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June Newsletter

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Youth Group

Summer Activities Program

Following our summer fun program, this program is for grades 6-12,

Dates of the program: July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17

July 6th: Trip to UCONN Dairy Barn

July 20th: Hiking/Picnic at Sleeping Giant State Park

August 3rd: Day of fun at the beach

August 15th: Maroon 5 and The Counting Crows Concert 7pm

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities,
please contact Stacie Damiana 860-529-4167 x 204



*“In the beginning, when God created
the heavens and the earth...”*

—Genesis 1:1

Dear friends,

On Sunday, May 18, our church celebrated the rite of confirmation and welcomed eight new members into our church family! It was a day of great joy, as we heard our confirmands affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and promise, with the help of God, to participate in the mission and ministry of Rocky Hill Congregational Church.

Our Scripture for the day was the first chapter of Genesis, the story of creation. The poetry and majesty of the opening chapter of our Scripture is about beginnings, and confirmation is, indeed a new beginning. Among the many truths declared by the opening chapter of Genesis is that at the center of all our beginnings is a God who desires to be in relationship with us, and indeed, whose very image we reflect. These young people – Josh Bell, Ben Bellizzi, George Day, Thom Hunt, Will Knight, Rebecca-Lee Molina, Gregory Pickett, and Leah Scully – begin a new step in their life of faith and discipleship. As Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC, we begin a new step as well as we are now a new creation, receiving the unique perspectives, gifts, and abilities of our newest members. *(see picture next page)*

New beginnings continue in this month of June. Several of our younger members graduate from high school, and we will celebrate Baccalaureate Sunday on June 22. As the graduates take the next steps into college life or the working world, we ask God to continue to bless them and guide them in making right decisions and choices.

June 22 also marks the beginning of summer, often bringing opportunities for rest, relaxation, and re-creation. The biblical story of creation reminds us that God, after creating the world in six days, rested on the seventh. If we ever needed a reminder to make time for Sabbath and renewal, here it is! I pray each of us knows moments of ease as the summer begins – moments to rest in the blessed assurance that God is good, that we are precious to our God, and that all of life is a gift from our God who made us to reflect the image of love and grace in the world.

In peace,

Donna



Greetings from the Board of Deacons

“To learn something new, take the path that you took yesterday.” ~*John Burroughs*

Last month in my Churchmouse article, I spoke of the transition of members on and off the Board. In May, one of our first orders of business was to vote on our Officers and representatives for our sub-committees. Our Vice Deacon is Bob Inderbitzen, Treasurer – Cheryl Hummel, and Secretary – Barry Wilcock. I did agree to fulfill the role of Senior Deacon for one more year. Our sub-committee representatives are as follows:

Personnel and Music Committee – Tom Fulda

Inreach Committee – Pat Howland

Lead Usher – Jean Palmer

Reception Chairpersons – Julie Dostie & Julia Pickett

Our Laity Sunday sub-committee presented the topic and format for Laity Sunday to the Diaconate. It was very well received. So we're off to Board & Committee meetings to enlist the swelling number (I'm sure!) of volunteers who want to participate in some fashion. We are also looking for participation from the Congregation. If anyone is interested in participating in the service, please let me (Deb Copes) or anyone on the Diaconate know. I can be reached by e-mail (deb@wolcott-hill.net) or by phone (860-257-1099). Or come find us at coffee hour (or we'll be glad to find you there!).

June also seems to me to be more of the end of our program year than April is. Maybe it's that summer always seems like the time we should be winding down and spending some time just smelling the flowers and feeling the warm breeze against our faces. Our September will start in the same manner as our September did last year – discussing our goals for the next year, reviewing what the Diaconate does and how we do it. We continue to take the path we took last year to learn something new about us and what we can do.

Your Brothers and Sisters of the Diaconate,

Deb Copes, Senior Deacon

Julie Dostie, Tom Fulda, Pat Howland, Cheryl Hummel, Bob Inderbitzen, Jean Palmer, Julia Pickett, Chris Sheehan, Andri Smith and Barry Wilcock



Hunger

The Missions Board has decided to explore ways to focus on the important and urgent issue of Hunger. Especially now, hunger has become more and more of a problem, both globally, and locally. Are there ways you can help? Have you heard of an organization, event, or is there something you have thought about doing to work toward ending hunger? Let us know! We'd love to hear from you.

Crop Walk!

If you are interested in participating in a Crop Walk in October, please contact Chris Palazzolo. She is coordinating this event, which helps in the fight against hunger. Young and old are welcome and encouraged to sign up!

Mission Trip Fundraising!

Thanks to Cheryl Hummel and Lynn Webster, who have kicked off fundraising by planning their own small gatherings to support the 2009 Mission Trip to New Orleans! If you are thinking of helping raise funds for the mission trip, please contact Michael Bower and he will tell you how you can help. More information about the trip and fundraising are included in this edition of the Mouse!

