

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



October 25, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty Second 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always 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 pastors 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). Be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C"

David Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud with gladness:

God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Pilgrim (red) 429

*(Sung in memory of shipmates torpedoed of the U.S.S. Houston CL 81
on 14-16 October 1944.)*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God,

We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church
and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing,
and marvel at the many expressions of your church.

Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church
that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,
into Jesus' vision and dream

that your faithful people may be one in you. We pray 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:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! *(Last time, end.)*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines, including the instruction '(Last time, end.)'.

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 image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. 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 yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn."

ANTHEM

“The Amazing Love”

Don McKeever

The Choir

*The amazing love God gives to me
Is like no other love I see.
Amazing love is morning light to me.
For nothing's lost only gained
When all the sorrow and pain
Can never ever remain with love.*

*For there it is above us all
Awaiting ev'ry needful call.
Amazing love,
Amazing love.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52

N.T. p. 40 pew Bible

SERMON

“Responding to the Call”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Just As I Am”

New Century (black) 207

OFFERING OF GIFTS

During the time of offering, your prayers can be offered using the blue prayer request cards and placed in the offering plate. The pastor will read the prayers aloud during the Joys and Concerns.

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 Duet

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Temple/Holstein

(Prayer of St. Francis)

Jillian Maynard and John Hoffman, vocalists

*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

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" New Century (black) 12

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" setting Carl Schalk

LITURGIST

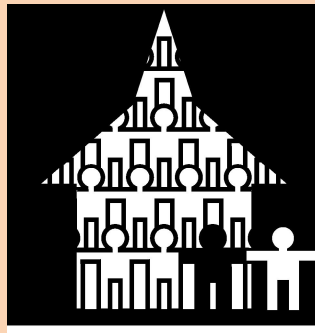
Sue Monaghan

USHERS

Deb Copes, Steve Smith, Linda Grillo and Elaine Some

The flowers are given in loving memory of William McKenna Jr.
by Lynn and Michael McKenna family.

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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The next opportunity for new members to join RHCC will be during worship **Sunday, November 15**, with a **preparatory session on November 8** following worship, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, with the pastor and Deacon(s). For that preparatory conversation, we welcome those interested in inquiring and exploring, as well as those who know they wish to join the church on November 15. If you'd like to be part of the process, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon.

LADIES "YOUNG IN SPIRIT"

We are meeting at the church
Tuesday, October 27 at 1pm
in the parlor

If you are interested or want more information
please contact Joan Tennyson 860-529-8789
or Marge Murk 860-563-0025 or
email hmmurk@aol.com.

**QUILT RAFFLE
TICKETS**

Available TODAY

\$2.00 a ticket

or

\$20.00 book

(10 tickets)

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF RHCCUCC

The RHCC men's Christian fellowship study group(aka men's bible study) meets on the first and third Saturday of each month starting November 7, 2015. 8:30- 9:30am. Please join us as we start our new season pursuing God's word and living a Christian life. If you have questions, please contact Jim Stevens 860-632-5810, or [email js8961@me.com](mailto:js8961@me.com)



**RHCC MENS
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**



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.

Today is the deadline to place orders for gift cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall, or emailed to treasurer@rhccucc.org by tonight. Orders placed today will be available for pickup next Sunday, Nov. 1. The next opportunities to place orders will be Nov. 15, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries. These are then donated directly to the Food Pantry, or used to buy needed items. For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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, Bonfish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Denny's
On the Border, TGI Fridays, Outback Steakhouse

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L. L. Bean, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,
Toys R Us, Walmart

See Deb Copes at 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



**COUNTRY FAIR ROAST BEEF DINNER
& QUILT RAFFLE**

Saturday, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

5:30pm

Adults \$12.00; Children (age 5-12) \$5.00



CALLING ALL BAKERS

AND NON-BAKERS



Calling all bakers and non-bakers to help with pies for the Roast Beef Dinner, **Wednesday, November 5, 2015** from **4:30-7:30 pm** and **Friday, November 6** from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. Bring your peelers, rolling pins, energy and appetites (you will get to sample pie.) The more volunteers the easier the project. Wednesday night we will work with preparing dough as needed, and Friday we will peel apples, put together and bake pies and anything else we can do with apples. If you are interested or have any questions please call Marsha Hoffman at 860 563-1367.

PROMISES KEPT

Lakota Descendant Picked As CNN Top 10 Hero Of 2015

By **PETER MARTEKA**
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GLASTONBURY — When Rochelle Ripley became a grandmother in 1996, she decided it was time to honor a pledge she made to her own grandmother: to return to the South Dakota reservation of their ancestors and help their people.

Ripley, a descendant of the Lakota people, began the nonprofit, hawkwing, Inc., fulfilling the promise she made as a girl.

On Thursday, CNN announced that her efforts had landed her on its list of the "Top

Ten Heroes of 2015."

"This isn't about me, but my people," Ripley said. "It always has been." For years, Ripley has been organizing drives in town to collect toys, clothing, personal-care items, beds and blankets for people living on the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota.

