

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**September 8, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Rally Sunday**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us 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 downstairs in Room 4.

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Please include your full address, phone number and email 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.



# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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## GATHERING SONG

“Gather Us In”  
Choir and Congregation

Marty Haugen

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Hummel

Leader: O God, you are the energy that begins in our mother's wombs.

People: **You are the faith that births us  
and stretches our growing limbs.**

Leader: You are the love that is stronger than our pain of body and mind.

People: **You are the hope that overcomes death and leads us home.**

ALL: **May this service celebrate you and us who  
are blessed to know you.**

## \*HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

NCH 31

*\*please rise in body or in spirit;*

***Bold denotes unison response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, we turn to you in faith, but are not always sure of you.

We believe there is something at work inside us, a holy hunger that makes us search for you. We come to this holy place and hope you will meet us here. We have been told that you understand us better than we know ourselves, that you know what is best for us. Help us to want it. Help us to be willing to pay the cost of living our best with your help. May your Son work with us, the One who taught us to 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

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first line of the musical score is written for a two-part setting (soprano and bass). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody for the soprano part begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and Bb4, then a quarter note on C5. The bass part begins with a quarter note on G3, followed by eighth notes on A3 and Bb3, then a quarter note on C4. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the notes, with a comma after the first 'me'.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second line of the musical score continues the two-part setting. The soprano part features a half note on C5, followed by a quarter note on Bb4, and then a half note on A4. The bass part features a half note on C4, followed by a quarter note on Bb3, and then a half note on A3. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are written below the notes, with a period at the end.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

*(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)*

"We Will Keep a Place For You" by John Corrado



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

### ANTHEM

"Morning Has Broken"  
Choir

arr. Cat Stevens

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 2

### SERMON

"Wine and Work-Outs"

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

NCH 454

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

## **\*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**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **HYMN**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

NCH 282

## **BENEDICTION: A CELEBRATION OF CHURCH**

M: Eternal God, who built this church on the message of Jesus, grant that we may find in it a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power in doing Your will.

**P: We thank You, O God, for those who helped You to found this church. For all who have entered it devoutly and with prayer. For all whose spiritual agonies have hallowed it. For all who consecrated the joys of earth in its silence and song.**

M: Keep us, O God, from artificial worship. From all that is hollow, unreal and insincere. Forgive the worship that cannot laugh, and the goodness that cannot repent.

**P: Make us mindful, as we worship, of the burdens borne invisibly, of the dreams not seen but slowly formed within, of the cry for joy and the hunger for understanding, all within Your people.**

M: Minister to us through Your Word and sacrament, that we may know ourselves accepted by You, and equipped for worth living.

**P: Challenge us with new ideas; upset us with difficult commands; stretch our sympathies. Enable us to make our Church alive with the spirit of Jesus Christ.**

M: Let all the beauty we have known here reflect Your glory. Let all the truth we have found here speak Your praise. Let all the goodness we have met here bless Your holy name.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Go Out With Praise”**

**Gilbert Martin**

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**GUEST MINISTER**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**  
**GREETER**  
**HOSPITALITY**

Rev. Dr. John Afman  
Cheryl Hummel  
Sue Chatfield, Marge Murke and Chris Sheehan  
Joan Tennyson  
InReach

***TODAY**      10:00am      Rally Sunday, Sanctuary*  
*9:30am      Child Care during Worship, room 4*  
*10:15am      Church School Worship in Chapel*  
*11:00am      Church School Registration*  
*Noon              Lunch Provided by Faith Formation*



### **RHCC Golf Tournament -- Sunday, September 29th**

This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Wethersfield Country Club. We are planning for (6) foursomes and we will have a shotgun start about 1:30 PM. Details of cost and tournament format will be available soon. A sign-up sheet is now in Chapin Hall, or you can contact Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot.

Don't miss out on this fun event!

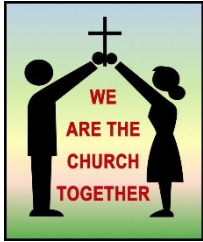


We now have an Instagram page! You can find us at RHCCUCC. Please share this info with your loved ones; Instagram can be a great way to let the community know what our church is doing.

Check in on Facebook! WiFi password is "BeOurGuest"!!







**WE ARE THE CHURCH!** Never has it been more important to remember than at the start of this new program year. Our participation in all aspects of our church and worship life will determine what we accomplish.

**Congregational Care: Inreach:** many members volunteered to assist with coffee hours and we enjoyed a nice variety of snacks after church. This is a weekly opportunity for fellowship with friends and to meet new members. Check with an Inreach member to sign up.

**Caring Team:** It will be more important than ever for church members to visit our home-bound and in-care members. Contact Wendy W., Steph or Don P. if you would like to learn more about this ministry, Contact the office if there is a member who is in need of a visit.

**Heritage Sunday** is planned for October 20th. We will honor 50 year members and hope to encourage friends and neighbors to come and worship with us. Contact Steph if you have ideas and would like to join this ministry team.

## **FAITH FORMATION – BACK TO SCHOOL!**



### **Church School**

Church School will begin on RALLY DAY, September 8, with all the children gathering in the Chapel. Regular classes will start on September 15.

