

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**November 8, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth 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

"Let All Things Now Living"
The Jubilate Handbell Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

We have come into this house to worship the God of Creation.

Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

We have come to listen to the stories of people

**who throughout the generations have shown us the way
by their trust in the promises of God,
who is always watching over us.**

The widow who gives her last coin reminds us of the risks we are free to take
with confidence that God will take care of us
through times of plenty and times of want,
all along our journey through life.

**So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together.
Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people
here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!**

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ever living God, instill in us, we pray,
the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us.

Teach us again during this time together
that you are always with us.

Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you
and is meant to be shared.

The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us
to live beyond our own desires.

So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray,
that we might be overcome

with its liberating courage and sustenance.

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.)*

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. 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 Best of Rooms"

Donald Busaro

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

N.T. p. 43 pew Bible

SERMON

"Making the Plate Klink"

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

New Century (black) 423

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 Solo

"Siciliano"

J.S. Bach

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

*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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Pilgrim (red) 404

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Prelude in C# Major”

J.S. Bach

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

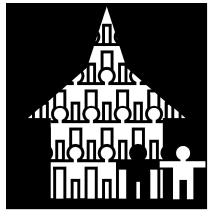
Jim and Lois Stevens, Dave and Bobbie Hawkins

HOSPITALITY

Ruth and Jay Jensen

The flowers are given in loving memory of Dave Schako
by Betty Schako.

The tower is lit this week in loving memory of William F. Griswold
by Anne Louise Griswold



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?
NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Join us **TODAY** for a **preparatory session** following worship, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, with the pastor and Deacon(s). 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, but cannot attend today, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon.

CHURCH STAFF POSITION: Office Manager Wanted

Office Manager Mitsey Baker has informed us that she will leave the church staff before the end of the year. Mitsey joined our church staff in April 2013—but had helped “cover” the church office responsibilities on a temporary basis many times before. Mitsey’s agreed to remain on the church staff much longer than she had intended (thank you, Mitsey!). We’re so very grateful for all of the ways she has supported the ministry and mission of our congregation throughout many seasons of transition and change.

The Personnel Committee, working with both Pastor Craig and Mitsey, have prepared a current job description for the position of Office Manager—and we’ve started to post the position opening in a handful of classifieds and online job boards. Due to the sensitive and confidential interaction that the Office Manager has with church members, the Personnel Committee and Council have decided that this position may not be filled by a church member or anyone active with this congregation. A job description can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/obyhm4a>. Interested and qualified candidates may email resumes to Bob Inderbitzen, Chair of the Personnel Committee, rinderbitzen@cox.net. Interviews will be conducted by a selection committee comprised of Pastor Craig and members of the Personnel Committee

WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

It's time again, during the next 3 weeks to collect winter clothing for the **LAKOTA NATIVE AMERICANS** on the Cheyenne River in South Dakota. This year clothing will be used as Christmas gifts, making it necessary for them to be new. Suggestions - socks, hats, mittens, gloves, underwear, shirts, pj's and sweaters. Other clothing such as coats, jackets, pants, boots, and sweatshirts need not be new but should be in good condition. Blankets and sheets should be new in original packaging.



Cash donations are most appreciated as Rochelle Ripley can buy at reduced prices. Call Joan Tennyson for information. (860) 529-8789

Connecticut Conference Adult Service Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation!

As hundreds of past participants will attest, the volunteer service trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation with Simply Smiles is a life changing opportunity for you and those you will travel to serve. Participants will live and work with Simply Smiles in the town of La Plant on the Reservation. You will be strengthening this community through construction projects, town-wide events, daily afternoon summer camps and more - all while learning about the rich Lakota culture!

Interested?

Informational Meeting:
November 22
3:00 PM
United Church Center
125 Sherman Street
Hartford, CT

CTUCC.org

Trip Dates:
April 30 - May 7
2016

Thank You!

