

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**October 16, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Heritage Sunday**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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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 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.*

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## 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.*

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Parsons

One: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,

**All: And come hoping to learn about God.**

One: Some of us are confident in

“what we have learned and what we have believed.”

**All: And come longing to share our faithful knowledge.**

One: We have all come to learn from each other and from the words of scripture:

**All: You write your sacred texts, O God, in scripture and on our hearts;  
you welcome us into depths of understanding.**

**Meet us here and lead us deeper into you;  
equip us for every good work.**

**Join our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us  
your ways of justice and joy.**

**For this purpose we gather, our God.**

## \*HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 429

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Bold type denotes collective response*

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, from whom we seek a way to live that honors you,  
come and remind us of the law you have written on our hearts.

God of our being, enter us by your Spirit and show us  
how sweet Your words are.

Bring your comfort and strength to this gathering  
that we may all partake of your wondrous love  
and welcome you to our lives.

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,

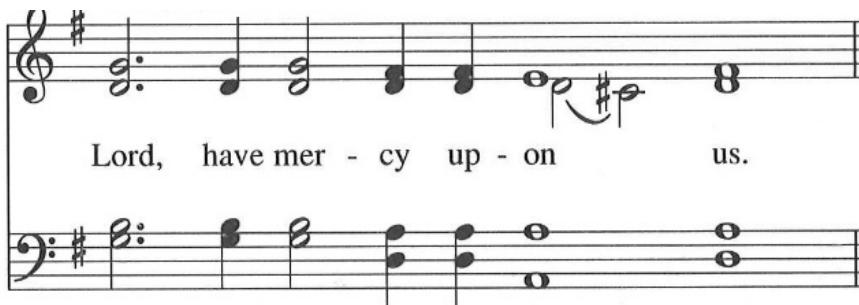
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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 and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second musical system is similar to the first, with a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third musical system is similar to the first, with a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

## 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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Dale Wood

The Handbell Choir

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible NT p81

### SERMON

“A Life of Prayer”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

New Century (black) 506

### 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**

“The Call”  
The Choir

Text, George Herbert;  
Music, David Ashley White

## \*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

#### Recognition of 50-year Members

Charlotte Bacon

Ruby Bennett

Grace Cole

Nina Decker

Gail Fu

Bob Furman

Leland Gilbert

Anne Louise Griswold

Leona Griswold

Lois Griswold

\*\**Viola Harlow*

Leona Griswold

Midge Harvey

Bobbie Hawkins

Dave Hawkins

\*\**Doris Hick*

\*\**Jean Holmes*

Pat Hughes-Walworth

John Hummel

Anne King

Gladys Kitchens

Joseph Kunzelman

Janet Kunzelman

\*\**Priscilla Lexa*

Thomas Matthias

Elizabeth McKinney

Judith McMannon

Betty Mooney

Frederick Moreschi

Gloria Moreschi

Marge Murk

Janet Pierson

Bill Pierson

Doug Robbins

Nancy Robbins

Martin Rowe

Janet Rowley

Joan-Marie Schaefer

\*\**Doris Schreier*

Tom Schreier

Bob Simmons

Richard Somes

Thelma Somes

Mary Smith

Stewart Sprague

Sylvia Steucek

Russell Stickels

Jean Sudell

Phil Swain

John Sword

Midge Sword

Joan Tennyson

Joyce Toft

James Ussery

Sue VanNess

Mark Walworth

Anita Watson

Lynn Webster

\*\**Alice Weil*

Dot Wenzel

Babs Wheeler

Alan Wind



\*\* *Viola Harlow, Doris Hick, Jean Holmes, Priscilla Lexa, Doris Schreier, Alice Weil*

# 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

*Refrain*  
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:

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

## Pastoral Prayer

\*HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

New Century (black) 451

BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Nancy Parsons

USHERS

Steve Smith and Victoria Bower

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow

*The flowers are given in loving memory of Marvie Baize by Natalie and Gail Tine*

The tower is lit this week in memory of shipmates who lost their lives during the torpedoing of the U.S.S. Houston CL 81 on 14-16 October 1944.

