

**Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
Established 1727
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



September 5, 2010

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

10:00 A.M

**The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! 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 downstairs in Room 4. Children are in worship today.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Donna K. Manocchio

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship pads. Thanks to everyone who wears a name tag and helps our ministry of hospitality. All announcements should be written down and given to the pastor prior to worship.

PRELUDE

“Meditation on Joy”

by Garrett Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Barbara J. Libby

“Set Us Free”

an adaptation of a prayer by Ted Loder in *Guerillas of Grace*

* HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

New Century Hymnal #4

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

God of light and love, we gather this morning as a circle of friends within the greater circle of faith. Let your Holy Spirit weave among us today, giving us new power and strength to worship you. Speak to us through the wisdom of your Word, the mystery of sacrament, and the conversation of prayer. Teach us again the meaning and purpose of your love made flesh in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philemon 1-21

SERMON

“Love Letters”

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

A - - men,
A - men, a - men, a - - men.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are: "A - - men," on the first line, and "A - men, a - men, a - - men." on the second line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

CALL TO OFFERING

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sonata in G major Op. 20 No. 1

by Johann L. Dussek

First Movement: Allegro non tanto

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -

The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two staves, both with a treble clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the top staff, and the bass line is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;" on the first line, and "Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -" on the second line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly”

New Century Hymnal #449

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess before you and in the company of one another that we fall short of living the fullness of our faith. We fail to love you and our neighbors entirely and gladly as you ask. We are often more concerned with what others think than what you desire. Our hands have become more grasping than giving, and we turn to our possessions instead of turning to you. Forgive us, we pray, and refresh our hearts in Christ.

(You may continue your prayers in silence)

WORDS OF GOD’S ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debtors/debtors*)

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
mor - ning our song shall rise to thee; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!
mer-ci-ful and might - y; God in three per - sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to participate in the feast of God!

Please wait until all have been served before eating the bread and drinking the juice.

Gluten-free bread is available.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Bountiful God, we thank you that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

New Century Hymnal #43

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

setting by Albert L. Travis

*(*Please rise in body or in spirit)*

GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY

Inreach

USHERS

Nancy Parsons, Al and Joan Diaz

Rose Lewis, Jim Stevens

DEACONS

Stephanie Heneghan, Laurel Cole, Gail Tine, Julia Pickett

Bill White, Bill Timrud, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

The tower is lit this week in loving memory of Belinda Fiorilli by Dominic and Elizabeth Fiorilli.

NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

Luke 15:1-10

“Surprise! Surprise!”

Pastor Donna K. Manocchio

Candidating Weekend Planned for Donna and Her Family will Include:



Saturday, September 11 ~ 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Chapin Hall
Everyone--babies to adults--is invited to visit with Donna and her
husband, Dave Lewis, and daughters, Kathryn and Rose

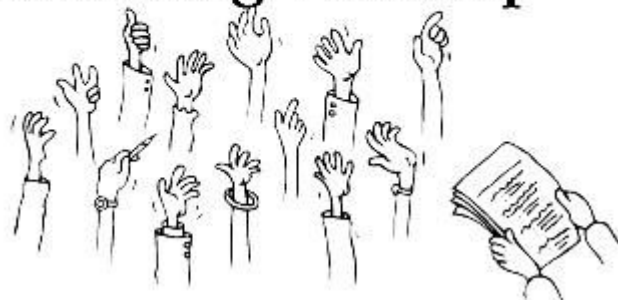
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Donna will lead worship service
Sunday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

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Congregational Meeting Following Worship



Vote to call Donna as our new Senior Pastor will be taken

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

SEPTEMBER 5, SUNDAY

11:15am **Scrip Pickup** Chapin Hall

SEPTEMBER 6, MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSE

5:30pm **Yoga** Chapin Hall

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

SEPTEMBER 7, TUESDAY

7:00pm **Board/Committee Mtgs**

SEPTEMBER 8, WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Quilters** Room 6

