

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-first 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

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

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) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

*INTROIT

“Gathered Here”

New Century 742

The Choir

*Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

All doubters, wanderers, and faithful,

sing for joy, all who love God.

All poets, preachers, and dreamers,

from everlasting to everlasting is our God.

All saints, apostles, prophets,

may heaven blaze in gladness.

May the Spirit draw us in.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

* GATHERING PRAYER

They are gathered around you,
 God of Forever and Ever.
 Some are well known.
 Some have been forgotten.
 Many are ordinary folk.
 There is an old man who left retirement behind,
 and a barren woman who laughed at your promise;
 there are popes, princes, and power-brokers
 who are taught heaven’s hymns by the paupers and pretenders;
 there are those who moved mountains
 and those who murmured in the wilderness;
 there are those who founded the church,
 and those who floundered on the waves of Galilee.
 All saints, just like us,
 singing your praise forever and ever.
 May we join in their anthem.
 In Christ’s name, Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

C G7 C F C

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F C Am F G7 C

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Introduction

Presentation of Bibles

Pre-K & Kindergarten

2nd-3rd Grade

Confirmation Dedication

Confirmands

Victoria Bower

Louise DiRenzo

Tyler Morgan

Brian Speers

Introduction

Questions

Confirmands

Parents

Teachers

Congregation

Congregational Response

Gracious God, you are the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Draw near to these young people as they seek to grow in faith. Steadily increase in them, and in us, the desire to follow you, the courage to question you, and the willingness to learn from your Holy Word. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON

“The Allure of Amnesia”

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) will come to 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 Anthem

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

The Choir

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.*

*Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ
The light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here



Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Reading of the Church Necrology

Arthur (Herb) Murk

James Griswold

Juanita Madden-Estra

Mary Colmasky D'Addario

Angelo F. Rutigliano

Margaret Anne White

Dorothy Louise (Dill) Carruthers (Duffy)

Ruth Rawlinson Bergengren

Charles Oriel

Joan Wilder Gannon Dean

Althea R. Gustafson

Elizabeth (Bette) Swain

C Lawrence Carlson

Sung Call to Prayer

The image shows a musical score for a 'Sung Call to Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

New Century (black) 337

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 seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words “The bread of life” and “The cup of blessing.” If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.

Invitation

We come to the table where Christ is the host.
Those who wish to serve him
must first be served by him,
those who want to follow him
must first be fed by him,
those who would wash his feet
must first let him make them clean.

**For this is the table
where God intends us to be nourished;
this is the time when Christ can make us new.**

So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.
Come to the table where all are welcomed just as they are.

We come to taste and see that God is good.

Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude,
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

The Practice Of 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).*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

COMMUNION SERVERS

Judy Graham, Nancy Parsons, Bob Carberry,
Laurel Cole, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Sue VanNess

ACOLYTES

Tyler Morgan and Brian Speers

USHERS

Jim and Lois Stevens, Anne Louise Griswold,
Gladys Carpenter and Dave Sageman

The flowers are given by
Judy Graham and family in loving memory of John and Phyllis Paholski
(Papa & Nanny)
And
Joan Tennyson in memory of Bill Holmes

The tower is lit this week in memory of Dave Schako
by Betty Schako.

**HELP! MORNING MAILERS
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

We have additional bulk mailings this month, and because of Thanksgiving our December newsletter will be mailed on a Tuesday. We will begin around 9:30am in the Fiorilli Room on the following days.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7 – STEWARDSHIP MAILING

MONDAY, NOV. 10 – DEACON THANKSGIVING LETTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – CHURCH MOUSE

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. Refreshments are served.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

*Children are invited to remain in worship today for Communion Sunday,
following along with the children and youth bulletins.
Join us next week in Church School!*

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for Fall. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

NOAH'S TABLE (6th-12th Grade): November 9, 12 PM – 4 PM

Let's go explore God's beautiful creation. Wear warm clothes and hiking shoes. Don't forget to bring water and a snack. Drivers and chaperones needed. RSVP by Wednesday, November 5, at Meghan@rhccucc.org.

GROW YOUR FAITH & GET INVOLVED WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.

The RHCC S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School is a place that values intergenerational relationships, growing in faith, and learning throughout our lives to be the disciples Christ calls us to be. You are invited to come join the circle and get involved. For the 2014 church school we are looking for:

- 1) **Youth Group Advisor** – Regularly assists with youth group and coordinating events. Must be college age or older.
- 2) **S.P.I.R.I.T. Teachers** – Teachers commit to no more than 4 Sundays in a row. Teachers provide support and assistance to our children and youth during our chapel times. Training is provided. Up to 4 teachers slots are available for high school students.
- 3) **S.P.I.R.I.T. Contributors** – Do you have a gift or skill, an ability to cook/bake, a love for crafts, a musical ability, an affinity for storytelling, a love of all things theater, a passion for organizing mission projects? Join us for a one time class or chapel worship, and share you gift.

