

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**August 28, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourteenth 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

Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

All: God, our Host, welcomes us.

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

All: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

All: a feast for all-- freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

New Century (Black) 89

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

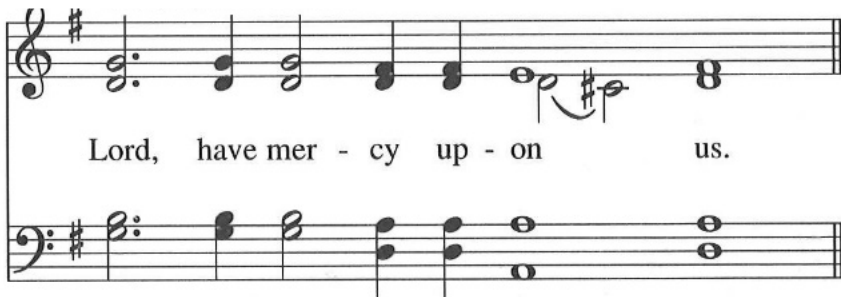
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*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet
where the last may be first,
and the humble and the mighty trade places.
Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!
Send your Spirit now
so that we may find a place at your table
and welcome others with hospitality.
In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray,
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

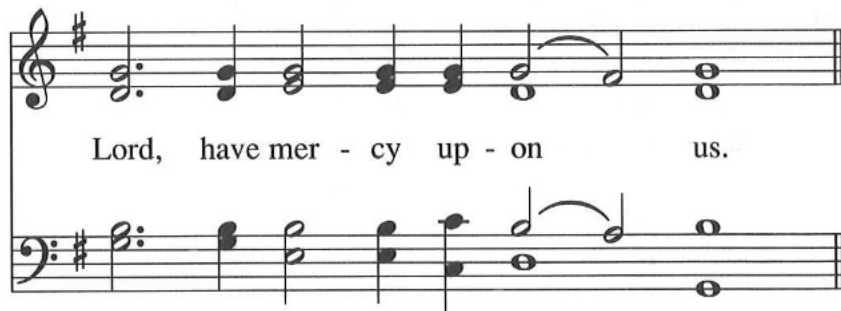
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

“Here I am, Lord”

Liz Reed-Swale and Ruth Fitzgerald

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:12-24

Pew Bible NT p67

SERMON

“God’s Invitation”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

New Century (black) 173

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

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Performed by Liz Reed-Swale and Ruth Fitzgerald

*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

“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**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

New Century (black) 76

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Peace”

Liz Reed-Swale and Ruth Fitzgerald

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Bob Inderbitzen

USHERS

Steve Smith and Deb Copes

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*Today's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Paul A. Tine, Jr.
by his daughter, Natalie Tine.*



*The Tower is lit in loving memory of Paul A. Tine Jr. (Father and Husband)
by Natalie and Gail Tine.*

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
	10:00am	Childcare in Room 4
Sun. Sept 4	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
		Communion
Sun. Sept 11	10:00am	Re-covenanting Sunday

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship



The Icon for August is from the late 1400's in Crete. It depicts Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene on Easter Morning. Stop by for some quiet reflection in the Weil Chapel.

On 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.



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.

Rally Day/Re-Covenanting Sunday September 11

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the church year! After service, all parents may sign up their school-age children for the new church school program! And join us in Chapin Hall for a special lunch, sponsored by the Board for Faith Formation.

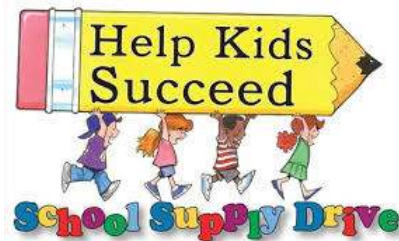


Summer Backpack Drive

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.



RHCC Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 25th



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

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

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!

The Monday Morning Mailers will prep the September issue of the Church Mouse on Monday, August 29 in the Fiorilli room at 9:30am. Join us!



Newsletter

My *peace*
I give unto you
Let not your *heart*
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.



