

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



September 29, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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~

INTROIT

“God, When I Came into This Life”
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Sheehan

Leader: Gracious God, you know us each by name.

People: You know our dreams and deeds, our highs and lows.

Leader: We bring our hopes and hurts to this holy place.

People: Be our saving power, higher than human helpers,

Leader: Deeper than our lowest despair.

ALL: Come, O God, and bless our bodies and souls.

*HYMN

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

NCH 182

**please rise in body or in spirit;*

Bold denotes unison response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, we have sung your praise. Now we want to understand your will for our lives. We often lack the will to do it, but we seek an injection of your Spirit, so that this hour will not be wasted. Open our ears to hear you, our eyes to see your greatness, our consciences to realize what we need to do. Then give us a nudge, a sacred push. In our best moments we want what you want for us. We believe your Son can help us; he is in us with holy energy. May he do good work in us as we pray the prayer he taught, 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 melody and bass line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a slur over the final two notes. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The melody features a long note with a slur, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are written below the notes.

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Choir

setting by Roland E Martin

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 and John 1:40-51

SERMON

“How Do You Know Me?”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

*HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

NCH 351

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.

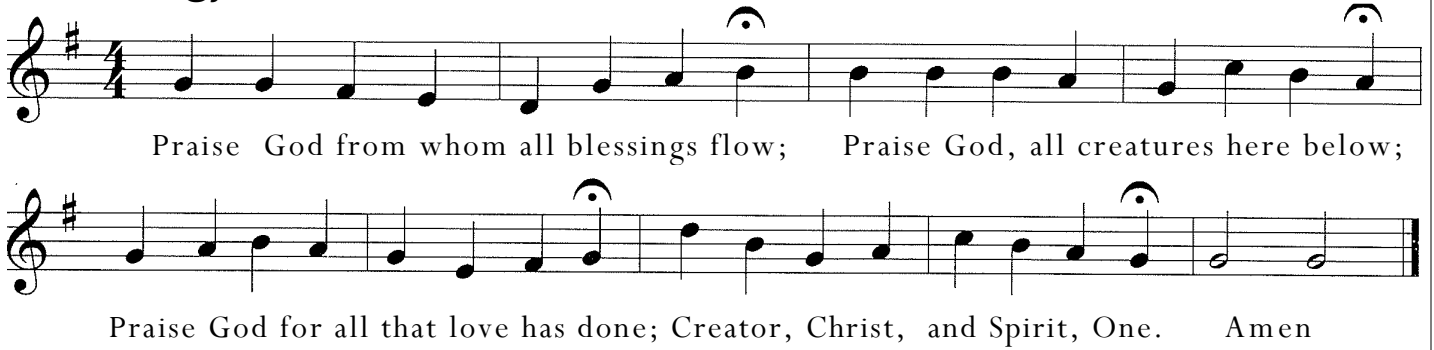
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Canon in D (excerpts)”

Pachelbel

***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

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. John Afman

LITURGIST

Chris Sheehan

USHERS

Bob Carberry, Deb Copes and Steve Smith

GREETER

Joan Tennyson

HOSPITALITY

Sue VanNess and Cheryl Hummel

*Today's altar flowers are given; and the Tower is lighted
in Loving Memory of Margaret Libera
from Lisa, Jackson & Maya McNally*



RHCC Golf Tournament – TODAY! Sunday, September 29th



This year's fall RHCC golf tournament will take place this afternoon at the Wethersfield Country Club. We will have (6) foursomes begin 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. Don't miss out on this fun event!

Sunday, October 6

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 20th, 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.





RHCC Memorial Garden and Grounds Planting – Sunday, October 6th

The Memorial Garden Ministry Team is organizing a one-time work project to complete 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 planting tools to the church at 1:00 PM Sunday, October 6th. We will purchase some bulbs and other planting materials, but feel free to bring some of your own bulbs to plant also, to make the job your own. No need to sign up, just show up.

You can direct any questions you have to Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367).

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.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **Oct. 20** (with delivery on October 27). 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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

September 29 Sunday

10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Childcare	Room 4
10:15am	Church School	Rms
11:00am	Coffee Hour	Chapin Hall
Golf Tournament		Wethersfield CC

September 30

9:30am Newsletter Mailing
7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Fiorilli Rm
Chapin Hall

October 1

7:00pm Worship
7:00pm Cedar Hollow
7:30pm Facilities

Tuesday

Parlor
Chapin
Fiorilli

October 2

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

Choir Room

October 3

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

October 4

Friday

October 5

Saturday



September	
29	George Moore III
29	Eric Jokl
October	
4	Stacy Veley



Neighbors In Need special collection on Sunday, October 6.



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"!!



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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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