By John Sword



*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship*

TODAY – HERITAGE SUNDAY

9:15am Heritage breakfast in Chapin Hall

9:30am Childcare in Room 4

10:00am Worship and Church School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:30am Confirmation meeting with parents

4:00pm High School Youth Group

October 23

10:00am Worship and Church School

9:30am Childcare in Room 4

11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour: Rochelle from Hawkwing

**Call for Special Church Meeting**

A special church meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday October 30 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

- 1) Ratifications to the safe church policy.

No other business will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Tokarski, Church Clerk

**Congregational Meeting**



## Missions Clothing Drives

So you have an old t-shirt laying around that you just can't bring yourself to get rid of? Well, bring it to church. The Board for Missions (really Anita) will turn those t-shirts into a drawstring backpack that Missions will provide at the church fair.



Reminder: as you go through your closet finding those old t-shirts, don't forget we will host a clothing drive in November to benefit Hawkwing. Hawkwing provides essential services and support for the people of the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Indian Reservation, and offers cross-cultural educational programs for the public. On October 23rd, Rochelle Ripley, the founder and president of Hawkwing will be here for a second hour program. Rochelle was recently named a CNN Hero and the church was in full support of that honor.



**GET YOUR  
RED OF  
STUFF**

Donations drop off for the fair or Missions Clothing Drive can be made during regular office hours, or you can make arrangements with a booth chairperson. Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am – 2pm and Friday 9am – Noon.



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](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events! [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)



## Second Hour Talk with Rochelle from hawkwing – October 23



Hawkwing began with a promise Rochelle Ripley made to her Lakota grandmother to “go home and help the People.” “Home” is the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Reservation, South Dakota, a land of beauty, wilderness, inspiration and heart wrenching poverty. The Cheyenne River Reservation is the poorest county in the United States, with limited healthcare, a life expectancy of only 48 years, 90% unemployment and an average annual income per person of only \$2,926. hawkwing brings basic need items: food, clothing, medical supplies, personal care items, books and toys to some 2,600 children and 500 Elders on the reservation. hawkwing brings hope, respects culture, supports families, promotes life and keeps promises. For more info, visit: [www.hawkwing.org](http://www.hawkwing.org)

### **PRAYER SHAWL ANNUAL GATHERING**

**Saturday, November 5 10am – 2pm**

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church – Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Hartford. Doors open at 9:30am. Free parking across the street. Please join us for our annual interfaith gathering of the Shawl Ministry circles in Connecticut and beyond. During our time, there will be opportunities for knitting/crochet, prayer, a storytelling, and sharing.

Please bring: \*your knitting/crochet, stories, ideas, tips, prayers, and shawls. \* your own lunch. Beverages, morning goodies and dessert will be provided. For more information on RHCC Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Denise Carberry.

# Your Events Committee Needs **Your Help!**



The Country Fair is fast approaching!  
We Need Volunteers to be greeters and to help out in some of the booths  
Our Booths also need help with their wish lists:

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

Jewelry Shop needs **jewelry, scarves and purses** - 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

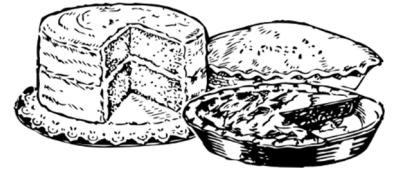
**Antiques & Collectibles** - Please contact Hilaire Leavitt if you have small furniture or if you are  
unsure of what you have to donate. 529-3814

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

## 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.

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.



*EVERYBODY LIKES PIE! Pies for sale!*



*Pies can be ordered at the baked goods booth at the fair and picked up on the day of the roast beef dinner, November 5th.*

*This is a great way to order unbaked apple pies and freeze them for Thanksgiving.*

### **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.



The UCC Connecticut Conference Choir is an initiative of the Racial Justice Ministry of the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ.

