

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 2, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twentieth 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 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 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.

INTROIT

“Kumbaya”

Traditional Gullah
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Bower

Leader: Come.

All: Let us be God's community.

Leader: Come with love.

All: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Leader: Come with curiosity.

All: We are one body, one planet, one Church.

Leader: Come with hope.

All: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

Leader: Let us worship.

*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

Insert

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Source of Justice, we are your one body,
called to follow Jesus to create beauty and justice
on your one body, your planet.

As we experience your Word,
may we be awakened to see how suffering
hurts the entire body and how beauty enlivens us all.

Be with us as we worship you and seek to bring your presence to all.

We ask it 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

NC 750

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first musical system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, and G5. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with notes G2, B2, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, and B3.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second musical system is identical in notation to the first, with the treble staff melody and bass staff accompaniment.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third musical system is identical in notation to the first, with the treble staff melody and bass staff accompaniment.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

Pew Bible NT p80

SERMON

“How Much Faith Is Enough?”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

New Century (black) 332

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the 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 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Traditional Jamaican
arr. Lovelace

The Choir with Craig Cowing and Dave Hall, Drums

*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 “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1) NC 456

1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the

prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:

Refrain

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us. Though Jesus our Redeemer we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

Hear these comforting words:

If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven.

Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people.

Amen.

In recognition of the worldwide scope of the Christian Church, both past and present, the words of institution will be read in the following languages, in order:

Koine Greek (language of the New Testament)

Russian

Latin (the language of the Roman Catholic Church for 1600 years)

Shona (spoken in Zimbabwe)

German

Middle English (ca. 1380)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership.

This morning, the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive Communion by intinction; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be taken together. Take a piece of the "Bread of life" and dip it in the "Cup of blessing". A Communion station with gluten-free bread will be available. Individuals who are unable to come forward can raise their hand and a Deacon will come serve you.

Invitation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

As one body, we lament with those who lament.

We hope with those who hope.

We live with suffering. We live with beauty.

Let us go from this table as a renewed community,
doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us
to live justice-making lives of faith.

We are followers of God's Way.

We give thanks! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

***HYMN** "We are Marching in the Light of God" New Century (black) 526

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Victoria Bower

COMMUNION SERVERS

Nancy Parsons, Sarah DeGiovanni, Bill Hoffman

Sue VanNess, Marge Murk, Candy Smith

HOSPITALITY

Sue VanNess, Jennifer Martin

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship

TODAY

10:00am **Worship / Communion**

Neighbors in Need Offering

9:30am **Child Care during Worship**

10:00am **Church School**

11:30am **2nd Hour “How Did We Get the English Bible?”**

Today all are invited to attend a Second Hour program on the English Bible entitled,

“How Did We Get the English Bible?”

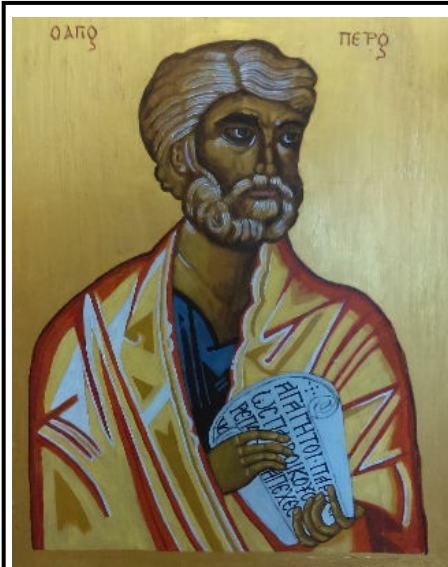
with Rev. Craig. During his talk, Craig will examine the various early English translations of the bible and will cover modern translations available today.

Immediately after coffee hour in Chapin Hall, following Worship. Join us!



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third of NIN funds

support the council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. The offering will be collected on **TODAY, October 2**, as part of the World Communion Sunday observance.



ICON OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel.

The Icon of the Month for October is St. Peter. The original of this icon is in the British Museum. It was painted in Constantinople (now Istanbul) around 1320. At some point the icon was cut down, probably because the paint was worn, and another icon was painted over it. It was rediscovered during a cleaning. The icon here is a reconstruction based on similar icons.

Nursesey Room Open for families with infants and toddlers



On October 2, 16, 23, and 30, Child Care during worship is available in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Supervised by Liz Pulling and another adult. We are also seeking adult volunteers to help

Liz on Sundays. If you're interested, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School News



High School Youth Group

We are continuing to participate in the Youth Hangouts sponsored by the Muslim youth at the Berlin Mosque. On September 18, we went there for a "Paint-Off", a kind-of art contest. While the youth did the Paint-Off, several adults from RHCC joined other interfaith adults to learn more about Islam. On October 2, (today), we will plan for a 2017 summer mission trip, and on October 16, we will likely do a Corn Maze.

Middle School Youth Group

We met on September 11th to welcome new 6th graders and to plan for the year ahead. On September 25, we handed over the donations we collected for the Big Fluffy Dog Rescue project. On October 7, we will do a Corn Maze, and on October 22, we will help with the Church Fair.

HOMECOMING/HERITAGE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016



We will honor our 50+ year Members at a
Special Sunday Service at 10 AM

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.