12:00pm **Yoga with Lynn** Chapin Hall

6:00pm **Yoga with Pam** Chapin Hall

7:30pm **Adult Choir** Choir Room

SEPTEMBER 9, THURSDAY

8:30am **Yoga with Lynn** Chapin Hall

5:30pm **TOPS** Chapin Hall

7:00pm **Fair Meeting** Fiorilli Room

8:00pm **Men's AA** Chapin Hall

SEPTEMBER 11, SATURDAY

8:30am **Yoga w/Lynn** Chapin Hall

3:00pm **Ice Cream Social** Chapin Hall



- 6 Raymond Papineau
Richard Starr
Bill White
Dorothy Bartley
- 8 Nancy Hall
Scott Janes
Mollie Engel
- 9 Eleanor Maynard
Tom Schreier
Mckayla Stewart
- 10 Eleanor Mahar
Lisa Corvo
- 11 Dorothy Gillet
Amy Wicnik
Katherine Flynn



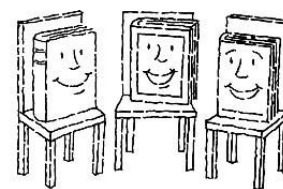
Ice Cream Social

The Senior Pastor Search Committee is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Chapin Hall.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and conversation as we introduce to you our Sr. Pastor candidate, Donna K. Manocchio.

Pick out your favorite ice cream flavors and toppings and share in this exciting event with your church family.

All are invited and welcome to gather with us!



PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY

Bi-weekly Wednesdays
10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor
Starts September 15
Read: The Cellist of Sarajevo—Steven Galloway

Choir Resumes Practice – Wednesday, September 8

Handbell Choir Resumes Practice – Monday, September 13

“The Breakfast Club” – Tuesday, September 14 at TIM HORTON’S on Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill – All Welcome! Coffee and conversation (or a full breakfast of you’d like!) and discussion about life, current events, church, and the way of faith. Call the office, or email Donna (associate@rhccucc.org)

Theology on Tap – Thursday, September 16 at 7:00pm – at The Wood-N-Tap on Townline Road, Rocky Hill –Interested in sharing questions and experiences about God and God’s presence in your life? If so, come and join with other church members and friends in the “back room” of the Wood-N-Tap restaurant. Bring a friend and see you at the Tap! Contact Donna (associate@rhccucc.org or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions, want to suggest a topic, or can join us for a gathering.

LIONS CLUB BAZAAR FUNDRAISER

ELM RIDGE PARK, ELM STREET ROCKY HILL

September 16th – 18th / Thursday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. / Saturday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church Booth Selling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Sign up in Chapin Hall to help out an hour or two call Elaine Somes 860-563-4099.

Rally Day September 19th – We welcome back our church school family. Eat tasty desserts and a put on your best pose in our fun family picture booth. If able, families should come with registration forms (one per child) or prepared to fill one out (*see form in newsletter.*)

Women of the Bible Scripture Study – (formerly “Bad Girls of the Bible”) Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in the Fiorilli Room – Thursday, September 23 at 7:00pm in the Fiorilli Room with an exploration of Bathsheba. As we seek to understand the meaning of God’s word and work in our lives and in our world. Come and pray, read, talk, laugh, and eat together!

Church School Kick-Off – **The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 26th.** Church school now ends at 11:15 am. Look out for announcements regarding the kick-off, and information about a parent’s meeting.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING – Sunday, September 26th, Chapin Hall 5:30 p.m. Catered dinner and fellowship. Cost \$10 pp. Appetizers, main dish and dessert will be served. Please sign up in Chapin Hall, and email or call Cheryl Hummel with any questions at cherylhummel@ymail.com or 860-508-2070.

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, September 12, 2010 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Senior Pastor Search Committee to call the Reverend Donna K. Manocchio as our new Senior Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

Save the Date!!



HOMECOMING/HERITAGE SUNDAY / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Come join us for a Special Sunday! 10:00 a.m. Service – Honoring 50+ Year Members and Food, Fun, & Fellowship in Chapin Hall. More information to follow. For transportation call the church office at 860-529-4167

SCRIP-SURE – SCRIP-SURE: Today is the order deadline for the next delivery of scrip.

Order forms may be turned in at church (offering plate or box in Chapin Hall), or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org. Email orders will be accepted through the end of the day Monday (Labor Day). Cards will be delivered next Sunday, Sept. 12.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ 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 in us.

Voted in by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Barbara J. Libby barblibby@rhccucc.org

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio associate@rhccucc.org

Acting Director of Christian Education: Meghan Davis Young christianed@rhccucc.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend Arthur C. Weil

Director of Music: William Kanute music@rhccucc.org

Church Office: Carol Harvey office@rhccucc.org

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