John 14:27



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINFIELD
519 NORWICH ROAD, PLAINFIELD CT 06374

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE WITH FREE TOURS OF
THIS HISTORIC LANDMARK
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 FROM 11AM - 4 PM

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING RESTORATION FUND ARE APPRECIATED
RSVP by email: cathiebeau66@gmail.com

The First Congregational Church of Plainfield is a beautiful 200-year-old example of a Federal-style stone church. It was built in 1816 and designed by [Ithiel Town](#), a major American architect of the early 19th century. The building's columns, portico, and Classical cornice are characteristic features of New England meeting houses of this period. The stone was locally quarried.

The Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 because of its exceptional architectural distinction, even though churches are normally excluded from the listing. It is also listed on the Connecticut State Register of Historic Places.

The building has historical significance as an important community institution. In the 1700s, a meeting house had to be established along with the town. Our Church, created in 1705, was the town's first meeting house.

Today the building's prominent central location, its visually striking stonework, its age, and its high-style architecture make it a local landmark not only for members of its congregation but for the whole town.

Our Restoration efforts will focus on repairing and improving our historic church by:

- Repairing the roof framing, exterior wood eaves, portico and steeple
- Rebuilding a portion of the chimney and selective re-pointing of the stone facades
- Upgrading the electrical system and refinishing the basement with classrooms
- Repairing the Pipe Organ



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!

www.facebook.com/rhccucc



RECYCLE AND HELP OTHERS

Donate your old eye glasses to the Lion's Club to help others. A collection box is in the church office hallway.



HONOR LOVED ONES

DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the flower calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167).

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. All are welcome here.



New Members Are Joining

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



We are very excited to be having the Children's Booth back again as "Kids Corner". It will be operated by Holly Alessi, she is planning to sell toys, and play games. There will also be cotton candy sold. Also planned is a costume contest for the categories of scariest, prettiest and most original, plus a parade led by Liz Reed Swale. We will also have the pleasure of having Liz Reed sing in Chapin Hall.

The fair will be on 3 floors, the 3rd floor will have a White Elephant room, Antiques & Collectables and Sew Country (which will have all things sewing, knitting, etc.). On the 2nd floor will be the Tea Room, The bottom floor will have the Silent Auction, Kid's Corner, Holiday Shop and Jewelry. In Chapin Hall will be the Candy Shop, Bake Shop, Farmers Market and the Snack Shop.

The "Once Again" quilt will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win the quilt. The Quilt drawing will be held the same night as the Country Fair Dinner on November 5th at 5:30pm. Tickets for the dinner will be available during the fair and also be contacting the church office at (860) 529-4167.

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. I am sorry but we will not come and pick up. 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.

Booth Chairpersons:

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| Silent Auction: Elaine Somes | 563-4099 |
| Kid's Corner: Holly Alessi | 680-3163 |
| Holiday Shop: Lynn McKenna | 836-0961 |
| Jewelry: Bea Donahue | 529-8687 |
| Candy Shop: Candy Smith | 563-4488 |
| Bake Shop: Don & Polly Pagnucco | 563-3233 |
| Farmers Market: Ruth Jensen | 563-4617 |
| Tea Room: Sue Starr | 529-3150 |
| Sew Country: Nancy Rolfe & Anita Hawkins | |
| Antiques & Collectables: Nancy Harlow | 529-4214 |
| White Elephant: Bob Carberry | 563-8311 |
| Snack Shack: Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi ... | 529-3652 |



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

Today is the deadline to order cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table this morning or emailed to treasurer@rhccucc.org by tonight. Orders placed by today will be available for pickup next Sunday, Sept. 4. After today, the next order will be placed on September 25.

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

August 28

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
11:00am Coffee Hour
3:00pm Tamil School

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall

August 29

NEWSLETTER MAILING

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Fiorilli Room
Chapin Hall

August 30

7:00pm **Church School Teachers** Fiorilli
7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 25

August 31

6:00pm Kaplan Test Prep
6:00pm Pilates

Wednesday

Room 25
Chapin Hall

September 1

7:00pm **LSP Parent Night**
7:00pm **Events Committee**
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Preschool
Fiorilli Room
Chapin Hall

September 2

Friday

September 3

Saturday



29	Larry Gilbert
31	Lily Hill
31	Barry Wilcock
31	Doug Elliot
01	Marge Murk
02	Michael Fitzgerald
02	Maya McNally
03	Carolyn Taylor
03	Tom Fulda
03	Phyllis Wilkey
03	Bob Inderbitzen



Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend! The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4th.

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Church Website: rhccucc.org
Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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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