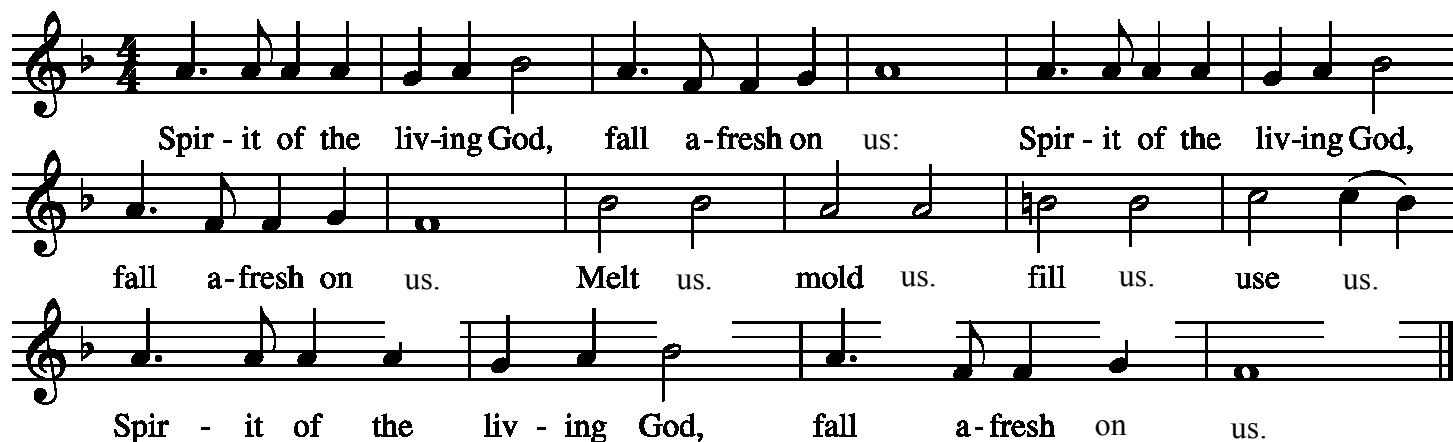
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts

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



Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on us: Spir - it of the liv-ing God,
fall a-fresh on us. Melt us. mold us. fill us. use us.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on us.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

(Children PreK – 5th grade are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming)

“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.

ANTHEM

"Church Sonata in F"

Mozart

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Flute, Gail Hall, Clarinet

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 2:1-10

SERMON

“Living Stones”

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

*HYMN

“Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers”

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

"Amazing Grace"

Katie Hoffman-Fulda and Gail Hall

*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

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" printed in bulletin

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Atkins/Moore

The flowers are given in loving memory of
father and husband Ralph Tennyson by Joan Tennyson.

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 27th.

LESSON → Favorite Bible Stories: Samuel Listens

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-19

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, 1 Samuel 3:9; (2) God speaks to us in many ways – how many of them can you list?; (3) Share times that you have experienced God's love and acceptance. (4) Brainstorm and do a family service project.

Prayer for the week: *Thank you, God, for always listening to our prayers. Thank you for the Bible and stories that help us know what you want us to do. We know you call us to love and serve others. Amen.*

NOAH'S TABLE – TODAY

Noah's Table is meeting tonight from 5 PM – 6:30 PM. We will gather for food, fun, and fellowship. Please RSVP with Diana Hellyar.

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: TODAY!



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 about 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.

Small Group Gatherings:

SALT.

Tuesday, July 15

7 PM – 8 PM, Chapin Hall

Join us for a short film, followed by a discussion. Through beautiful, deeply spiritual, films made by the SALT project, we will more deeply explore our faith. SALT is a not-for-profit project dedicated to reclaiming and sharing the beauty of Christian life through film, photography, music, poetry, and ideas. SALT aims to build up a community of conversation and resource-sharing that, like salt itself, preserves and seasons the best and most beautiful of the Christian tradition. *No preparation necessary.*

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

The Christian Activities Council, family and friends of the **Rev. Edwin Ayala** will be honoring him on **Thursday August 7, 2014** at The Pond House, Elizabeth Park, Hartford.

The Reception begins at 6:00pm.

Dinner will be at approximately 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person.

It goes without saying what an outstanding Associate and Executive Director the Rev. Ayala has been. Please contact Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio after services or at 860-257-8177 for tickets.



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 is TODAY (July 13), with delivery next Sunday. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table, or emailed to treasurer@rhccucc.org by the end of Sunday. Note that the next scrip order will not be placed until the end of August, so this is your last opportunity to get non-inventoried cards for almost 2 months.

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: Bonafish 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 Gail Hall at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

THINK SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

July 13

10:00am **Worship**
10:00am **S.P.I.R.I.T.**
5:00pm **Noah's Table**

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli Room

July 14

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapel

July 15

4:00pm Lodge Service

Tuesday

Lodge

July 16

9:30pm **Quilting**

Wednesday

Room 6

July 17

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

July 18

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- July 15 Dave Sageman
Heather Lizotte
Terry Wine
Emily DiMartino
Scott DiMartino Jr.
- 16 Dpouglas Robbins
Jocelyn Harvey
Anne Vazquez
Maley Hunt
- 17 Brandon Knight
- 18 Kari Cary
Donovan Alferi
- 19 Lynn McKenna

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

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

Meghan will be away from July 21 – 28.

Mary will be away from July 21 – 27.
and August 11 - 24.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**Will not meet
until September.**

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Friday closed

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

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