

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**September 30, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth 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** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available downstairs 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 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.*

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship Team

PRELUDE

“Shenandoah”

setting by Christopher Tambling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah DeGiovanni

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

All: We are the church together.

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

All: We are the church together.

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

All: We are the church together.

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

All: We are the church together.

L: We need each other to be the church.

All: We are the church together.

***Bold type** denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Creator of us all,
we sometimes forget that we are not alone,
that you made us, that we have had help along the way.
Remind us that we are surrounded by the people you have created,
and by the many gifts you have given them to share.
Remind us of our own gifts, and the ways we may use them in
community.
Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another.
We ask 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**

“Shepherd Lead Me”

NCH775

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness, make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God, you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with four parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music concludes with a final chord in the Soprano and Alto parts, and a final note in the Tenor and Bass parts.

Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,

make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,

you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Georgette Huie

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

“God is Singing Songs of Love”
words by M.T. Winter, music by Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible NT p.45

SERMON

“Be At Peace With One Another”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Just As I Am”

NCH 207

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the minister will come down 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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Dave Hall
The Hall/Hoffman Quartet

*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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

NCH774



And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

NCH 436

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy Fletcher

LITURGIST

Sarah DeGiovanni

USHERS

Deb Copes, Steve Smith, and Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Jeannie Alessi



*Today's Altar Flowers are given, and The Tower is lit this week,
in loving memory of Margaret Libera
by Lisa, Jackson and Maya McNally*



Next Sunday, October 7 is World Communion Sunday. As a part of this recognition the worship service, including the sermon, will focus on another of the “3 Great Loves,” Love of Creation.



Neighbors in Need offering will be collected on Sunday October 7, 2018 on World Communion Sunday. This offering (NIN) is a special missions offering of the United Church of Christ. It supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two thirds are grants awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. For more information, pick up a brochures in Chapin Hall or visit www.ucc.org

Thank you for your generosity.



2018 Daily Bible Reading Guide Connecticut Bible Society



Growing With God's Word

I am like an olive tree growing in the house of God; I trust in His constant love forever and ever. -Psalm 52.8 (Good news Translation)

| SEPTEMBER Growing with God's Word in Wisdom and Strength | OCTOBER Growing with God's Word and Pursuing Justice and Peace | NOVEMBER Growing with God's Word in Thankfulness and Praise | DECEMBER Growing with God's Word in Love and Joy |
|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Mark 2.18-28 | 1 Exodus 18.1-27 | 1 Psalm 8 | 1 Psalm 24 |
| 2 Mark 4.1-20 | 2 Exodus 23.1-13 | 2 Psalm 30 | |
| 3 Mark 4.21-34 | 3 Deuteronomy 15.1-18 | 3 Psalm 40.1-11 | First Sunday of Advent |
| 4 Mark 7.1-23 | 4 Psalm 15 | 4 Deuteronomy 16.1-17 | 2 Luke 21.25-38 |
| 5 Psalm 1 | 5 Isaiah 1.1-20 | 5 Deuteronomy 30.1-20 | 3 Daniel 12.1-13 |
| 6 Psalm 2 | 6 Isaiah 2.1-22 | 6 Deuteronomy 31.9-29 | 4 Isaiah 44.1-28 |
| 7 Psalm 19 | World Communion Sunday | 7 Deuteronomy 31.30—32.27 | 5 Isaiah 45.1-25 |
| 8 Psalm 25 | 7 1 Corinthians 11.17-34 | 8 Deuteronomy 32.28-44 | 6 Isaiah 48.1-22 |
| | 8 Isaiah 3.1-15 | 9 Deuteronomy 33.1-17 | 7 Isaiah 49.1-26 |
| 9 Proverbs 1.1-33 | 9 Isaiah 4.2—5.7 | 10 Deuteronomy 33.18-29 | 8 Isaiah 52.1-12 |
| 10 Proverbs 3.1-35 | 10 Isaiah 5.8-30 | | Second Sunday of Advent |
| 11 Proverbs 4.1-27 | 11 Isaiah 6.1-13 | 11 2 Samuel 6.1-23 | 9 Isaiah 60.1-22 |
| 12 Proverbs 14.1-35 | 12 Isaiah 9.8—10.4 | 12 2 Samuel 7.1-17 | 10 Isaiah 61.1-11 |
| 13 Proverbs 15.1-33 | 13 Isaiah 11.1-16 | 13 2 Samuel 7.18-29 | 11 Zephaniah 1.1-18 |
| 14 Proverbs 16.1-33 | | 14 Isaiah 12.1-6 | 12 Zephaniah 2.1-15 |
| 15 Proverbs 17.1-28 | 14 Isaiah 24.1-23 | 15 Isaiah 25.1-9 | 13 Zephaniah 3.1-20 |
| | 15 Isaiah 29.9-24 | 16 Isaiah 42.1-17 | 14 Malachi 1.1-14 |
| 16 Proverbs 18.1-24 | 16 Isaiah 30.8-26 | 17 Jeremiah 10.1-16 | 15 Malachi 2.1-17 |
| 17 Proverbs 22.1-29 | 17 Isaiah 32.1-20 | | Third Sunday of Advent |
| 18 Proverbs 23.1-35 | 18 Isaiah 33.1-24 | 18 Psalm 50 | 16 Malachi 3.1-18 |
| 19 Proverbs 24.1-34 | 19 Isaiah 56.1-12 | 19 Psalm 71 | 17 Malachi 4.1-6 |
| 20 Ecclesiastes 1.1-18 | 20 Isaiah 57.1-21 | 20 Psalm 75 | 18 Isaiah 7.10-25 |
| 21 Ecclesiastes 2.1-26 | | 21 Psalm 135 | 19 Isaiah 8.1-20 |
| 22 Ecclesiastes 3.1-22 | 21 Isaiah 58.1-14 | Thanksgiving Day | 20 Isaiah 8.21—9.7 |
| | 22 Isaiah 59.1-21 | 22 Psalm 136 | 21 Luke 1.1-25 |
| 23 Ecclesiastes 5.1-20 | 23 Amos 1.1-15 | 23 Psalm 138 | 22 Luke 1.26-56 |
| 24 Ecclesiastes 7.1-25 | 24 Amos 2.1-16 | 24 Psalm 121 | |
| 25 Ecclesiastes 8.1-17 | 25 Amos 3.1-15 | | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| 26 Ecclesiastes 9.13—10.20 | 26 Amos 4.1-13 | 25 Psalm 122 | 23 Luke 1.57-80 |
| 27 Ecclesiastes 12.1-14 | 27 Amos 5.1-27 | 26 Psalm 124 | 24 Luke 2.1-20 |
| 28 2 Kings 22.1-20 | 28 Amos 6.1-14 | 27 Psalm 125 | Christmas Day |
| 29 2 Kings 23.21-30 | 29 Amos 7.1-17 | 28 Psalm 126 | 25 John 1.1-18 |
| | 30 Amos 8.1-14 | 29 Psalm 127 | 26 John 1.19-34 |
| 30 Job 28.1-28 | 31 Amos 9.1-15 | 30 Psalm 128 | 27 John 1.35-51 |
| | | | 28 Revelation 5.1-14 |
| | | | 29 Revelation 7.1-17 |
| | | | 30 Romans 15.14-33 |
| | | | 31 Romans 16.17-27 |



