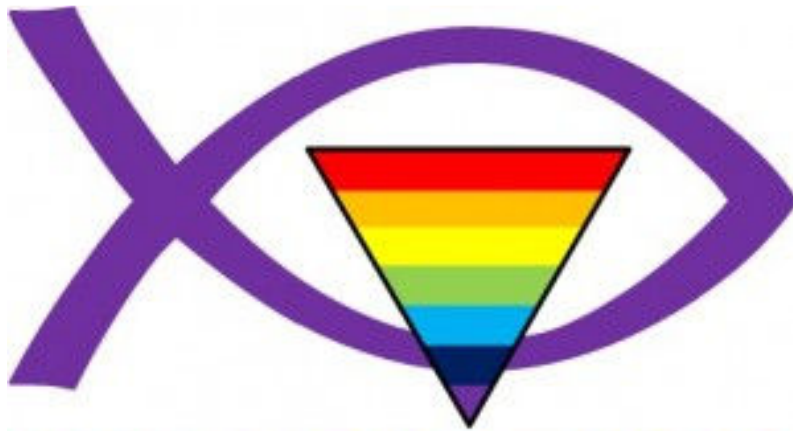


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



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**September 22, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Fifteenth 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.





## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed by your faithfulness, O God,  
make us your partners in holy work,  
bearing each other's burdens, breaking down walls and fences,  
sharing words of comfort, glimpsing larger visions and receiving  
energy to make them real for rich and poor, young and old, for  
people like us and others so different from us it scares us.  
Grant us the courage of your Son  
as we join his ministry and pray the prayer he taught us. . .

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 system of musical notation is for the vocal line. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me," with a comma after "me" and a space before "re". The bass line consists of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, C3, D3, C3, Bb2, G2.

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# 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**

“I will Arise”  
The Choir

Alice Parker

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 7:24-37

**SERMON**

“Growing Pains”

Rev.Dr. John Afman

**\*HYMN**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

NCH 394

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

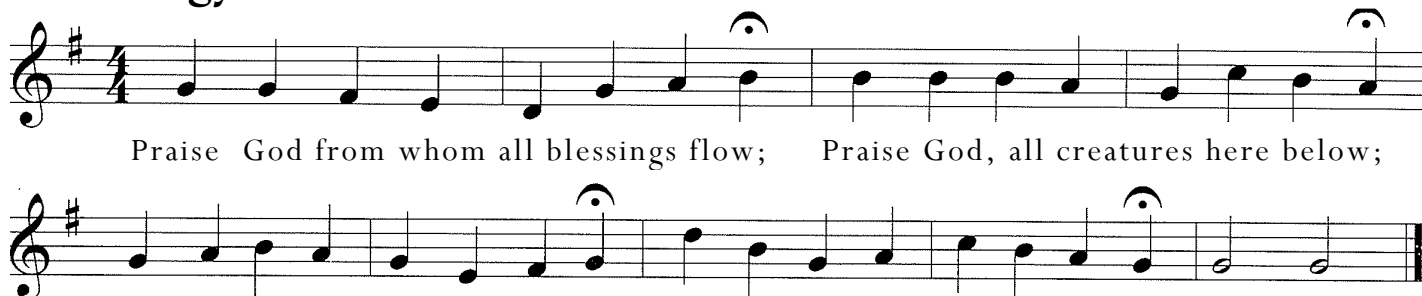
*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory Anthem**

“Jesus Calls Us”  
The Choir

## **\*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**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

NCH 400

## BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**\*POSTLUDE** Jubilation on "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Larry Visser

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<b>GUEST MINISTER</b>	Rev. Dr. John Afman
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Deb Copes
<b>USHERS</b>	Marge Murk, Steve Smith Michael Andonucci
<b>GREETER</b>	Joan Tennyson
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	InReach

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

### **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.



Instagram

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 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!



**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".



## 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.





Do you have a great homemade Chili Recipe? Great because we will be holding a **CHILI COOKOFF** at this year's Annual Church Fair!!!



- 🌶️ Enter by texting me at 203-767-1233 Cheryl Hummel
- 🌶️ Make your Chili for the Fair
- 🌶️ Share your recipe by bringing copies of same to fair (Optional)

### CAKE AUCTION

Another oldie coming back is the Cake Auction!! Do you have a specialty cake, great cake decorator or just enjoy baking cakes?? We need at least 3-4 cakes to be auctioned at the Fair.

- 🍰 Enter by texting me 203-767-1233 Cheryl Hummel
- 🍰 Make your Cake for the Fair
- 🍰 Share your recipe by bringing copies of same to fair (Optional)

**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!

## 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.

**Today (Sept. 22) is the ordering deadline** for cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, Sept. 29. After today, the next order will be placed on October 20 (with delivery on Oct. 27). 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!

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### September 22

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

### September 23

7:00pm Women's AA

### September 24

### September 25

### September 26

7:30pm Men's AA

### September 27

4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

### September 28

9am Mission Trip  
4:00pm Wedding

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### Friday

Sanctuary

### Saturday

New Haven  
Sanctuary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

22	Gayle McGowan
23	Steven Sudell
24	Michele Jokl
24	Christina Peterson
25	Al Diaz
26	Caralyn Andonucci
26	Diane Bengston
28	Kirsten Timrud
29	George Moore III
29	Eric Jokl

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Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

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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