

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**November 10, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 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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Please include your full address, phone number and email 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.



# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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## INTROIT

“Now I Walk In Beauty”  
The Choir

Hopi Native American

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Heneghan

One: God calls us together, out of our everyday lives...

**People: to come and worship.**

One: God calls us together, to listen...

**People: for what the Spirit is saying.**

One: God calls us together, to become...

**People: the hands and feet of Jesus.**

**ALL: *Come on, let's worship God –  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.***

## \*HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

NCH 7

*\*please rise in body or in spirit; Bold denotes unison response*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Holy One, as the night fades away and the daylight unfolds,  
we gather into your temple, searching for your presence.

We long for the joy of your strength.

We entrust our cares to you and quiet our hearts before you.

We pray this, as Jesus taught 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**

“Be Still and Know that I am God”

NC 743

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It also features a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

# PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

## 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



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

“Hear My Prayer”  
The Choir

Moses Hogan

### SCRIPTURE

Hosea 8:1-4, 7-8 and Galatians 6:7-10

### SERMON

“Reaping a Good Crop”

Rev. Nada Sellers

### \*HYMN

“You Are the Seed” (verses: 1,3)

NCH 528

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Duet

“Amazing Grace” arr. Dave Hall  
Gail Hall, clarinet; Dave Hall, cello

### 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

## Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

**\*HYMN**

“We are Dancing Sarah’s Circle” (verses 1-5)

NCH 510

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Stephanie Heneghan

**USHERS**

Michael Andonucci, Dave Sageman & Sue Chatfield

**GREETER**

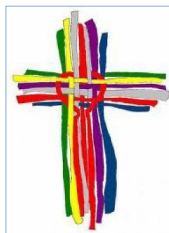
Joan Tennyson

**HOSPITALITY**

InReach

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Judy Graham and family  
in Loving Memory of Nanny & Papa. Phyllis & John Paholski

*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship in Chapin Hall after Worship.*



*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

*A Quiet Witness*

Do you love knitting or do you want to learn? The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Doretta Andonucci with questions.

## Outreach & Witness Ministry Team

### Turkey and a Thirty Foodshare Campaign

Sunday, November 24



Foodshare coordinates with the greater Hartford community each year to encourage turkey and monetary donations to help us meet the needs of our hungry neighbors during the holiday season and beyond. On Sunday, November 24th, we will host a collection from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon in front of the church. We will accept donations of frozen turkeys and \$30, or any donation toward Foodshare. Please make checks payable to Foodshare. Please drop off frozen turkeys only during the designated collection time as we do not have ample storage space. Last year, Foodshare collected over 15,000 turkeys and was able to provide a turkey to each family who requested one. This event is open to the community so please share with family and friends!

If anyone is interested in joining the ministry team to assist us with collection of the turkeys and delivery to West Side Market on Sunday, November 24th, please contact Heather Collins, [heathercollins2004@gmail.com](mailto:heathercollins2004@gmail.com), 860-798-4454.

### *From the Church Office*



The submission deadline for the DECEMBER issue of The Church Mouse is **November 15**, and the mailing date will be Monday, November 25. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

Birthdays and Anniversaries – we're updating our lists. Let us know if you have a special milestone coming up. Call or email the church office at: 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

Please notify us of any changes to your address, phone number, cell phone number, or email account.

Got news? The submission deadline for the weekly service bulletin and weekly e-mail blast is every Wednesday. The email blast is sent, and the bulletin printed every Thursday.

HELPERS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE PLEDGE MAILING –  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 9:30AM, IN THE FIORILLI ROOM. THANK YOU!





## Thanksgiving Offering to replenish Helping Hand Fund

This year's special Thanksgiving offering will be allocated to the Rocky Hill Congregational Church Helping Hand Fund. This fund provides financial assistance to church members and friends in times of need. The fund has not been replenished since the spring of 2017, and at the end of the summer, the balance was down to just over \$5,000.

All disbursements from the Helping Hand Fund are made confidentially. The amount of any distribution is dependent on the circumstances of the need and the amount of available funds. Requests for assistance should be made directly to the Pastor or any member of the Executive Committee of the Council (currently Marsha Hoffman, Moderator; Ruth Fitzgerald, Vice Moderator; Hilaire Leavitt, Clerk; Dave Hall, Treasurer).

You may donate to this Thanksgiving appeal in one of three ways:

1. Send a check to the church office, and denote "Thanksgiving" in the memo line.
2. Pay online via direct transfer from your bank account. Access the donation portal by clicking on the "Support Us" link at the top of the church website at [rockyhillucc.org](http://rockyhillucc.org). Then click on the button in the orange ONLINE panel. Enter your donation amount in the "Special Offering" line and denote Thanksgiving in the text box to the right.
3. Attend the Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 24, and enclose your check or cash in the envelopes that will be provided at that service. (Note: envelopes will not be mailed out in advance this year.)

In the words of Matthew, "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Thank you in advance for helping to provide a source of financial support to our friends and families in need.

From the Church Council



### November Green Tips:

Consider making these changes to help Mother Earth:

- 1) Make sure your tires are properly inflated.
- 2) Install and use programmable thermostats
- 3) Turn the heat down just 1 degree

-from our GREEN MINISTRY TEAM



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HOME SECRET SANTA

Outreach and Witness is collecting holiday gifts throughout the month of November for residents of the CT Veterans Home in Rocky Hill. The Veterans Home can only accept new items and they request no hotel samples.

### **Clothing**

Underwear (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X, 3X, 4X)

T-shirts

Boxers/Briefs

Bottoms (All sizes: Men's S to 6X)

Dockers' Style pants

Jeans

Sweatpants (Open leg preferred)

Tops (All sizes to 5X)

Dress Shirts

Polo/Sport/Casual

T-shirts (Pockets a Plus!!)

