

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**July 31, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Eleventh 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

“Flute Song”

Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Bower

Leader: O give thanks to our God who is good,
Whose steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The people God loves have been gathered in
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no safety,
Hungry and thirsty.

People: **In their trouble they cried out to God
who delivered them from distress.**

Leader: Let us thank our God for steadfast love
for all humankind.

People: **For God satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

**All: O give thanks to our God who is good,
Whose steadfast love endures forever!**

*HYMN

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

New Century (black) 504

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Holy God, we gather this day
to give thanks for your steadfast love
and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people
into communities of safety, justice and peace.
With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into your image:
generous, compassionate, welcoming.
Baptized into Christ,
we seek to love all of our sisters and brothers
with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference
and extends the hand of peace to strangers.
Send your Spirit among us
and inspire our imaginations and wills
in the things that make for peace,
for we pray in the name of Jesus, 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

NC 750

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' for the first and third systems, and 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.' for the second system.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SOLO

“Twenty-four Hour Prayer”
Val Triblets, soloist

Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

Pew Bible NT p.64

SERMON

“Where’s Your Treasure?”

The Rev. Craig Cowing

***HYMN**

“Before Your Cross, O Jesus”

New Century (black)191

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

“Offertoire”

Charles Chauvet

*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 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” New Century (black) 493

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Postlude” Leon Boellmann

LITURGIST

Michael Bower

USHERS

Anita Hawkins and Steph Heneghan

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Aug 7	10:00am	Worship with Communion Kids' Summer Sunday School Childcare during Worship
Sun. Aug 14	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall <i>Baptism of Matthew E. Bacon</i>

On July 31, August 7, and August 28, Child Care during worship is available the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We are pleased to re-introduce this important ministry of Welcome and Hospitality to families attending our services with infants and toddlers.



Welcome our new Church Child Care Provider

The Personnel Committee, Board for Faith Formation, and Church Council are pleased to welcome Liz Pulling as our church's new Child Care Provider. Liz will help provide child care during Sunday worship in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We are pleased to re-introduce this important ministry of welcome and hospitality to families attending our services with infants and toddlers.



Liz and her family have been members of our church since 2001 – and she's a familiar face to many of our children and families. Parents and guardians are encouraged to stop-in to say hello to Liz before or after worship. She'll be pleased to meet you and your children. You can accompany your children to the nursery before or anytime during worship.

During the next few summer weeks, Child Care will be offered on the following Sundays: **July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 28.**

We are also seeking adult volunteers to help Liz on Sundays—to ensure we have 2 adults present in the nursery. If you're interested in volunteering to help Liz, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

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.





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!

In Loving Memory
of those who are forever
present in our hearts.



Cards of Sympathy in Memory of **Warren Carpenter** may be sent to: Gladys Carpenter, 42 Sawmill Rd, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Donations in his memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or to the Rocky Hill Fire Museum 35 Church Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Funeral services were held on Saturday July 30 at Rocky Hill Congregational Church.

For online guest book please visit www.brooklawfuneralhome.com.

Cards of Sympathy in Memory of **Joseph Tokarski** may be sent to:
Linda Tokarski, 39 Buttonball Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033.



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 any questions.

RHCC Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 25th



This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th at the Wethersfield Country Club.

We are planning for up to (8) foursomes and tee times will start about noon. Details of cost and tournament format will be available about a month before the tournament.

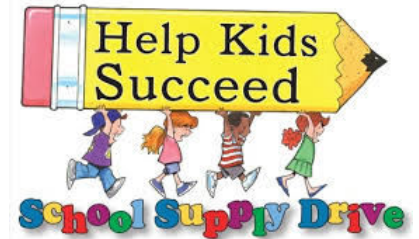
A sign-up sheet will be available in Chapin Hall in September, or you can contact Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot. Don't miss out on this fun event!

Summer Backpack Drive

This summer, we will once again provide backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Teenagers are most in need of school supplies. Items needed are:

Colored pencils, spiral notebooks, compass, drawing pads, erasers, file folders, rulers, pencils and sharpeners, highlighters, stapler & staples, binders, filler paper and backpacks.

You can also donate gift cards (Think Scrip!) and the supplies will be purchased. The final date for collection will be in August. Items can be left in the Missions office or Church Office. See Kari McCaw with any questions.



Country Fair News

The Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 9am to 3pm.!



If you would like to donate something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. For donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner we ask that it be clean and in good shape. Being a volunteer is a great way to see the fair, if you want to volunteer but can't stay the whole day that is not a problem. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.

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 August 28.

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** 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 31

10:00am Worship

10:00am Child Care

Sunday

Chapin Hall

Room 4

August 1

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

August 2

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Fiorilli

August 3

6:00pm Pilates

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

August 4

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

August 5

Friday

August 6

Doris Schreier Memorial Service

1:00pm Calling Hour Parlor

2:00pm Service Sanctuary

3:00pm Reception Chapin Hall

Saturday



31	Douglas Graham
1	Jeannette Doane
2	Lynne Lataille
	Kathy Mosure
3	Jennifer Kelley
6	Ed Bacon
	Samantha Behlman



Longtime member and beloved friend, **Doris Schreier** passed away peacefully on July 12. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, August 6th at Rocky Hill Congregational Church. A calling hour with the family will be held in the Parlor from 1-2pm. The service will begin at 2pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in Chapin Hall. Cards of Sympathy may be sent to: Thomas Schreier, 15 South Pembroke Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109

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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

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