Icon of the Month for October

The icon of the month for October is from the Monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai. The original was painted around 1200. The top part depicts the Crucifixion, and the lower part depicts the Nativity. This is a common theme in icons and other religious art, to depict the Nativity but also have a visual reference to the Crucifixion, to see in one image the beginning and end of Jesus' earthly life. This icon is painted on reclaimed wood out of respect for the resources of the Earth. Visit in Weil Chapel for prayer and meditation.

Save the dates! Upcoming Events for the CT Women of UCC
"Planting Seeds of Hope Across the Generations"

October 6, 2018: One-day retreat; all women invited; 8:30am-3pm. Center Church, Manchester. Lunch included.

For more information, please contact: Pam DiDio at pamd@ctuucc.org, or, call 860-8761-7101, or see RHCC member Jackie Little.



LIBRARY BOOK SALE!



Rocky Hill Historical Society Library Book Sale!

Saturday October 13th 1:00-3:00pm at the Academy Hall Museum, 765 Old Main Street.

Rocky Hill History Walk

Saturday, October 13, 10:00am – 12:00 Noon. Join us for a story telling adventure about Rocky Hill history. This guided tour will be led by Bob Herron, Rocky Hill Historical Society Historian and Walk Leader. Meet at Center Cemetery main entrance. Length of walk approximately two hours. Level of difficulty: easy (some uneven surfaces and hills). For more information, see Gail Tine or call: 860-563-6704.



CRC's 22nd Annual Source to Sea Cleanup - September 28 & 29, 2018

JOIN a local cleanup group. Check out our 'Join A Cleanup Group' map and find a registered group near you. New groups are added weekly. Don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle!

<https://www.ctriver.org/get-involved/>

Source to Sea Cleanup: Each fall, volunteer group leaders coordinate local cleanup sites in all four river states where thousands of participants of all ages and abilities spend a few hours picking up trash. Questions? Contact us at cleanup@ctriver.org.

See Anita Hawkins for more information.

