

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**September 27, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Eighteenth 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always 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 pastors 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). Be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

"Meditation on 'Showalter'"

setting Ben Logan

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the church; you are the church.

We are the church together.

We depend on our seniors and long-time members
to remember where we came from and where we have been.

We are the church together.

We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

We are the church together.

We depend on our youth and young adults
to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

We are the church together.

We need each other to be the church.

We are the church together.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

***GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Creator of us all, we sometimes forget that we are not alone. We forget that you made us. We forget that we have had help along the way, and we forget to ask for what we need. Remind us of our own gifts, and the ways we may use them in community. In this time of worship we ask that you make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying,

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:**

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! (Last time, end.)". The score includes a final double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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



ANTHEM

"Praise Rondo"

Jan Altholz

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

N.T. p. 204 pew Bibles

SERMON

"Pray For One Another"

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

New Century (black) 505

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to the center aisle to receive 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

"Prayer"

Reinhold Gliere

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

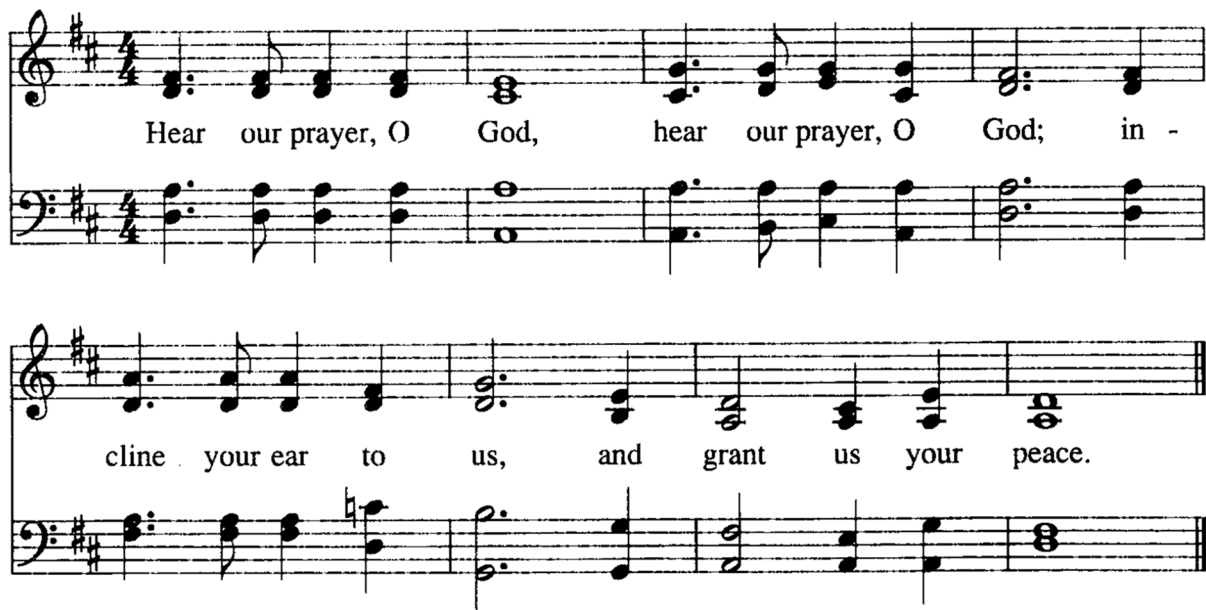
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“Renew Your Church”

New Century (black) 311

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Pastorale”

Giuseppe Sammartini

LITURGIST

Meghan Montana

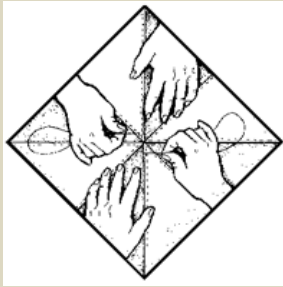
USHERS

Wendy Ware, Arianna Baret Peralta & Allan Smith, and Victoria Bower

HOSPITALITY

Jeannie Alessi and Jean Goff

**The tower is lit this week in memory of Linda Cosker
by Sue Starr**



CRAZY CHAIN, the 2015 Church Fair Quilt will receive a blessing today. Following the service, raffle tickets will be available in Chapin Hall. Do not miss the opportunity to be the winner of the FINAL fair quilt. Tickets are also available in the church office - please help us make this, our FINAL quilt raffle, a success.