Illustration done by Nancy Edwards

Sunday, October 30

There will a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday,
October 30, 2016 to ratify updates to our Safe Church Policy as
required in the policy. A call to the meeting will be published in
accordance with the by-laws.



Breakfast Club at Bob's Café, Rocky Hill

Join us on Wednesday, October 12th at 9am.



Welcome New Members
Today we welcome into our church family two new members,
Don-Tomis Leonhardt and Elaine Sellenberg.

Everyone thought the Rocky Hill Quilters had retired - well, we are back with a quilt for 2017! Thanks to a generous donation by Stephanie Heneghan, we have vintage quilt blocks that will be the focal point of the quilt. These blocks were completed by her Grandmother Brownie. Please contact Kim Batterson Biglow, Stephanie Heneghan or Gail Tine if you would like to join the group. Planning and design sessions will begin October 26 at 10:00am in the quilting room. There will be an opportunity to quilt with the group or in your home.



REMINDER: PIE BAKING WORKSHOP

When- Friday, November 4th

Time- 9:00 a.m. to finish

Where- Chapin Hall

Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter. All are welcome!

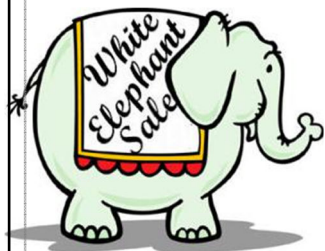
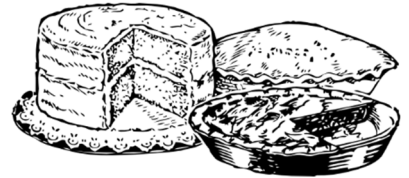


We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to office@rhccucc.org. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events! www.facebook.com/rhccucc

COUNTRY FAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Snack Shack at the Country Fair will now be adding egg sandwiches to our menu by popular request. We will still have chili and corn chowder and hot dogs. We do have a request for 12pks of soda (regular and diet), 2 cases of water, and a large box of mixed chips. If someone can do this, please contact Jean Goff at 860-729-8153 Thank you in advance.

Our Annual Fair is being held on Oct. 22nd which precedes the Annual Roast Beef Dinner. Unfortunately, we will not have apple pies for our bake sale. We are asking the congregation to make baked goods, especially pies and cakes, which are always in demand. Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please contact Polly or Don Pagnucco.



WHITE ELEPHANT BOOTH DONATION DROP OFF

If you have items to be donated to the White Elephant Booth for our Country Fair, you may drop them off at the Church Office during office hours, Monday through Thursday: 9am – 2pm or Friday: 9am – Noon. See Bob Carberry with questions or if you need help moving your items.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FAIR: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9AM-2PM.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

Quilt Raffle Tickets - Available for sale after worship in Chapin Hall and in the office (Monday - Thursday, 9am-2pm)

\$1.00 for one - \$10.00 for a book of ten

(why not sign a book out and help the quilters sell tickets?)

For more info, see: Kim Batterson Biglow, Stephanie Heneghan or Gail Tine.

The drawing will be held at the Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Tickets for the dinner: \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children – Children under 4 free.

Your Events Committee Needs **Your Help!**



The Country Fair is less than a month away
We Need Volunteers to be greeters and to help out in some of the booths
Our Booths also need help with their wish list

Farmers market needs 8 oz canning jars - Please Contact Ruth Jensen if you can donate.
563-4617

Jewelry Shop needs jewelry and jewelry boxes - Please contact Bea Donahue if you can donate.
529-8687

Kid's Corner needs Toys, Games, Puzzles in good condition - Please contact Holly Alessi if
you can donate. 680-3163

Bake Shop needs pies and cakes - Please contact Don & Polly Pagnuccos if you can bake
something. 563-3233

Snack Shop needs water and soda - Please contact Jean or Jeannie Goff if you can donate.
529-3652

White Elephant needs - Household goods, CD's, DVD's, Electronic items - all items must be in
good condition and in good working order - Please contact Bob Carberry if you can donate.
563-8311

Antiques & Collectibles - Please contact Hilaire Leavitt if you have small furniture or if you are
unsure of what you have to donate. 529-3814

Sew Country needs fabric, yarn, needlework kits, instruction books, patterns. sewing and knitting
notions - Please contact Anita if you can donate.

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
- 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, Olive Garden, On the Border, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Toys R Us, Walmart

The next deadline to place orders for cards not kept in inventory will be on October 30. Comprehensive listings of all available retailers 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. 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

October 2

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Second Hour**
11:00am **Fellowship**
4:00pm **Tamil School**
5:00pm **High School Youth**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapel
Chapin Hall
Rms 22,23,25,26,27



October 3

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

October 4

7:00pm **Boards & Committees**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

Tuesday

Fiorilli
Room 22

4	Stacy Veley
4	Sandra Mason
7	Irene Moore
7	Devon Gagnon
7	Emily Doten

October 5

6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

October 6

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

Thursday

Room 25
Chapin Hall

October 7

6:00pm **MS Youth Corn Maze**

Friday

October 8

Saturday

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 COLUMBUS DAY
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Rev. Craig Cowing will be out of the office from Thursday, October 6 through Wednesday, October 12. Reverend Joe Bradley will preach on Sunday, October 9th. Contact the office with any pastoral concerns and you'll be directed to a Deacon or covering Minister.

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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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