

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



November 20, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday

~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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

INTROIT

“Now I walk in Beauty”
The Choir

Hopi Native American

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Pagnucco

Leader: This place of worship has been prepared for us
to come with songs of thanksgiving before our God.

**People: Let us bring our gifts to the altar and
share our stories of blessings!**

Leader: God has provided so much—even this beautiful day—

People: So let's raise our voices and celebrate!

*HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Insert

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

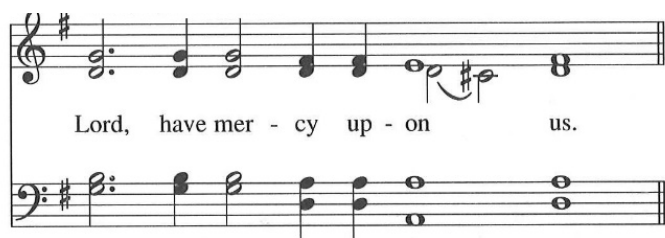
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*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God of steadfast love
we entered this space today to worship you in gladness.
We come into your presence
Singing your praises.
You are our creator; we are your people.
Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation:
We give thanks for the sun, water, air and winds
that nourish your earth
which provides the bounty we enjoy.
Bless us as we bless your name.
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

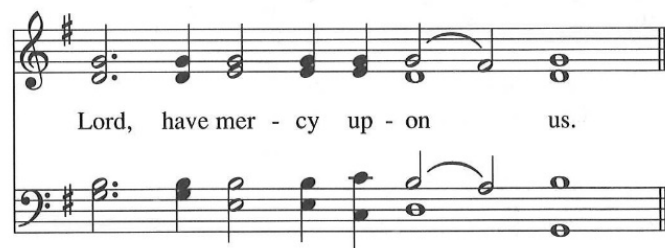
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 written below the notes.

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

“Thanks Be To Thee”
The Choir

Handel

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

Pew Bible NT p199

SERMON

“The Inheritance of the Saints”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

New Century (black)420

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will 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 Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

setting by Russel Schulz-Widmar

*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 “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1) NC 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

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:

Refrain

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 29

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Voluntary and Fugue in C “

Handel

LITURGIST

Don Pagnucco

USHERS

Bea Donahue & Bob Simmons, Polly Pagnucco, Lois & Jim Stevens

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*The flowers are given in loving memory of
Carol and Rose Neuman and James and Ida Tennyson
By Joan Tennyson*

TODAY

10:00am Worship

9:30am Child Care during Worship

10:00am Church School

11:00am Youth Groups' Baked Potato Fundraiser

11:20am L&C choir children

11:40am L&C choir adult



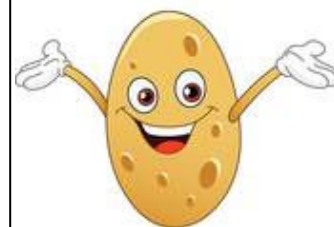
TODAY - DON'T MISS! The Baked Potato Fundraiser!

11AM IN CHAPIN HALL

\$5 per potato

freshly baked with all the fixings

Proceeds to benefit the High School Youth
Group mission trip to repair homes in
Louisiana in July 2017



MISSIONS

We are having a FUNDrive in partnership with Savers, a thrift store that will BUY our donated items. Items must be in in good, clean and sellable condition. Clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, books, toys, kitchen items, sporting goods and more will be accepted. All proceeds to benefit Hawkwing.

Today is the last day we are accepting donations. But if you still want to give, you can call or email Kari at 860-803-4852 or kariblaise@hotmail.com Thank you!

Anita Watson

The Watsons have been active in our congregation and the community for many years, and Anita will be greatly missed.

Cards of Sympathy for Anita Watson's family may be sent to:

Donald Watson, c/o Avery Heights, 705 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Donations in her memory may be sent to: Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm Rocky Hill Congregational Church

Join us in worship at the annual Rocky Hill Thanksgiving Service, as we give thanks and praise to God with our brothers and sisters of the various Christian faith communities in town. Raise up your voice with an ecumenical choir that will lead us in song. Refreshments will be served following worship.



RHCC member James "Jim" Lawrence McNally, Jr. passed away peacefully at home in the arms of his loving wife after a courageous battle with cancer on October 27, 2016. Jim is survived by his wife Lisa, and his four children, Nicholas and wife Andrea, Jillian, Jackson, and Maya McNally.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to:

The McNally Education Fund for Jackson and Maya McNally, c/o Liberty Bank, 534 Main St, Cromwell, CT 06416.

Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Head & Neck Oncology Program, Dr. Jochen Lorch, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Cards of Sympathy can be sent to: Lisa Libera McNally, 26 Glenwood Terrace, Cromwell, CT 06416.

Save the Date for our:

**A Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols**
Sunday, December 11th
at 4:00 p.m.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
presents

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Community Instruments
Scripture Handbells
Music Children
Choir Stories

**Sunday, December 11, 2016
4:00 p.m.**



Don't Miss the
COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 17
This delicious event will be held in our Chapin Hall
from 10:30am - 1:30pm.
Come fill a tin with homemade cookies and treats for
the Holidays!

*Remember to Honor your Loved Ones
With Christmas Poinsettias*



The plants will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Sunday, December 18th through Christmas
The cost is \$12.50 per plant.
Ordering deadline is Sunday, December 11th

Please fill out the information below and mail to Kim Burghoff (see address below)

Given by: _____

Daytime Telephone number: _____

Dedication (“in loving memory of...” or “in honor of...” etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

This year a choice of either a Red or White Poinsettia is available.

Please select:

RED POINSETTIA **WHITE POINSETTIA**

I will pick-up my plant after worship on Sunday, December 18th

OR

Use my plant to decorate the church through Christmas.

Make your checks payable to:

Rocky Hill Congregational Church with “Poinsettia” in memo line and mail to:

Kim Burghoff, 204 Gray Fox Lane, Rocky Hill CT 06067.

You may call Kim with questions at 860 563-3287.

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, On the Border, 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 deadline to place orders for cards not kept in inventory will be next Sunday, **November 27**. Upcoming pre-Christmas ordering deadlines will continue in two week cycles - November 27, and December 11. Comprehensive listings of all available retailers 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. 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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

November 20

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Baked Potato Fundraiser** Chapin Hall
11:20am *Lessons & Carols Rehearsals*
4:00pm **Tamil School**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall
Rms 22,23,25,26,27



November 21

7:00pm **Women's AA**
7:00pm *L & C Choir*
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

November 22

7:00pm Ecumenical Service
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

Tuesday

Sanctuary
Room 22

November 23

6:00pm **Pilates**
7:00pm *L&C Choir*
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

Office closed

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

Thursday

Chapin Hall

November 25

Office closed

Friday

20	Mary-Edith Bowman
20	Hannah Fuller
22	Julia Pawlich
23	Peter Alessi
24	Kim Batterson-Biglow
25	Jeannie Alessi
25	Holly Alessi
25	Will McKenna

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Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22
at 7pm
Worship,
Choir Music,
Refreshments***

CHURCH MOUSE DECEMBER ISSUE

We'll gather to prepare the newsletter on Tuesday, November 29,
9:30am in the Fiorilli Room. Join us!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Church Website: rhccucc.org

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

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

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Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

Child Care Provider: Liz Pulling