For More Details:

Please Contact:
Charlie Kuchenbrod
charliek@ctuucc.org

SimplySmiles.org

Mitsey will be out of the office from Monday Nov.9 through Friday November 13.

FROM YOUR FAIR COMMITTEE

**THANK YOU ALL, FOR ANY ROLE YOU PLAYED IN MAKING THE
2015 R.H.C.C. COUNTRY FAIR A SUCCESS!**

Whether you set up or ran a booth, baked a pie, made fudge (isn't Candy, running the Candy booth just perfect?) donated or asked for donations, you were the reason the church is seven thousand dollars richer! And...we still have the quilt raffle and dinner coming up to add in!

A huge THANK YOU to all the quilters over the years and this year for their toil and creativity. The quilt is just beautiful and as a recipient of one, much appreciated!

A personal THANK YOU to the Committee/Booth Managers for their visibly seamless efforts, to pull off what had been a rough start!

A huge ***Hug*** and ***Thanks*** to those with **unbelievable stamina**, working my booths or helping behind the scenes. Mitsey, Judy, Bea, Bob, Lily, Niki, Frankie, Tim, and Lois! And to our Security, Jim, you are the most awesome Sheriff! Thank you so much! Nick, you were soooooo helpful. It was great to see the young people be a big part of this fair! So many to thank and not enough paper!

Peace,
Elaine Somes - 2015 Fair Committee





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.*

For the first six months of the current fiscal year, we have earned \$8,800 through the Scrip-Sure program, up about 9% over the prior year's results. The next opportunities to place orders for cards not kept in inventory will be Nov. 15, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13. Delivery will be on the Sunday following the order deadline.

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, Bonefish 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 Gail Hall 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

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

November 8

10:00am **Worship** Sanctuary
11:00am **New member class** Parlor
11:20am **Children's Choir** Choir Room
11:40am **Lessons /Carols Adult Choir** Choir Room
2:00pm **Race Relations Discussion** Fiorilli Room
4:00pm Siragu Tamil School Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27
5:00pm **High School Youth Group**
5:30pm **Stewardship Leadership** Chapin Hall
Dinner

November 9

7:00pm **Little Scholars Preschool** Fiorilli Room
7:00pm Women's AA Chapin Hall
7:30PM **Bell Choir** Loft

November 10

7:00pm **Council** Fiorilli Room
7:00pm Hearing Voices Room 24

November 11

9:00am **Breakfast Club** Bob's Cafe
5:15pm Pilates w/Caroline Chapin Hall
7:00pm **Choir/Lessons & Carols** Choir Room
7:30pm **Adult Choir** Choir Room

November 12

7:30pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

November 14

9:00am Memorial Service Sanctuary
10:30pm Baby Shower Chapin Hall

Sunday

Sanctuary
Parlor
Choir Room
Choir Room
Fiorilli Room
Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

Monday

Fiorilli Room
Chapin Hall
Loft

Tuesday

Fiorilli Room
Room 24

Wednesday

Bob's Cafe
Chapin Hall
Choir Room
Choir Room

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Saturday

Sanctuary
Chapin Hall



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 8 Rob Grandell
Alyssa Kellogg
9 Lisa Taylor
Jennifer Martin
10 Jon Morgan
11 Dale Rowland
12 Diana Belliveau
13 Donna Rowland
Kari McCaw

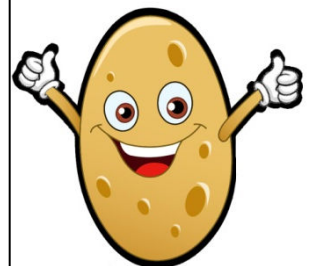
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It's ba-a-ack: The Baked Potato Fundraiser!

Sunday, November 22 after worship
\$5 per potato
freshly baked with all the fixings

Proceeds to benefit the High School Youth Group trip to the UCC National Youth Event in July 2016



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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Mitsey Baker office@rhccucc.org

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