If you are interested in getting involved the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School, please contact Meghan Young at Meghan@rhccucc.org to sign-up or to find out more information.

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 "end of October" deadline for ordering scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Company. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup next Sunday, November 9. We'll continue to place orders every two weeks through November and early December in order to provide more flexibility during the holiday season.

Today we continue to have a variety of cards in inventory from more than 35 different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase this morning, including (but not limited to):

Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

Fast food: Boston Market, Burger King, 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,
On the Border

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy,
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Marshall's, Shutterfly,
Staples, Target, Walmart

See Gail Hall at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

THINK SCRIP!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

WARM COATS NEEDED!

It is the season for cleaning closets and transferring over clothes! With this in mind, Allison, our Covenant to Care Social Worker, has requested any donations of gently used warm coats. They are particularly looking for the below, but will take any donations that are in very good condition.

**Men's Medium for an older boy, 11yr old boy
6 yr old boy, 7 yr old girl**

See Kari McCaw-Blaise or Meghan Montana if you would like to donate or have additional questions.

It's time now, before the cold winds blow and the snow falls deep, to think of the American natives on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, who will be in need of warm winter clothing and blankets.

Please consider a donation of any kind of

winter clothing in good, ready to wear condition for all ages – men, women, children and infants. The last day for collecting will be Sunday, November 16th. For information call Joan Tennyson (860)529-8789, or leave your donations in Chapin Hall on the last table to be picked up on Sundays. It's a good thing!



THIS WEEK AT RHCC

November 2

10:00am **Worship** Chapin Hall
11:30am **Children's Choir** Choir Room
4:00pm **Tamil Sangram** Rm 22, 23, 24, 25
5:00pm **Confirmation**

Sunday



November 3

10:30am **Apple Rehab service**
7:00pm **Women's AA** Chapin Hall
7:00pm **Bowling**
7:30pm **Bell Choir** Loft

Monday

November 4

11:00am **Lodge Service**
6:00pm **Visioning Comm.** Fiorilli Rm
7:00pm **Boards/Committees**

Tuesday

November 5

9:30am **Quilters**
7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday

November 6

7:30pm **Men's AA** Chapin Hall

Thursday

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3 Philip Swain
5 Meghan Wilcock
6 Thomas Matthias
Mary DeLibero
7 Michael McKenna
8 Rob Grandell
Alyssa Somes Kellogg

LOOKING FOR

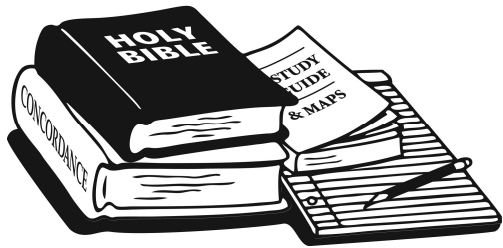
**A set of
Thanksgiving
dishes
we can use in
the display
cabinet for
Thanksgiving,
Call**

**Joan Tennyson
at 860-529-8789**

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, rhccucc.org (See WORSHIP BULLETINS), or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

Be Nourished



COMING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.....

Things I've Always Wondered about Christianity (But Was Afraid to Ask)

A small-group exploration series based on topics provided by the congregation.

It's been my experience in many years of ministry that we are often carrying questions and struggles about very basic ideas, beliefs or meanings within the Christian faith that we don't feel we understand very well, or that may once have made sense to us but now make less sense, or that seem ill-fitting in some way with how we have experienced God or our own faith. It's good to have a community of others to talk with about those challenges. (For one thing, we generally find we're not alone in having them). This will be designed as a series of small-group conversations within which any and all questions, doubts or struggles can be shared, and we'll explore them together.

-Rev. Brenda

Examples:

I never did believe in the Virgin Birth. Does that mean I'm not Christian?

I have a lot of trouble with all the violence of God in the Bible. Am I supposed to believe that's really what God is like?

So much in the Bible is not plausible, scientifically or literally. Am I expected to believe it all literally? What if I don't?

I used to believe in a "substitutionary atonement" (Jesus' death was in our place, "paid for" our sins) but now that seems absurd to me. How does someone else's death relieve my guilt?

I struggle with what to tell my children when bad things happen in the world. What can I tell them about God...?

If you would like to participate, please use the tear-off on the next page to submit a question or topic by Dec. 12 (can be returned to the church office or placed in one of the marked envelopes in the narthex or Chapin Hall). Please indicate also your preference for a meeting time for the small group. Plans will be announced after the input has been received.

**INFORMATION FOR
“THINGS I’VE ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT CHRISTIANITY...BUT
WAS AFRAID TO ASK”**

Name (optional) _____

My question or topic:

Preference for meeting time:

Daytime

Evening

Sundays after worship

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 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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