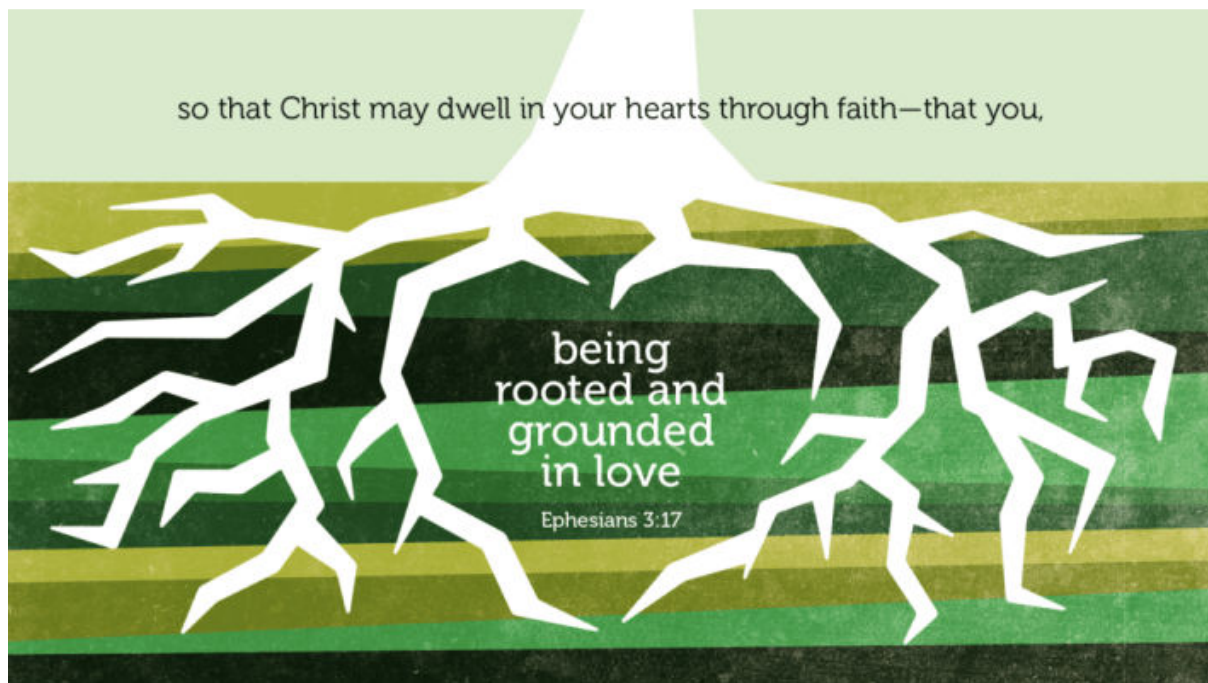


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**July 29, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Tenth 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

“Let My Words Be Few”

Redman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Bower

L: We join together to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

All: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

L: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread
and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine,
tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

All: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

L: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready
to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

All: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

PH 228

***Bold** type denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God,

We thank you that you provide us with our daily bread. Nourish us today that we might bring the sustenance you give out into the world that all may know your care. Help us to be stewards of the many gifts you give, that we may share them with others. We ask this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray 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 "Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You" v.1 NCH510

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

“Arms of Love”

MW Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

Rooted and Grounded in Love

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

NCH 596

(Requested by Jean Goff)

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to receive prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

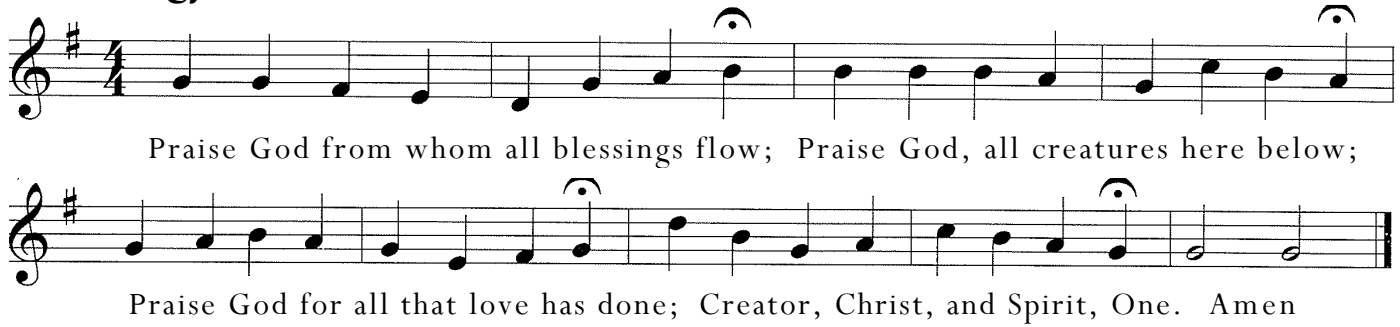
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory Anthem

“All I Ever Have to Be”

Chapman

***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

Sung Call to Prayer “Be Still and Know that I am God” (NCH743)



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that



I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“What a Covenant”

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“My Utmost for His Highest”

T Paris

GUEST ORGANIST

Janet Schneider

LITURGIST

Victoria Bower

USHERS

Dave and Bobbie Hawkins

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Pasqual Accardo, by Deanne Accardo*

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship.



ICON OF THE MONTH –AUGUST

Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel.

The Icon of the Month for August is another Madonna and Child, this one by Leonardo da Vinci. It is known as the “Madonna of the Yarnwinder,” referring to the yarn winder that the baby Jesus is holding and contemplating as a cross. Leonardo painted this devotional painting around 1505. It is not an icon in the Eastern Orthodox sense but is still very much a devotional painting.



WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.



Bible Study this Fall

Pastor Craig will lead a three or four part bible study on the lost gospel of Q. “Q,” short for the German word “quelle,” meaning “source,” is a very early gospel embedded in the gospels according to Matthew and Luke. It was one of the sources that the authors of Matthew and Luke used in addition to their own sources for the Christmas story and some parables, and also the Gospel of Mark. This early gospel may date from as early as 50 AD, less than two decades after the time of Jesus. When extracted from Matthew and Luke and read on its own it gives a very interesting picture of Jesus and his teachings. We hope you’ll join in this special bible study. Dates and times will be announced in September. Meanwhile, please speak to Pastor Craig if you are interested.



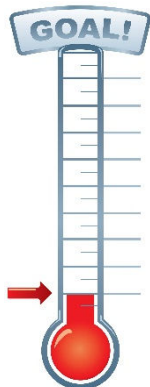
BACKPACK DRIVE!

This summer, we will once again support our Covenant to Care liaison, Allison, by providing backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Please consider donating the following items to help children stay in school. Please do not provide used items unless they are in “like-new” condition. We will be collecting items through August. Thank you! Heather Collins, Ministry Team for Missions.

Collecting: Backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, #2pencils and folders. Erasers, pencil boxes, glue sticks, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, non-permanent markers, rulers, small tissue packets and crayons.



We’re updating our records: Please contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone or email. Directories are available in the office. New Directories will be published in September. Contact us at: office@rhccucc.org or 860-529-4167.



Appeal to Support Graduate Studies for Zulu Lemtur!

Help us reach our goal of \$1K, to qualify for matching gift of \$2K from RHCC.

Donations may be payable to RHCC with ‘Zulu support’ notation.
See article in this bulletin for more information.

RHCC Fall Country Fair – Needs

As you are cleaning out surplus stuff in the next few months, I am requesting donations for my fair booth. This year I'm trying Something Different...and I could use the following:

- Candles: new & used, tapers, tea lights, & votives
- Baskets
- Vases / Vase liners
- Planters / Pots
- Mugs
- Small tables / Plant stands



Questions? Contact Hilaire Leavitt at 860-529-3814 or halx@rcn.com. Thank you!



Do you love knitting or do you want to learn? The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Denise Carberry with questions.



Child Care during worship is available in the nursery, Room 4 from 9:20am to 11:30am, supervised by Liz Pulling and another adult. We are also seeking adult volunteers to help Liz on Sundays. If you're interested, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact the church office.

OUR WORSHIP CORE MINISTRY SEEKS COMMUNION SERVERS

The worship core ministry is looking for a few good people to be included in the new serving schedule beginning this October. Servers in the past have all been deacons or life deacons, but we would like to open it up to people who never served on diaconate. Communion each month will be led by a current member of the worship core ministry so all you have to do is bring yourself to church at 9:30 instead of 10:00am. The lead server will guide you through the process. Would you prefer to have some training in advance? We will happily do that too, probably in September. If you are interested please contact the church office or Christopher Sheehan at sheehanc@att.net or (860) 529-5151. We look forward to hearing from you!



Appeal to Support Graduate Studies for Zulu Lemtur

Many of you will remember Zulu Lemtur, who was a student at Hartford Seminary several years ago, enrolled in their International Peacemaking program. Zulu is a native of Nagaland (in the very eastern part of India), and during his year at Hartford Seminary, he regularly attended RHCC, sang in the choir, and preached one Sunday.



After earning his graduate degree from Hartford Seminary, Zulu returned to Nagaland, but has maintained contact with several church members through Facebook and email. He clearly considers our church to be his “home church in the U.S.”

Zulu has recently received a substantial scholarship to pursue his Ph.D. at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, starting in the fall. His graduate program and research will deal with “theology and peace building practices in conversation with the Indian tribal people's cultural situations and voices that join people's aspirations for dialogue and peace.” He estimates that his uncovered costs will still be approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 for the next year. While he hopes to be able to find some part time work to provide for some of these costs, he is reaching out to friends and mission organizations to help him close that gap.

We are reaching out to all RHCC members and friends to ask you to consider contributing toward the support of Zulu’s endeavors. To supplement individual giving, two separate RHCC funds – the Helping Hand Fund and the Special Mission Fund - have each committed to match up to \$1000 of individuals’ gifts on a 1-to-1 basis. So, if we can raise \$1000 through individual gifts, our church can provide a total of \$3000 toward supporting Zulu.

Gifts will be accepted through the end of July, and should be payable to Rocky Hill Congregational Church, noted as “Zulu support.” Our collective gift will then be presented to Zulu in August. Zulu is deeply grateful for any support we can provide toward his goal of getting his PhD in Peacemaking. Zulu says “Please convey my greetings to all the members at RHCC. I miss you all and miss my beloved Choir too”.

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:

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Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco

Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens

Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's

Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, 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, Walmart

Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

Today (July 29) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, August 5. After today, the next order will be placed on August 26 (with delivery on Sept. 2). A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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.

Stop by 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 29

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**

July 30

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

July 31

7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

August 1

August 2

9:30am **Music Together**
7:30pm **Men's AA**

August 3

Set up for worship

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli Rm

Tuesday

Room 6

Wednesday

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapin Hall



30	Mark Biglow
30	Chris Palazzolo
30	Jaclyn Elliot
30	Sarah McGowan
1	Jeannette Doane
2	Lynne Lataille
2	Kathy Mosure
3	Jennifer Kelley



Looking for something you left behind?
Check the Lost & Found Boxes in
Chapin Hall and near the back entrance.

Summer Church School: Sundays at 10:15am
August 5 & 19
September 2
In Room 24 – Air Conditioned!



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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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