

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 22, 2017 ~ 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

INTROIT

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah DeGiovanni

L: How shall we know that we have found favor in your sight, O God?

All: How do children know that they are created in your image?

L: How do we raise up youth to always know your presence goes with them?

All: How do we find this faith within ourselves, O God?

L: Show us your glory.

All: As your children, we seek your graciousness now.

*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

NC (black) 22

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable,
fall back on the familiar, and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our
commitment.

Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight.

Mature with us so that just love may be realized for all your children.

Daydream with us so that we might do justice on the behalf of all your
children.

Answer these prayers we pray in the name of Jesus,
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 "Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows" NCH 248

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

*Such perfect love my
Shepherd shows,
whose*

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

*goodness fails me never,
Whose hand all things I*

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

*need bestows
and watches me forever.*

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 score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "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 year. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn."

ANTHEM

“God Be in My Head”
The Choir

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22

NT Pew Bible p. 24

SERMON

“Give to God What is God’s”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“I Need You Every Hour”

NC (black) 517

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to 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

“The Gift of Love”

two settings Currie; Hopson

*Doxology



1 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)

NCH 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**

“The Spacious Firmament on High”

PH (red) 72

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Variations from Organ Concerto, Op. 4, No.1”

LITURGIST

Sarah DeGiovanni

USHERS

Bob Carberry, Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Christine Engle

*Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of
the wedding of Carla Bacon and Ben Carlton
by Holli and Ed Bacon*

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship



2017-2018 Confirmation Class Lesson Schedule

Classes and meetings are held with Rev. Craig in the Parlor.

Sun.	Oct 22	5-6PM	Meeting with Parents
Sun.	Oct. 29	5-7 PM	Ch 2 Worship
Sun	Nov. 12	5-7 PM	Ch 4 The Bible
Sun	Nov. 26	5-7 PM	Ch 5 The History of Christianity/UCC
Sun	Dec 10	<i>No class (Lessons and Carols)</i>	

Middle School Youth Group

October 29 – Reverse Halloween at nursing home

November 12, 5:30- Bowling

PRAYERS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Please help us pray for everyone affected by the devastating wildfires in Northern California -- for lives lost, for those who are missing, and for recovery amidst devastation that has burned down homes and displaced thousands. We have also learned that the home of John Fornachon and Bobby Jo Valentine has burned down. Bobby is a songwriter and musician who has performed at our church several times. He is a beloved and favorite performer at many of our congregations of the United Church of Christ. May they all feel God's presence and the love and support of all of us. See a Deacon of visit our facebook page for ways to help.



Drug Awareness Program

Monday, October 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

at the Rocky Hill Community Center - 761 Old Main St, Rocky Hill

Hosted by Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Elks Lodge #2308

Parents, age-appropriate youth, and members of the community are invited to attend this important FREE educational forum.

This program will be led by a panel of experts

(DMHAS, Hartford Hospital, RHPD, Substance Abuse Counselor, Recovery, Prevention)

For further information please contact: Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio at: 860-257-8177

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks runs the Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.



PIE BAKING WORKSHOP

It's time to bake apple pies

When- Friday, October 27

Time- 9:00 a.m. to finish

Where- Chapin Hall

Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter. All are welcome!
Help wanted: We will need volunteers for set up for the Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday Oct 28 in the morning, and also people to help with serving and clean-up in the evening. Sign up sheets will be in Chapin Hall.

See Marsha Hoffman with questions.

Quilt Raffle Tickets -
\$10.00 for a book of ten.
\$1.00 each.

Roast Beef Dinner
Tickets on sale now:
Dinner: \$12.00 for Adults –
\$5.00 for Children
Children under 4yrs: free.

HOMECOMING/HERITAGE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5



We will honor our 50+ year Members at a Special Service at 10 a.m.
A breakfast for our 50+ members will be held at 8:30am in Chapin Hall 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.

Church illustration done by Nancy Edwards

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 22

10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Childcare	Room 4
10:15am	Church School	Room 25
11:00am	Coffee Hour	Chapin Hall
1:00pm	Preschool classroom set up	
3:00pm	Wedding	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Confirmation Meeting	Parlor

October 23

<i>Fair clean-up</i>		
7:00pm	Women's AA	Chapin Hall
7:30pm	Bell Choir	Choir Loft

October 24

7:00pm	Hearing Voices	Room 23
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October 25

7:30pm	Choir	Choir Loft
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October 26

9:00am	Music Together	Room 22
7:30pm	Men's AA	Chapin Hall

October 27

9:00am	Pie Making Workshop	Chapin Hall
6:00pm	Tamil Language School	Rms 22,23,24, 25, 27

October 28

5:30pm Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle Chapin Hall
Don't miss our Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle!
Tickets for the dinner: \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children,
Children under 4yrs old are free.
Take-out orders also available.
Quilt Raffle tickets \$1 each/book of ten for \$10.

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Room 25
Chapin Hall

Monday

Parlor

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Wednesday

Room 23

Thursday

Choir Loft

Friday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

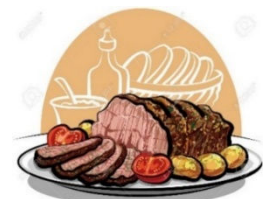
Saturday

Chapin Hall
Rms 22,23,24, 25, 27



22	Max Kainamura
22	Alexandra Birdsall
23	Rachel Meisterling
23	Joshua Bell
24	John Sword
26	Nancy Harlow
26	Tim Bengston
27	Kathy Mosure
28	Bob Hansen
28	Jean Goff

Church Mouse Mailing Party
Monday, Oct. 30th
Join in the Halloween fun with
the children from
Little Scholars Preschool!
Join us in fiorilli room from
9:30am-11:30am.
Costumes encouraged!
Trick or treat!



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, 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 ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory is October 29.

Cards ordered by that date will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 5.

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!

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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

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