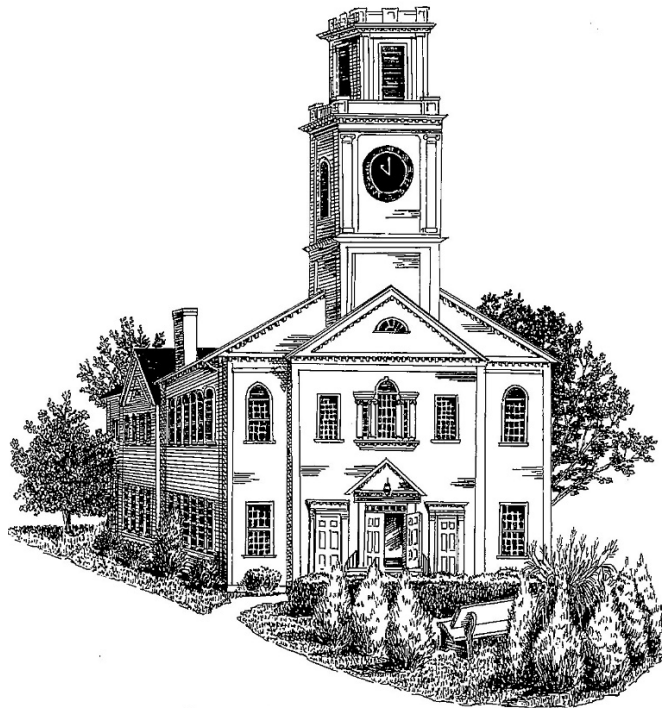


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**September 15, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# 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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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: We come to experience the living God.

**People: As weary travelers, we come to rest.**

Leader: As empty jars, we come to be filled.

**People: As wounded warriors, we come to heal and be reassigned.**

Leader: As kindling, we come to be set ablaze.

**ALL: Whatever our hope, may God do holy work in us.**

## \*HYMN

“God, You Have Set Us”

NCH 372

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

***Bold denotes unison response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spirit of Christ, hear us as we pray. Take our tentative words and turn them into songs. Help us to give you the praise our souls want to give.

Spirit of Christ, speak to us when we make mistakes. Block our excuses and strengthen our wills to grow like you in our thoughts and deeds.

Spirit of Christ, work in us. Fill us with your faithful life and loving death and mighty rising. May the words you taught us to pray bring us closer to you, as we pray them now;

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 musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me," are written below the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff starts on a G4, moves to A4, Bb4, and then has a half note G4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second line of musical notation continues in the same 3/4 time and Bb key signature. It also consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." are written below the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff features a long note on G4, which is held over the end of the line. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

## 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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 27:41-45, 28:10-17, 32:22-31

### SERMON

A Permissive God?

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

NCH 412

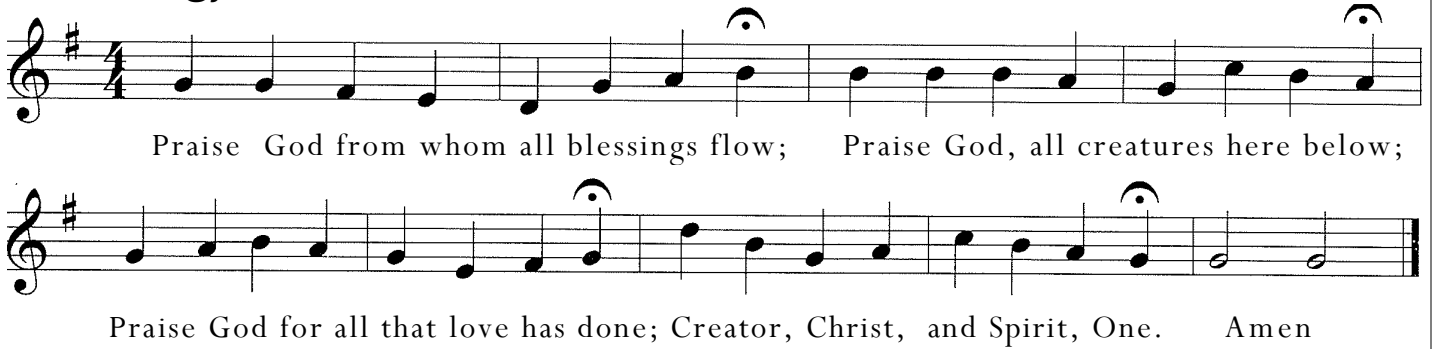
## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*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

“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”

NCH 433



## BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Choir

## \*POSTLUDE

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### GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

### USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Sue Chatfield and Wendy Ware

### GREETER

Joan Tennyson

### HOSPITALITY

InReach

*Today's Altar Flowers have been given in loving memory of my granddaughter,  
Catherine Macri by Joan Tennyson.*

*The Tower is lit this week in memory of all those affected by Alzheimers  
by Gail and Natalie Tine.*

### **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. A four-player best ball scoring format will be used. The cost of (18) holes of golf, electric cart and prizes will be \$70 per player. Details of pre- and post-round refreshments and country club dress codes will follow shortly.