### **Youth Groups**

Some reconfiguring of the youth groups will take place during September, with input from the youth and their families. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, we will start to gear up for the UCC National Youth Event (NYE) scheduled for July 22-25, 2020 at Purdue University in Indiana. This will be a gathering of around 3,000 UCC youth from around the world – absolutely loved by Victoria, Brian, and Julia who attended in 2016. Not to be missed!

*-Georgette Huie*

**October newsletter articles due by Monday, 9/16.**

**Submit to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)**



## A NOTE FROM THE MODERATOR

As summer draws to an end, we get ready to return to worship in the sanctuary, return of choir to worship and hopefully, beginning of church school classes. It is important that we continue to focus on our ministries, our united plans and goals for the church and each other. I hope we will see old and new faces in the congregation as vacation time comes to a close. There is much activity planned for the fall season from opportunities for service with Habitat for Humanity, Outreach and Witness plans and the usual fall activities including fair and Heritage Sunday.

A search committee (Michael Andonucci, Hilaire Leavitt, Don Pagnucco and Heather Wolf-Taylor) are working to fill the immediate vacancy with the best option for the congregation. Georgette and Rev. John Afman will share duties for worship on September 1<sup>st</sup> with communion as our final service of the summer in Chapin Hall and Rev. Afman will continue to lead worship through September once back in the sanctuary. He and Rev. Lisa Eleck continue to be available for emergency pastoral concerns and Rev. Eleck will conduct a wedding for the church on September 28<sup>th</sup> which had already been scheduled.

A settled pastoral search committee has not yet been formed contrary to some previous information. Council has reached out for those interested in serving to volunteer but there will not be any formal recommendations for a committee immediately and not everyone who has volunteered may be called upon. The conference has recommended a size that is representative but so large as to slow the process. This does not mean that input from the entire congregation is not welcome or necessary. We want to hear from any and all. To paraphrase from Rev. Afman's sermon on Sunday we need to all kneel together in a circle of affection but we can't stay on our knees. Please keep the Council, search committee and staff in your prayers daily as we work to continue our mission in the church and the community.

Marsha Hoffman, Moderator.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church Council

## Mission-Trip-at-Home Event

RHCC will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on Saturday, September 28 from 9am to 3:30pm

There are two homes being built at 62/66 Sylvan Avenue in New Haven. We will be helping to complete them on Saturday, September 28. We need ten volunteers who are 16 years or older.

If you are younger than 16, or not suited for construction, you can be part of the team by signing up to make and deliver lunch to the work crew!

The sign-up board is in Chapin Hall. Ideally, you will be present for the entire shift, but if not, we may be able to work something out. Sign up anyway and make a note of your available hours.

Georgette will contact you with further information and the required release forms.



The Silent Auction committee is looking for someone with a truck willing to deliver a playground to the highest bidder at the auction (see photo of playground).

It consists of a 6'x6' playhouse, a 7' high rock wall and a swing set. Delivery will be from Rocky Hill to a winner in the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill area.

Please contact Deb Copes (860-729-6541) or Sue Chatfield (860-595-6639) if you do have a truck and/or for more information. Thank you.



## 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: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **Sept. 22** (with delivery on September 29). E-cards may be ordered anytime. 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.

Think SCRIP!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01	Marge Murk	15	Gail Walker
02	Michael Fitzgerald	15	Ilona Laporte
02	Maya McNally	15	John Doll
03	Carolyn Taylor	17	Phyllis Carlo
03	Tom Fulda	19	Lori Benito
03	Phyllis Wilkey	20	Gabrielle Pierson
03	Bob Inderbitzen	21	Sandra Gau
04	Jared Maynard	22	Gayle McGowan
04	Liz Pulling	23	Steven Sudell
05	Frank Chatfield	24	Michele Jokl
07	Doretta Andonucci	24	Christina Peterson
06	Richard Starr	25	Al Diaz
08	Mollie Engel	26	Caralyn Andonucci
10	Eleanor Mahar	26	Diane Bengston
11	Katherine Flynn	27	Ellie Mahar
11	Amy Wiknik	28	Kirsten Timrud
12	James Rolfe	29	George Moore III
		29	Eric Jokl

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Dave and Bobbie Hawkins were married on  
September 24, 1960*

*Jay and Ruth Jensen were married on  
September 10, 1971*

*Rich & Mary Pawlich-Pagliccio were married on September 7, 1991*

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### September 8

10:00am Worship  
9:30am Childcare  
10:15am Church School  
11:00am Luncheon

### September 9

7:00pm Women's AA

### September 10

7:00pm Council Meeting

### September 11

9:00am Breakfast Club

### September 12

9:00am Little Scholars  
7:30pm Men's AA

### September 13

9:00am Little Scholars

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,27  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### Friday



### *RHCC Music Ministry*

We are gearing up for the fall! The adult choir, bell choir, children's choir and drum choir will be starting rehearsals soon. If you are interested in joining any of the groups, or if you play an instrument and would like to play in church, please contact Mary at [mary@rhccucc.org](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org).



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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday – Closed

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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