

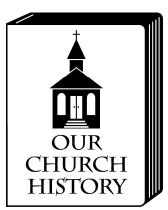
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# **January 2014 Newsletter**

Website: www.rhccucc.org Office Hours – 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Friday Sunday Worship Services – 10:00 a.m.

Childcare Available/Handicap Accessible



**Church Mouse** 

# Sunday, January 12 11:30 – 12:15

# Congregational Conversation #4 Our History with Pastors

Chapin Hall

As congregations do the work of searching for a new pastor, they first need to imagine what that person might be like, what would constitute a "fit." Who are we seeking? What traits, competencies, characteristics, do we hope (s)he will bring? What do we hope her/his leadership will be like? That imagining is often colored by a congregation's history with pastors. This will be an opportunity for some conversation around hopes and expectations.

# From the Interim Senior Pastor



# Looking Back, Looking Forward

In Roman mythology, the god Janus – god of gates, doors, beginnings, endings – famously looks both backwards and forwards at once. From his name we get the name of our first month, January – gateway to a new year. And a reminder that endings and beginnings are woven together: when we are ending one thing, we are also starting another thing, and vice versa. Generally in life, we don't get one without the other -- it's both/and, not either/or.

Churches know this experientially, and churches that are in transition know it especially. In a transition time, we are definitely looking backwards and forwards at once – mindful of and appreciative for past experience but also eager for what is coming next. Usually, an interim period starts out feeling one way (looking back) and eventually moves on to feeling another way (looking ahead). Between those two there is a stretch in the middle, when we're no longer at the beginning of it, but not yet close to the end of it -- and that's where we are now at RHCC. Your pastoral search committee is formed and will begin its work this month, but it will be a long time before they are anywhere near the selection of a candidate. So, the "meantime" of the transition stretches before us.

One way that we will do the looking-back-and-forward together is to resume some congregational conversations, such as we had last fall: looking at the church's history, recent sense of itself, current sense of itself, hopes for the future. The particular needs of the search committee will help determine what kinds of conversations we need to have, as they go about the task of seeking the best possible fit in a Senior Pastor. *(Our next second-hour conversation is scheduled for Jan. 12 – see information on the cover).* 

Meanwhile, beneath the movement and change of seasons, months, calendar-years, and the flux of our own lives, there continues the steadiness of the faith and the gospel that this church, any church, is built on. While we are looking forward and back, doing our best to keep those two things in balance, God is holding us the whole time....helping us not to get out of balance.

So, onward, into a new calendar year, a continuing church year, and a continuing interim period....a time full with possibility, newness, memory and hope. Looking back, looking forward, both/and.

Faithfully, Rev. Brenda



# Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

Even through the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, your search committee has continued their work! We have begun to look at the current church profile, identified areas in need of updating, and have even drafted some revisions. We also have a meeting set with our regional minister, Tamara Moreland in the first week of January to gather

some valuable knowledge about the process and flow of this endeavor.

We eagerly look forward to what this new year has to offer for our committee and our congregation!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members.

Senior Pastor Search Committee:

Liz Reed-Swale - Co-Chair, Gregson Curtin - Co-Chair, Stephanie Heneghan - Chaplin, Hilaire Leavitt - Secretary, Meghan Montana - Communications, Neal Cox, Diana Hellyar, Michele Jokl, Rhody Triblets

# **REFLECTIONS ON FAITH: FOR THOUGHT AND CONVERSATION**

The famous "Serenity Prayer," attributed to UCC theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), says:

God grant me the serenity to accept what cannot be changed; the courage to change what can be changed; and the wisdom to know the difference.

What *are* the things – in your own life and the life of the world -- that can and can't be changed? Do we sometimes change our minds about which is which? Has there ever been something significant in your life that you believed could never change – until it did?

From where do we get the courage to make meaningful change – in ourselves, in our circumstances, or in our dealing with circumstances?

And from where do we get "the wisdom to know the difference"?



# Jan. 5 Epiphany Sunday/ Pageant and Communion

Come join us as we worship in wonder and mystery, bringing the story of Christmas and Epiphany to light, as worship leaders of ALL ages put on costumes and remember through word and action, the birth story and revelation of our faith.



Monday Jan. 6 6to8pm	<b>Epiphany Gathering</b> Simple supper, fellowship, and worship to celebrate the festival of Epiphany.
Jan 12	First Sunday after Epiphany ~ Baptism of Christ The Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszcza preaching.
Jan. 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany Hymn-sing Sunday
Jan. 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany Meghan D. Young preaching.