**Footsteps of Peace Event**

**Sunday, October 23** – Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford

1:30pm – Sacred Conversations on Race

4:00pm - Concert

The Footsteps of Peace event will begin with three Sacred Conversations on Race, a reception where organizations will recruit volunteers for peace and social justice work and a major concert including our choir.

**Celtic Evening Eucharist Oct. 23, 5:00 pm**

A candlelit service with beautiful Celtic music, prayer, reflection and Holy Communion. All are welcome to the table. Location: First Church Chapel 12 South Main Street West Hartford.

**Halloween Organ Concert Oct. 28, 7:00 pm**

Come join us for an evening of spooky organ music from our guest organist, Bradley Burgess.

Selections will include fan favorites Bach's Toccata and Fugue in d minor and the Adams Family! There will be a costume contest during intermission; so, wear your holiday best!!!

South Church, United Church of Christ - East Hartford 1301 Forbes St, East Hartford,

**Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls - Friday, October 28, 7pm**  
with Rev. Craig Cowing in the Weil Chapel.

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind.



Research has been done in the last decade or so about the effects of sound on the mind. It has been found that soothing sounds can actually alter the brainwaves that are produced. The sound of singing bowls definitely has that effect. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!

**REMINDER: PIE BAKING WORKSHOP**

It's time to bake apple pies! **When- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Time- 9:00 a.m. to finish** Where- Chapin Hall

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

# 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 16

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:00am **Church School**

11:00am **Fellowship**

4:00pm **High School Youth**

4:00pm **Tamil School**

### Sunday

Sanctuary

Rm 4

Rms 24,25,26

Chapin Hall

Rms 22,23,25,26,27



### October 17

7:00pm **Women's AA**

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### Monday

Chapin Hall

Sanctuary

### October 18

10:00am **Retired Clergy**

7:00pm **Little Scholars Board**

7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

### Tuesday

Chapel

Fiorilli

Room 22

### October 19

#### **FAIR SET UP**

7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Choir Loft

### October 20

9:30am **Music Together**

#### **FAIR SET UP**

### Thursday

Room 25

### October 21

#### **FAIR SET UP**

### Friday

### October 22

9:00am - 3:00pm

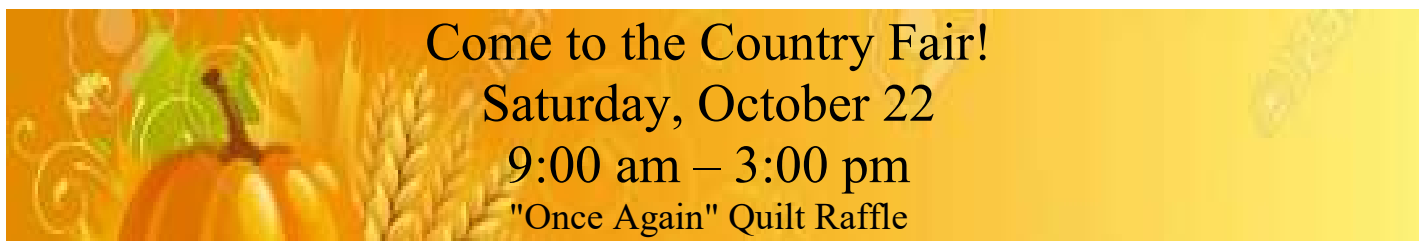
### Saturday

#### **COUNTRY FAIR!**

16	Lisa Benson
17	Lisa Gilbert
17	Christina Engel
17	Jillian Fulda Maynard
18	Mary Dean
21	Tom Schreier
22	Max Kainamura
22	Alexandra Birdsall

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9AM - 2PM  
&  
FRIDAY  
9AM - NOON



**Come to the Country Fair!**

**Saturday, October 22**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**"Once Again" Quilt Raffle**

*Entertainment by singer/songwriter Liz Reed*

**Plus a Costume Parade for the children**

God is still speaking.

# Thank You!

To the members of  
**Rocky Hill Congregational Church**

for being a **5 for 5 Congregation** of  
the **United Church of Christ** in 2015.

**5 for 5 Congregations** support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.



**John E. Dohmer**  
General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ



Conference 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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