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



Longtime church member Ruby Bennett has passed away at age 103.

Cards of sympathy may be sent to her daughter:

Gail Bailey, 573 E. Silver Thom Rd, Ponte Verda, FL 32081.



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”!!



## RHCC Memorial Garden and Grounds Preparation for Planting

**Saturday, September 21.**

The Memorial Garden Ministry Team is organizing a one-time work project to prepare for some plantings at the church building. We plan to plant a small hedge and perennial bulbs on both sides of the building’s front door and perennial bulbs to accompany the planters at the back door. Come and bring your favorite lawn working tools to the church at 9:00 AM Saturday, September 21st. We will prepare the planting areas that day, then plant the hedges and bulbs about (2) weeks later. No need to sign up, just show up. You can direct any questions you have to Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367).



**Save the Date!!**

**HERITAGE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20, 2019**

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will honor our 50+ year members during worship at 10 a.m. A special reception for all in attendance will be held after the service in Chapin Hall, where RHCC historical memorabilia will be on display and cake and refreshments will be served. (If you are a ‘Heritage Member’ you will soon receive an invitation to a private breakfast to be held at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor before Worship.) Join us as we celebrate our 50-year members, and our long history as RHCC! For more information, contact Judy Graham at: 860-502-7446.





**Come to the Country Fair!** Saturday, October 19, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Shopping, Silent Auction, Food, Chili Cook-off at 10:00 am followed by a Cake Auction! Crafts, Kid's Activities and more! Kid's Costume Parade and Face Painting by Catalina!

Featured Shops: White Elephant, Holiday House, Kid's Corner, Jewelry Shop, Farmer's Market, Sew Country, Snack Shack, Bake Shop, Something Different, Haunted House, Tea Room (opens at 11:00 am), Silent Auction (closes at 1:00 pm) featuring two "South African Safari for Two" packages at the Zulu Heritage Safari Lodge. Minimum bid will be \$2,500. This includes 6 days and 6 nights lodging, 3 full meals per day, and two guided game-viewing activities daily! Good for two years from auction date and any time of year. If you are interested and want more information ahead of the auction, please contact Sue Chatfield at 860-595-6639.

Start your holiday shopping at the Fair!

### ***Save the Date!***

Hands On Hartford 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Location: Hartford Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT

Ticket Prices: \$150 (includes drinks and meal). *Checks can be mailed to Kate Shafer at Hands On Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106*

Event Highlights: Will feature remarks by local celebrity **chef Tyler Anderson**, will be emceed by **Chion Wolf** of WNPR fame, with a live auction conducted by our close (and very entertaining) friend **John Merz**, Executive Director of AIDS Connecticut. The program will start with a performance by dancers from **Spectrum in Motion dance** company, dedicated to people of color and the American Experience. Event will include lives auctions and silent auction prizes.

If anyone is interested in attending, please have them either contact me at:

[thomascm@gmail.com](mailto:thomascm@gmail.com) 860-922-6210, or Kate Shafer, [kshafer@handsonhartford.org](mailto:kshafer@handsonhartford.org).

Thanks, Thomas Kainamura



The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It will be collected on October 6, 2019. It supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. It is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants to local Churches. It also supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Thank you for your generosity. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. The 2019 theme is "Love of Children".



### Join Our **Green Team!**

- ✓  Do you care about the environment?
- ✓  Are you passionate about recycling?
- ✓  Do you want to leave your kids and grandkids with clean air and clean water?
- ✓  Do you know anything about composting (or would you like to know more)?
- ✓  Would you like to know more about 'green' cleaning supplies?
- ✓  Would you like to know more about sustainable practices for our church and the greater community?
- ✓  Do you like to grow your own vegetables?
- ✓  Do you feel you should know more about food deserts and food insecurity?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, then YOU are the person we're seeking to join our Green Team. The Green Ministry Team would like to learn more about environmental issues, teach others about issues, and engage in programs and activities to help us become more aware and more "green". If you would like to be part of this important earth ministry, or if you would like to know more, please contact Heather Collins, [heathercollins2004@gmail.com](mailto:heathercollins2004@gmail.com) or Elaine Sellenberg, [elaines7963@yahoo.com](mailto:elaines7963@yahoo.com).



## 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: Bonafish 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	28	Kirsten Timrud
11	Amy Wiknik	29	George Moore III
12	James Rolfe	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*

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### September 15

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

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms  
Chapin Hall



### September 16

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

7:00pm Women's AA

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### September 17

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

### Tuesday

Fiorilli

### September 18

### Wednesday

### September 19

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### September 20

### Friday

### September 21

#### **9am RHCC Garden Ministry Team**

10am ACA Group  
Noon ACA Group

### Saturday

Fiorilli  
Chapin Hall



#### *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) or 860-529-4167.

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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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