Sweaters/Vests (Pullover or Cardigan)

Coats (All sizes: Men's M to 6X, Women's M to 3X)

Winter Coats or Jackets

Golf/Lightweight jackets

Quilted insulated flannel jackets

Shoes: (Men's sizes 7 to 15)

Water Shoes (Not Flip-Flops)

Slippers

Sneakers (Velcro Closing or Tie)

Work Boots & Winter Boots

### **Accessories (All sizes)**

Gloves & Hats

Belts, Suspenders

Socks (Diabetic, Crew, Tube)

Handkerchiefs

Manly or Unscented Shampoos

Baby/Shower Powder

Men's Deodorants

Lightly Scented Body Wash

Electric Rechargeable Razors

Rechargeable Toothbrush

Lip Balm, Lotions

Soft Hairbrushes/Brushes/Combs

### **Misc.**

Military Memorabilia (Patches, Caps)

Battery Operated Alarm Clocks

Watches (Large Face a Plus!)

Flashlights

AM/FM Radios/Clock Radios

Portable DVD Players

New CDs, DVDs

Headsets with soft ear covers

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)

Postage Stamps

Travel Neck Pillows (no bean/plastic)

Small Boomboxes (CD/Radio)

UCONN, Red Sox, Patriots, Giants or Yankees Items

Gift Certificates



Help Our Veterans

## **We're starting a Young Mothers' Group!**

(and not defining what "young" is)

The group is intended to be for purely social and support reasons, so no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here...and so is your child.



Organizing meeting: Thursday, November 14 from 5:30pm to 7pm  
Rocky Hill Congregational Church—805 Old Main St.

Dinner will be provided, so RSVP by contacting Georgette Huie  
ghuie@rhccucc.org or (860) 529-4167

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.**



This special Christmas service is held by Christians around the world, in many and varied settings. In small churches and in great cathedrals, people gather to celebrate the story of Christ's coming, in word and music. The service reflects our desire to deepen your experience of Christmas.

We encourage you to share the peace and hope of this moving service with others. Please share the invitation on Facebook, by phone, in person, or with our postcard invitations.

There is no admission charge, though a free-will offering will be taken to support the Rocky Hill Food Pantry. As always, a lovely reception will follow.



## ***PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD*** **Caretakers of the Way**

Humans leave traces of connection. The British naturalist Robert MacFarlane has written

*“that once you begin to notice them, you see that the landscape is still webbed with paths and footpaths .... Pilgrim paths, green roads, drove roads, corpse roads, trods, leys, dykes, drongs, sarns, snickets –say the names of paths out loud and at speed and they become a poem or rite – holloways, bostles, shutes, driftways, lichways, ridings, halterpaths, cartways, carneys, causeways, herepaths.”*

Robert MacFarlane, *The Old Ways*, p. 13

Faith too is a path of connection but unless the way is practiced it disappears. Stewardship is the practice that generates and regenerates the path of faith.

Stewardship is less about sharpening our pencils and more about sharpening our tools for trail maintenance, equipping ourselves to be caretakers of the path connecting us to our Creator and guiding our steps.

Robert MacFarlane reports that in the 19<sup>th</sup> century small sickles were hung on stiles or posts where paths connecting communities began. Walkers would pick up the sickle or hook to lop off branches as they walked. They would then leave the ‘hook’ on the stile or post at the end of the path so a walker going in the opposite direction could do the same. This shared caretaking of the path benefited each individual walker but also the larger community.

The early Christian movement was known internally as well as to its persecutors as the way (Acts 9). The life of faith is a way of being human, a way of interpreting, a way of practicing, a way of living.

As we journey towards the reign of God, we are following in the tracks of others, ways walked by Jesus himself, paths as ancient as Abraham and Sarah. Today we are not just signposts pointing the way but the caretakers, the stewards of that way. Come and join in the way.

## 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
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonafish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on November 17 (with delivery on November 24). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program 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.

Think SCRIP!

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### November 10

10:00am Worship  
9:30am Childcare  
10:15am Church School  
11:00am Coffee Hour

### November 11

7:00pm Ferry Landing  
7:00pm Women's AA  
7:30pm Bell Choir

### November 12

7:00pm Worship  
7:30pm Council

### November 13

11:00am Little Scholars Preschool  
1:00pm Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Lessons & Carols rehearsal  
7:30pm Choir

### November 14

5:30pm Young Mother's Group  
7:30pm Men's AA

### November 15

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,27  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli  
Choir Loft

### Tuesday

Parlor  
Fiorilli

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli  
Choir Room  
Choir Room

### Thursday

Room 6  
Chapin Hall

### Friday

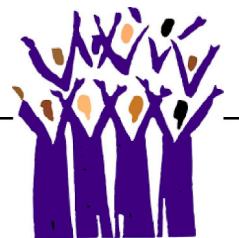
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10	Jon Morgan
11	Dale Rowland
12	Diana Belliveau
13	Donna Rowland
15	Roland Lataille



### GRATEFUL GIVING

Veteran's Home Secret Santa  
Helping Hand Fund  
Food Bank  
Turkey & a \$30 – Nov 24



**Please join us for REBOOT SUNDAY!!**

### **November 17**

We are happy to welcome Rev. Nada Sellers as she has begun her transitional pastorate with us, and on Sunday, November 17, - we will have a formal celebration of welcome and renewal. Following worship, everyone is invited to join in a lunch of chili with all the "fixin's".

All are invited. All are welcome. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey - you are welcome HERE.

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday – Closed

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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