Child Caregiver Position Available: The RHCC Council is looking to fill the position of permanent Child Caregiver in the nursery that has been ably held by Liz Pulling for the past two years. We want to thank Liz for her dedication to this position and would like to find someone to fill her shoes. Hours are Sunday morning from 9:45am to 11:15 am with the assist of a weekly volunteer and stipend is \$25.00 per week. If you are interested or know someone who might be please leave information including experience, age, (must be over 18 years), phone/email, in the church office and you will be contacted by the Personnel Committee for further discussion of requirements and experience.



Drug Awareness Program: October 15 Rocky Hill Community Center

A Drug Awareness Program will be presented by the Wethersfield Rocky Hill Elks Lodge #2308 and the Rocky Hill Human Services Department, on Monday October 15, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Rocky Hill Community Center, 761 Old Main Street. The program will be led by a panel of experts on drug addiction and recovery. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio.



You have an opportunity to support our Church Fair Raffle! Do you have a new or vintage quilt or large wall hanging you can donate? Did you win a quilt you do not use? Did you inherit a quilt that you do not use or want? If you are shaking your head yes, then consider donating it to our raffle. Any quilt size from twin to king is welcome! Call Joan Tennyson @ 860-529-8789.

***Request for Donations for Baskets and Items
for the Silent Auction at the Fair***



We would like to make an appeal to all members who would like to donate a themed gift basket to our Church Fair. If you don't want to do a whole basket, donated individual items would be also greatly appreciated. Here are a few ideas: Scrip cards! This is a double money maker, first with the card (% to church) and second with the silent auction. And it's easy.

Other theme baskets could include: ***Italian*** (wine, pasta, sauce)

Holiday (ornaments, decorations, hats, gloves)

Family/Kids (toys, books, games, cards)

Movie Night (popcorn, small blanket, candy)

Spa (candles, bath salt, lotion) You get the idea!

For more information, contact Sue Chatfield at: smchat999@att.net or
call: 860-595-6639.



It's almost time for the Fair!

The Rocky Hill Congregational Church Country Fair will be held on

Saturday, October 20 from 9am to 2pm.

We will have plenty of wonderful booths to get your holiday shopping started, delicious refreshments and a farmer's market, as well as activities for families! The next meeting of the Fair and Events Committee will be on October 4 at 7pm All members of the church are welcome to attend. If you would like to **donate** something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. All donations must be clean and in good shape. We are looking for the following items:

- White Elephant - gently used household items, DVDs, games.
- Sew Country - yarn and fabric, sewing and knitting items, craft items.
- Donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction.
- Baked goods; especially pies, cakes and cupcakes.
- Jewelry - gently used purses, wallets, eye glass cases, tote bags, scarves,.

| Booth | Booth Chair | Contact Info |
|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| Holiday House | Lynn McKenna | 860-836-0981 |
| Farm Market | Ruth Jensen | 860-563-4617 rjensen@yahoo.com |
| Snack Shack | Jean Goff | 860-729-8153 Jrsg50@gmail.com |
| Baked Goods | Marsha Hoffman | 860-563-1367 |
| | Gloria Moon-Schweitzer | 860-295-8871 |
| Kids Korner | Emily McKenna | 860-513-1025 |
| Silent Auction | Sue Chatfield | 860-595-6639 smchat999@att.net |
| Jewelry | Sue Van Ness | 860-666-1900 |
| Tea Room | Jen & Bill Cordes | 860-202- 3517 jencourtmanche123@gmail.com |
| White Elephant | Nancy Harlow | 860-529-4212 nharlow@outlook.com |
| Something Different | Hilaire Leavitt | 860-529-3814 halx@rcn.com |
| Sew Country | Anita Hawkins | 203-235-8372 anitasfarm1010@gmail.com |

FAIR DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED ON SUNDAYS OR
DURING OFFICE HOURS; MONDAY – THURSDAY 9AM-2PM.

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: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on October 28.

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. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Stop by 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 30

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:15am **Church School**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**
5:00pm **HS Youth Group**

October 1

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

October 2

7:00pm **Ministry Teams**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

October 3

7:30pm **Choir**

October 4

9:30am Music Together
7:00pm **Fair Committee**
7:30pm Men's AA

October 5

Little Scholars Closed

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 24
Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Fiorilli Room
Room 6

Wednesday

Choir Loft

Thursday

Room 22
Fiorilli Rm
Chapin Hall

Friday



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| 4 | Stacy Veley |
| 7 | Irene Moore |
| 7 | Devin Gagnon |
| 7 | Emily Doten |

FAIR COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY OCT 4
7PM FIORILLI ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND!



HOMEcoming/HERITAGE SUNDAY – OCTOBER 21

We will honor our 50+ year Members at a Special Service on Sunday, October 21 at 10 a.m. A breakfast for our 50+ members will be held at 9:15am in the Parlor before Worship. 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.



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Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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Webmaster: Steve Smith admin@rhccucc.org

Child Care Provider: Liz Pulling lrpulling@icloud.com