COMING EVENTS!

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is called for Sunday, October 4, 2015 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To receive and act upon a recommendation from the Board of Trustees for expenditure of funds to reroof the church building.

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Join us as we celebrate our 50 year members, and our long history as RHCC! Please feel free to bring photos, mementos, and any historical items related to the church, and place them on the table in Chapin Hall that morning.



The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering of the UCC supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States will be collected on Sunday October 4. Enclosed is some information about its work.

Shhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

THE SILENT AUCTION is coming (10/24) and we want to make it bigger and better this year than it has ever been! To do that, we definitely need everyone's help. The Silent Auction committee (Gail Tine, Linda Grillo, Neal Cox and me – Deb Copes) need donations. If you are uncertain whether a donation is suitable for the auction, please call me (860-257-1099) or feel free to find me on Sunday mornings. We are happy to make donation suggestions or, if you have something in mind already, I am happy to pick items up. Donations of Scrip are always welcome – we get a double benefit when folks donate Scrip! We also need empty baskets and volunteers to help us on Friday evening, 10/23, and the day of the Fair, 10/24. Thanks so much!!



ROCKY HILL FOOD PANTRY

The seasons are changing but the need for donations to our local food bank keeps increasing. When you are shopping, please consider adding one item to your basket for a Rocky Hill neighbor. The number of families dependent on the Rocky Hill Food Pantry is growing. Clients may receive 1 bag (single person) every 21 days. The current need is protein items (**tuna, canned chicken, Spam, canned ham, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, Vienna Sausage, hash, stew**). Additionally, **coffee, tea, crackers, and breakfast items** are in short supply. **Laundry detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels and shampoos** are always needed.

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF RHCCUCC:

If you would like to join the **men's Christian fellowship study group** and /or attend a quarterly men's fellowship dinner or breakfast with a guest speaker, please contact Jim Stevens for further details. 860-632-5810, or [email js8961@me.com](mailto:js8961@me.com) or see Jim in church.



MENS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

TWO WAYS TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES

1. Light the Tower

For a \$10.00 donation the names of your loved ones will be noted in the bulletin. The tower will be lit in their honor or memory for one week.

2. Dedicate Sunday Alter Flowers

You may bring flowers (purchased or self arranged)
or you may order from a florist.

Call Kathy Mosure 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287 so that delivery can be assured. You may leave the flowers after service for shut ins or you may take them with you.

SIGN UP IN Chapin Hall



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.

Today is the deadline for ordering gift cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning, or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by the end of Sunday. Cards ordered by tonight will be available for pickup next Sunday, October 4.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries. These are then donated directly to the Food Pantry, or used to buy needed items. For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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
On the Border, TGI Fridays, Outback Steakhouse

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L. L. Bean, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,
Toys R Us, Walmart

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

September 27

10:00am **Worship**
12:00pm Golf Outing
4:00pm Tamil School

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Wethersfield Country Club
Rm 22, 23,24,25, 27

September 28

NEWSLETTER MAILING

7:00pm Women's AA
7:30PM Bell Choir

Monday

Chapin Hall
Loft

September 29

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 24

September 30

5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline
6:00pm Kaplan
7:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Room 24
Choir Room

October 1

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall



Sept. 27 Ellie Maher
28 James Ussery Jr.
29 Eric Jokl
30 Evelyn Danforth



Help Support Little Scholars Preschool
Order Little Caesar's Pizza kits
Different varieties of
pizza, bread, or cookies
Profits support the classroom
Order from the office by Thursday, October 15
Delivery is on Monday October 26 at 11:30am



REMINDER – NEWSLETTER MAILING

The October Church Mouse will be mailed out tomorrow Monday September 28th. **All are welcome** to join us from 9:30am on in the Fiorilli Room.
Refreshments provided.

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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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