

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,
as God in Christ
FORGAVE YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32

August 12, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth 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

“Peace Prayer”
Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

by Kevin Keil

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Hall

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

L: O God, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

L: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits:

**All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

L: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

**All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

***Bold** type denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

God of healing and transformation,
we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.
we bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;
we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;
we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here.

We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way,
that we may we be one with you.

In Jesus’ name we pray as he 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

SOLO

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Michael Bower, Baritone; Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 4:25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

SERMON

“Learning Christ”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“It’s the Old Ship of Zion”

NCH 310

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

***Doxology**



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



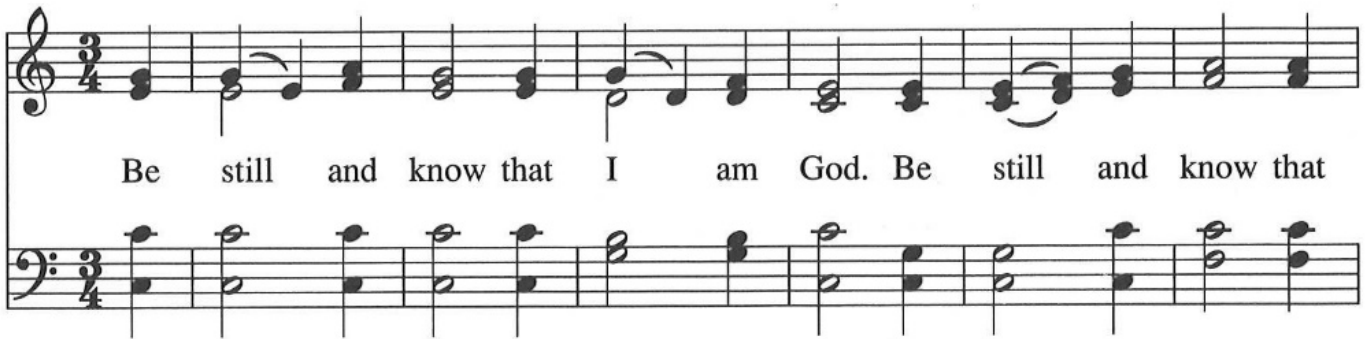
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

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



Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

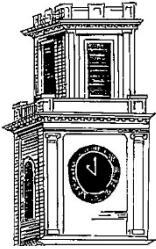
Dave Hall

USHERS

Bob Inderbitzen, Marge Murk

HOSPITALITY

InReach



*The Tower is lit this week
in loving memory of Gladys & Ed Carberry
by Bob & Denise Carberry*

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship.



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.



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 do not provide used items unless they are new or "like-new" condition.

Collecting backpacks and supplies for:

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



We will be collecting items through August 26th. Thank you!

Victoria Bower awarded Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship

Mr. Fuller was born in Hartford August 23, 1873, and died March 1, 1957. He attended public schools, and was always interested in helping students obtain the education that he had not been able to enjoy himself. The scholarship, given to a member of the United Church of Christ/Congregational Church, is administered by Trinity College. Victoria will begin college in August at the University of Arizona, in Tucson. Congratulations!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:



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 for updates about worship and events!

The submission deadline for the SEPTEMBER issue of The Church Mouse will be **Wednesday, August 15** and the mailing date will be Monday, August 27.

We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org.

Snail Mail vs. Email: If you would prefer to receive the monthly Church Mouse newsletter by email (PDF attachment) instead of a printed copy in your mailbox, just notify the office at: office@rhccucc.org

Weekly Email Announcements: If you are not receiving our weekly email, please send an email to: office@rhccucc.org

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. Training and help will be provided! If you are interested, please contact the church office or Christopher Sheehan at sheehancole@att.net or (860) 529-5151. We look forward to hearing from you!



RHCC Golf Tournament - Sunday, September 16th

Save the date for this year's Fall RHCC golf tournament at the Wethersfield Country Club. Tee times will start about 12:30pm. Details of cost and tournament format will be available soon. For info: Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot. *Don't miss out on this fun event!*

ICON OF THE MONTH

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.



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.

Happy Birthday to Rev. Craig L. Cowing!
August 11th



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
- 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

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on August 26, with cards available for pickup on September 2.

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

August 12

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

August 13

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

August 14

4:30pm **Little Scholars Parents**
7:00pm **Scholarship Committee**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

August 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

4:30pm **Little Scholars Parents**

August 16

7:30pm **Men's AA**

August 17

Office Closed
Youth Group Mission
Set up for worship

August 18

Youth Group Mission



Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Preschool Rm
Fiorilli Rm
Room 6

Wednesday

Preschool Rm

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Fiorilli/Parlor/Rm24
Chapin Hall

Saturday

Hartford



11 Craig Cowing
12 Deb Copes
13 Steph Heneghan
13 Kim Walker
13 Gary King
13 Taylor McLean
14 Rhody Triblets
14 Carol Baran
15 Tia Sheathelm
17 Joyce Toft
17 Denise Carberry
17 Molly Morgan



Newsletter Deadline!
The submission
deadline for the
SEPTEMBER issue of
The Church Mouse
will be Wednesday,
August 15
Send your articles and
photos to:
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BIBLE STUDY GROUP STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

On three evenings in September Pastor Craig will lead a bible study on the early gospel known as "Q."

The dates are September 6, 13, and 20 at 7:30 PM.

We will meet in the Fiorilli Room.

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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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