# HYMN-SING SUNDAY JANUARY 19



## Want to sing your favorite hymns?

Our worship on Jan. 19 will include selected hymns from among those that have been requested by our congregation beforehand.

There will be an opportunity during worship on Jan. 5 and 12 to fill out hymn-request slips.



#### S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner Check-in:

#### Church School

We finished our second faith formation unit, *Christmas Journeys*. Together, we explored some of the great stories of the Bible through the theme of family relocation. All our lives are journeys with many stops we do not expect. We talked about the ways we journey today and compared and contrasted these with the ways that Jesus journeyed in his early life. Through crafts, service projects, games, and cupcakes we experienced four journeys about the birth and young life of Jesus: the journey to Bethlehem that Mary and Joseph made before Jesus was born, journey of the magi, the flight to Egypt, and the family's return to Nazareth.

Check out the "What We're Learning Now" box for more information about our next unit, "Praying With Jesus, beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>, and learn with us!

#### Youth Group

This month, Youth met for our annual Advent/Christmas party. We checked-in with each other, made dinner, decorated cookies, decorated a tree, and relaxed with a holiday movie.

All Youth Group events for the year will be open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and when appropriate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will break off for separate discussion groups. We will meet several times throughout the year for Youth Group Night Out events and service projects. On Sundays following church, Noah's Table meets to discuss current events, worship, and eat.

#### **Gatherings**

The annual RHCC Advent Family Night, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, was an opportunity to gather for a meal, crafts, and worship, as we welcomed the season of Advent to wait in anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ. We made Jesse Tree ornaments, made Christmas Cards for the troops, and decorated Christmas cookies.

On December 14th, we hosted our fourth annual Jingle Bell Rock children's Christmas carol party. It was non-stop, fun-filled, morning of singing Christmas songs, playing Christmas games, making gingerbread houses, and decorating ornaments. Many thanks to all the volunteers!

#### **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. We are currently in need of a Show & Tell and a Food & People Learning Center Guide for unit 3 (begins on January 12). Learning Center guides prepare engaging activities to teach the bible story through community service, drama, games, crafts, and food. Training and lesson plans are always provided. If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry please contact Meghan Young at meghan@rhccucc.org.

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

#### Here's What's Happening This Month... SPECIAL EVENTS: You do not want to miss these!

Date	Event	
Saturday, January 4	Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal: 10 AM – 12 PM	
	Get your costume and meet in the sanctuary.	
Monday, January 6 Epiphany Gathering: 6 PM – 8 PM		
	Come celebrate the light of Jesus Christ with worship, food, and	
	fellowship. Sign-up in Chapin Hall.	

#### S.P.I.R.I.T Church School Calendar: What we're learning this month.

Date	Scripture/Lesson	
Sunday, January 5	Epiphany Pageant	
	Communion Sunday, Family Worship	
Sunday, January 12	Week 1: Praying With Jesus	
Sunday, January 19	Week 2: Praying With Jesus	
Sunday, January 26	Week 3: Praying With Jesus	

#### Youth Group Calendar: January

Date	Fellowship Gatherings
Sunday, January 12	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade) → 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, January 19	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade) → 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, January 26	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade) → 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Friday, January 31	Youth Group Mission Project 🗲 5 – 9 PM

## S.P.I.R.I.T. CHURCH SCHOOL – What We're Learning Now!

#### COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 3 - Praying With Jesus

In *Praying With Jesus* we will be studying the Lord's prayer. Jesus' words recorded in both Matthew and Luke, were a response to a request from his disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus' reply has become a central, virtually unchanged piece of our Christian worship. The prayer is spoken on behalf of others, and echoes with voices form the past, present, and future. The emphasis is on community, rather than self. Through this concern for others, expressed in prayer, we can feel connected with God.

#### **Exploring Prayer**

This unit explores how to pray. Explore prayer. You may use the following devotionals to restart or add to your regular prayer practices and share with others what you learn along the way.

#### **Prayer Tools**

Throughout the centuries, Christians have used many tools to help them pray, such as icons, prayer beads, prayer shawls, prayer ropes, and prayer mats. You may have used these and others. Choose one of the following activities to help you pray:

1) Make a prayer necklace by stringing buttons or beads onto a piece of cord. Select a bead or button for each person as you pray for him or her. The more people you add to your prayer, the more buttons or beads you add to your necklace.

2) Place a towel in a special place in your room or house that faces a window; a plant, a fireplace, or a candle. Pray as you kneel on the towel each day. Return to your sacred praying place each day.