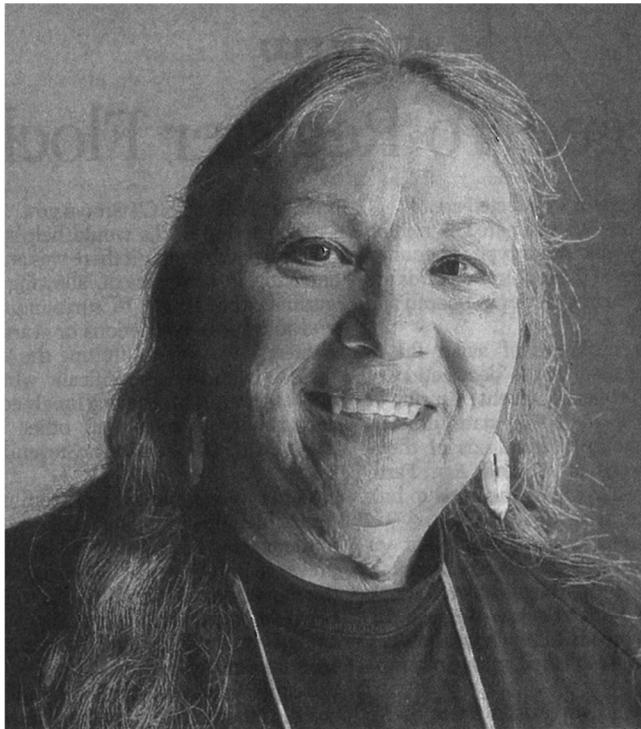
The reservation is the poorest county in the United States, with limited health care, a life expectancy of only 48 years, 90 percent unemployment and an average annual income per person of only \$2,926, according to Ripley's website, hawkwing.org.

CNN has recognized Ripley's efforts to provide books and medical supplies, bring in photography equipment for a Lakota calendar fundraiser, and gather toys and gifts for an annual holiday giveaway for the 2,600 children there. Several times a year, everything is hauled in a tractor-trailer to the reservation.

"I'm thrilled on so many levels," Ripley said.

Recently, Ripley has expanded her group's efforts, bringing doctors and den-

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tists to the reservation. Later this year, former Connecticut state archaeologist Nick Bellantoni will head to the reservation for a dig so young people can learn about career opportunities.

"For me, it's about keeping a promise ...," Ripley said of the pledge she made to her Lakota grandmother. "But it's also the story of Native America and getting the message about the Lakota people out. Hollywood movies aren't who we are."

Laura Fraser, now a retired teacher, joined Ripley's effort eight years ago, and it wasn't long before she knew what she wanted to do in retirement.

She and her husband have been out to the reservation many times over the years. Hawkwing is still an all-volunteer group with no paid staff. Ripley says it is the "true essence of giving."

"She is the most giving, passionate person when it comes to the Native Americans," said Fraser, who nominated Ripley for the CNN Heroes award. "She's given so many of us a wonderful opportunity to help those in need. It took a number of years to gain their trust, but now, to see how they react when she comes or when

the items are delivered, is just wonderful.

"She has so much to offer," Fraser added. "Not only to her people on the reservation, but we, the volunteers, are better people because of her."

Linda Ball, another volunteer, was with Ripley when she got a call from the reservation about a blind woman needing a washer and dryer and a kitchen floor so she wouldn't trip and fall. Ripley secured the appliances from a family moving out of town, and a local company donated the flooring and tools to install it.

"She always says she'll do her best, but she always comes through for them," Ball said. "She will ask anyone for stuff for the reservation. She gets textbook companies to donate books and mattress companies to donate mattresses. We've estimated she's brought \$9 million in goods and services to the reservation. This is her job. This is her life."

Each of CNN's 10 heroes will receive \$10,000 and be part of the "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" show scheduled to be broadcast Dec. 6.

A Hero Of The Year will be selected by the end of the year and will receive \$100,000. Ripley said if she is selected, the money will go to a housing effort on the reservation.

Visit heroes.cnn.com to vote.

ROCHELLE RIPLEY of Glastonbury, a Lakota descendant, will receive \$10,000 and national recognition as one of CNN's "Top Ten Heroes of 2015." Ripley is the founder of hawkwing, Inc., a nonprofit that benefits the residents of the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 25

10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:20am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
11:40am	Lessons /Carols Adult Choir	Choir Room
4:00pm	Siragu Tamil School	Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27
4:00pm	High School Youth	Fiorilli Room

Sunday

October 26

Monday

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7:00pm	Women's AA	Chapin Hall
7:30PM	Bell Choir	Loft

October 27

Tuesday

1:00pm	Young in Spirit	Parlor
6:00pm	Community Event	Room 25
7:00pm	Hearing Voices	Room 24

October 28

Wednesday

7:00pm	Choir/Lessons & Carols	Choir Room
7:30pm	Adult Choir	Choir Room

October 29

Thursday

7:30pm	Men's AA	Chapin Hall
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Oct. 26	Nancy Harlow
	Timothy Bengston
27	Kathy Mosure
28	Bob Hansen
	Jean Goff
29	Janet Pierson
30	James Pickett
31	Nancy Rolfe



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER MAILING

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26

COME JOIN the MONDAY MORNING MAILERS - a wonderful group of people who help prepare bulk mailing. We will begin around 9:30am tomorrow in the Fiorilli Room. It takes many hours to complete this task, so the more people helping, the faster the work is done. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Coffee is served.

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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

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