3) As you pray, tie a knot in a piece of string. The knot will remind you that your life and God are entwined in prayer. Add knots each day, or as situations or needs arise.

A Prayer For The Unit. Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven; The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Don't forget to learn along with us in our weekly bulletins. Check them out for faith nurture ideas you can use at home to learn with us!

# LITTLE SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL at the ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Preschool Registration



Imagine, Christmas and New Year's celebrations are just over and it is time to think about next fall already! Yes, Little Scholars Preschool at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church (formerly Rocky Hill Congregational Cooperative Nursery School) reserves the first two weeks in January for Church members to have a priority registration period for the preschool. January 5 through January 18 will be reserved for Church members only to register their 3 and

4-year-olds for next September's classes.

For next year, the class for three-year-olds will be held 3 days a week from 9:00 AM

– 12:00 noon. For this class, students must be three by September 1. The class for four-year-olds will be held 5 days a week from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. For this class, students must turn 4 by December 31. An optional "Lunch Bunch" Program is held from 12:00 - 1:00 PM for an additional charge. Church members receive a 10 % tuition discount.

Informational brochures and applications are available in the church office or by calling Julie Dostie at 860-563-5663.





So, if you haven't already been asked, did you make New Years Resolutions? If so, are they the same you made last year and broke by mid January? Many of our resolutions

revolve around staying strong and stable financially, living a healthy lifestyle, and finding ways to de-clutter our homes and lives. When I looked over my usual resolution list – return to a regular walking schedule, follow a sensible diet, and finally after two years of retirement toss what I do not use or need, I found I was concentrating only on myself. It came to me that my resolutions should not be just goals for a happier life. I have added a new resolution - to strengthen my life with God finding new ways to live a generous life with time and talent.

Gail Tine for the Deacons

# THANKSGIVING OFFERING UPDATE

The Board of Deacons would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Thanksgiving Offering Appeal. A check for \$1,3191 was sent to the Special Needs Fund administered by the Rocky Hill Human Service Department. The donation was designated for emergency fresh food, Food Bank, and emergency fuel assistance. The department has experienced an increase in aid requests from town families. Our donation will help address these needs. Again, thank you for helping our neighbors.





# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome Holli and Ed Bacon, Vivianne Riverón, and John MacNeil, Jr., who were received into membership on December 22.

- 01 Gladys Kitchens Juliana Moot Samantha Dion
- 02 Amy Dion Jennifer Tennyson Carl Hokans
- 03 Fred Nashold Marc Fritzer Rose Lewis
- 04 Michael Bighinatti Jack Malespini Ray Laporte
- 05 Babs Wheeler
- 06 Joan-Marie Schaefer Wayne Pipke William Day JoDee Lupacchino



- 08 Brian Silkowski Thomas Day
- 09 Debra Peterson Ryan Charamut Melody Hall
- 10 Natalie Tine Nicolis Alessi
- 11 Gregory Pickett
- 12 David Dean Daniel MacNeil
- 13 Robert Speers Louis DiRenzo
- 15 Mark Sheehan Doris Schreier
- 16 Martin Sudell, Jr. Kathryn Eichner Logan Torres



# Happy birthday

January

- 17 Kenneth Rousseau Jeff Peisach Ellen Scully
- 18 Grace Cole Daphne Donahue Edward Anderson
- 19 Anne King
- 20 Lois Stevens Nancy Flynn
- 21 Liz Vann William Cordes Lindsey Nunes Matt Fulda
- 22 Betty McKinney Charlotte Bacon
- 23 Nancy Newton
- 24 Doris Hick Dorothy Carruthers Joe Tokarski
  Andrew Harvey Candy Smith
- 25 Sylvia Steucek Ron Robbins John Engel II
- 26 Stephen Murk Spencer Rupaka Sarah Bell Brian Bell
- 27 Judy Graham Alison MacNeil Emma Vann
- 28 Laura Pandolfo
- 29 Toryn Pulling
- 30 Jason Montana
- 31 Judy Tatem Laurel Cole



John and Midge Sword were married on January 19, 1947 Percy and Nancy Hall were married on January 27, 1951

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday Morning Worship Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10:00 a.m. with childcare



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed 7:30pm Adult Choir
5 Communion Sunday	6	7	8
10:00am Epiphany Pageant 6:00pm Epiphany Gathering Scrip Deadline	10:30am Apple Rehab Svc 6:00pm Epiphany Gatherin 7:00pm RHCC Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	7:00pm Board and Committee Mtgs	9:30am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Search Committee 7:30pm Adult Choir
12	13	14	15
11:30am Noah's Table 11:15am Interim Second Hour Scrip Delivery	4:00pm Yoga w/Lynn 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCC Bowling 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Bell Choir	8:30am <b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:00pm <b>Council Meeting</b>	Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Community Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir
19	20 Office Closed	21	22
10:00am Hymn Request Sunday 11:15am (Interim Second Hour Snow date) 11:30am Noah's Table	4:00pm Yoga w/Lynn 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm <b>RHCC Bowling</b> 7:30pm <b>Bell Choir</b>		9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 12:00pm <b>Bible Study</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>
26	27	28	29
11:30am Noah's Table 1:00pm Comfort Food Snow date Scrip Deadline	4:00pm Yoga w/Lynn 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm <b>RHCC Bowling</b> 7:30pm <b>Bell Choir</b>		9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 12:00pm <b>Bible Study</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>

**VOICE MAIL INSTRUCTIONS** – If you call the church (860-529-4167) and the Voice Mail answers, you do not have to listen to the entire message. Anytime during the message you can have the call transferred directly to the person you are trying to reach by simply keying in the following numbers:

Brenda Pelc-Faszcza, Interim Senior	202	Mary DeLibero, Minister of Music	207
Pastor			
Meghan Young, Acting Associate Pastor	203	Myke Halpin, Custodian	205
Mitsey Baker, Office Manager	201	RHCCNS (Nursery School)	208



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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4
Office Closed	_	8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
5:30pm TOPS		9:45am Yoga w/Lynn
8:00pm Men's AA		10:00am Epiphany Pageant
		Dress Rehearsal
9	10	11
5:30pm TOPS	5:00pm Youth Group	8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
8:00pm Men's AA	Gathering	9:45am Yoga w/Lynn
16	17	18
5:30pm TOPS		8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
8:00pm Men's AA		9:45am Yoga w/Lynn
23	24	25
5:30pm TOPS	4:00pm Setup for Comfort	-
8:00pm Men's AA	Food Dinner	9:45am Yoga w/Lynn
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		5:30pm Comfort Food
		Dinner
30	31	
5:30pm TOPS		
8:00pm Men's AA	5:00pm Youth Group Mission Project	
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# Bible Study



# Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 12:00 to 1:00 PMin the Fiorilli Room

Each week, we gather to read and explore the Scriptures to be used in an upcoming worship service. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one up from the shelf. Brown bag lunch is optional.

# SCRIP-SURE Program Update

We started our **Scrip-Sure fundraising** program in November, 2009. When we earned a profit of \$960 in just that first month, it was evident that we had uncovered a fundraising gem that could produce more than just a marginal contribution. Little did we know...

After 4+ years, we've earned over \$50,000 for RHCC! For the last three years, the program has grown annually by 25% or more. For calendar 2013 alone, our profits totaled \$17,000 – as 70 church members & friends purchased cards with a total face amount of \$240,000 during the year.

Clearly, this is no longer a niche opportunity with limited participation. Scrip-Sure has become a dominant fundraising program for the church. And yet, there are dedicated members who have still not tried it out, or who buy only very sporadically. So there is clearly room to grow. If we are to **"Fund our Faith"** at the level that most of us wish to sustain, it is critically important that we continue to grow this program.

A few facts about scrip purchases over the past year:

- 50% of all cards purchased were for groceries.
- 12% were for department stores (Target, Walmart, Kohls)
- 8% were for restaurants/fast food,
- 7% were for travel (gas, hotel),
- 6% were for pharmacies, and
- 5% each were for clothing stores and Amazon.

Here are the top ten retailers for 2013:

- 1. Stop & Shop (17% of all purchases)
- 2. Big Y (15%)
- 3. Westside Marketplace (10%)
- 4. Amazon (6%)
- 5. Whole Foods (4.4%)
- 6. CVS (3.9%)
- 7. Target (3.2%)
- 8. Kohl's (3.0%)
- 9. Sunoco (2.7%)
- 10. Walmart (2.5%)

Together, this top ten accounted for 67% of all purchases during 2013. Yet overall, we together purchased cards from 123 different retailers during the year.

Just seven families accounted for 50% of all scrip purchases during 2013! And 80% of all purchases were from just 20 families. The top five families bought more than \$1000 of scrip each month. The next six averaged more than \$500 per month, and the rest of

the top 20 spent \$250 or more per month on scrip. But more than half of all scrip buyers averaged less than \$100 in purchases per month. This suggests that growth doesn't rely entirely on getting more people to participate. Significant growth is also achievable if more people purchase MORE.

Over the past four years, we've also collected more than \$3000 in donations through our Scrip-Sure program to support the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and the Covenant to Care "Adopt a Social Worker" program. As you buy scrip during the year, please consider adding a few extra dollars to your payment to benefit these organizations with significant ties to our church. RHCC keeps no profit on these donations, so 100% of your gifts go directly to buy gift cards at the full discount, thereby boosting the ultimate value of all gifts received.

Did you realize that the profits generated by your scrip purchases are tax deductible as charitable donations? We'll be sending out 2013 tax statements shortly. Using our average scrip profit rate of about 7% and assuming a marginal tax rate of 25%, your scrip purchases could be generating a personal tax savings of more than 1.5% of your purchase amount. That's a better return than most credit card reward programs.

For more information about Scrip-Sure, stop by the scrip table in Chapin Hall, or visit the church web site.

## THINK SCRIP!

Dave Hall, Treasurer

*Please note*: **The next scrip ordering deadline will be January 5th**. Normally, we place orders at the end of each month, but we delayed the December month-end order due to the holidays. Orders may be emailed to <u>treasurer@rhccucc.org</u>, or turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall on Sunday, January 5.

## **Charleston Choral Festival**



The Choir will be attending the Charleston, South Carolina Choral Festival April 24th - 27th. It will be conducted by Craig Jessop, former director of the Mormon Tabernacle choir, and promises to be a wonderful musical experience. If you are interested in going with the choir please see Linda Tokarski for details. You need not sing in order to go.

# Global and Local Mission News



# "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." Victor Frankl

It's a new year, a new start, a clean slate, and all other forms of inspirational catch phrases. These are all well and good and do make us think of ways we can change in the coming year - be better people, save

more money, go to the gym, don't be the reason that the office could have a pizza party with the swear jar money, etc. In our church community this year we are faced with an uneasy situation. We are in a transition phase, with solid leadership in place, but a transition none the less. We are struggling to meet our budgets. We are struggling with membership, and the list goes on. In the end we can't change the situation we find ourselves in at the current moment; it is a place that is familiar to many churches today and our society as a whole. However we can now, and should always, look to change ourselves. How can we be a part of the solution to the problems we face instead of dwelling on the negativity that can sometimes creep into our hearts? How can we bring a positive light and a true energy for progress into everything we do here? How can YOU, one person, make this place of love, community, and worship a welcoming beacon of warmth in an increasingly cold world? How can you reflect the light of Christ? My new year's resolution is to find ways to do these things...I hope you all will join me in finding your own way to bring your own brilliant light to this new beginning in our church community as well.

In Faith, Meghan Montana

Chair Board for Missions

## **Covenant to Care Toy Drive**

As a congregation, we were able to purchase presents for 85 children all together. We were also able to purchase a tree with all the trimmings for one family that has just been brought back together for the holidays. Many of the older children that requested gift cards are in college and because of our Scrip Sure program, we were able to meet all of their requests. Thank you for bringing the spirit of the holidays to these children!

## **Apparent Project**

The Jewelry sale for the Apparent Project was again a huge success and we raised a total of \$1,373.00 for the people of Haiti! Thank you to all who bought the beautiful items and a special thank you to Lisa Eleck for organizing the sale.

Your Board For Missions Members: Meghan Montana – Chair, Kari McCaw-Blaise – Secretary, David Bell - Treasurer, Lisa Eleck, Cindy Hunt, Thomas Kainamura, Sarah Mosure, Wendy Ware.



# WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of winter weather on a Sunday morning, our first priority is to ensure the safety of church members. Some winters the snow and ice are a real danger, and so worship is cancelled for the day. If such a storm happens, please know that a system is in place to make as many of our members and friends aware as possible. If and when worship is canceled, notice will be posted on **Channel 3 WFSB-TV**, and the voice mail greeting on the church phone will be updated with the cancellation if you choose to phone the main number. Additionally, an email and phone tree will alert church leaders to the same information. It takes a real storm to disrupt our worship, but if that happens, we want to be ready. Cancellations will also be posted on the church website: www.rhccucc.org.

On weekdays, if schools are closed in Rocky Hill, the church office will also be closed.

Please note that if Rocky Hill posts a parking ban, the church will be closed. However, check on Sunday morning to see if a Saturday ban has been lifted.

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No matter who you are, Or where you are on life's journey... You're welcome here.



# **Epiphany Gathering**



Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 6 PM–8 PM

Come rejoice in the wonder, mystery, and joy of the light of God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Join us for a simple supper, fellowship, and worship as we celebrate the festival of Epiphany. *Sign-Up in Chapin Hall or email meghan@rhccucc.org*