The 2009 Mission Trip to New Orleans will be April 12 – 18, 2009

Christian Activities Council

Rev. Donna Manocchio has been named a delegate-at-large to the Christian Activities Council.

Are you interested in participating in an immersion? Please contact Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio to learn more about Hartford Immersions and how you may get involved.

Building on Faith

Thanks to all church members who participated (eight as of this mailing) in the "Building on Faith Week" for Habitat for Humanity. The work team was scheduled to work on June 13th.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 5 at 7:00

Your Board for Missions,

Steve Smith, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Marge Murk, Dave Edwards, Chris Palazzolo, Michael Bower, Bob Carberry, Linda Calcagni and Diana Gengenbach

Mission Trip to New Orleans



The Board of Missions is planning its next mission trip. The destination this time will shift from Biloxi, Mississippi to New Orleans where we will help the South Central UCC Disaster Response Team. The trip will be from April 12 – 19, 2009. People of all skill levels (age 16 and up)

are welcome to sign up for this meaningful opportunity to make a difference, help a neighbor, and rebuild lives. We ask you to consider joining us on this trip. More details on the trip will be forthcoming. In the meantime, spread the word, and save the dates if you can attend.

Trips are expensive. The Board of Missions would like to be able to raise a significant portion of trip expense with private efforts. To that end, we are asking you to consider holding a summer fund raiser for the trip. Here's how it would work:

You (and a friend, relative or loved one) will no doubt have a party, picnic, family reunion, movie night, Pictionary Championship, poetry reading, or some other small event at your house or elsewhere this summer. If you do, consider asking your guests to bring a small donation to drop into an empty container to support the cause.

It's easy to do, and takes almost no coordination. A few small events have already been planned by Biloxi trip alumni, one of which has already occurred and has been very successful. If enough of you follow this path, we'll be able to raise a significant share of the cost for our next trip.

Won't you please consider contributing in this small way, so that another group of talented and enthusiastic folks can go and do the unexpected, and have an eye-opening and life-changing experience?

If you do, please ask your guests to make out checks to "Board of Missions" and put "Mission Trip" in the memo field. Drop off the checks to me or to any Board Member and we'll count them towards the trip expense.

Please let us know when you have decided on an event/gathering, and we will support you in any way we can. You can contact me at bobmike@cox.net – or call (860) 257-1294.

With Faith and Trust,

Michael Bower
Mission Trip Fundraising



County Fair Committee

Thanks to all who visited the May 4th Plant Sale. We made almost \$1000.00 for our Church. A special thanks to Lisa Gilbert, Gilbert Farm, and Jay Jensen who donated plants. A “well done” for all those who helped with the event. Our success would not be possible without your efforts.

The Fall Country Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. Please mark your calendar. We have a few surprises this year with two new Booths. A Book and Tool Booth and a possible Craft Booth to replace the Two of a Kind Booth. More specifics on these booths to follow.

Although we need volunteers to help with all booths, we have critical needs for The Country Store and Silent Auction Booths. If you would like to experience a rewarding feeling and help your Church, please consider volunteering to help with the Country Fair. Any member of the Fair Committee can provide you with specific details. This is a great way for new members to get involved with Church activities.

Our plan is to maximize the use of the renovated Chapin Hall to make the Country Fair an exciting and fun event for all members of the Church family.

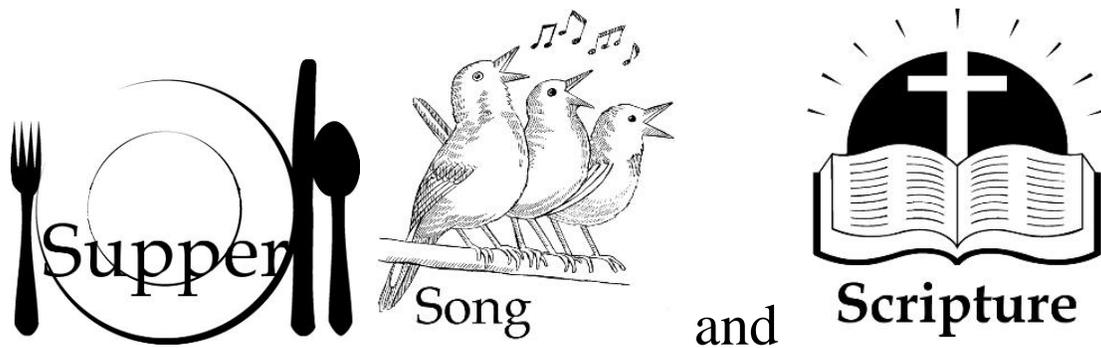
A Fair Flyer outlining all booths and their needs will be in the July-August Church Mouse. We will also be making announcement at Sunday services until Fair date October 18th.

Members of the Fair Committee are: Jim Stevens, Anne Hokans-Doll, Debbie Durgin, Paula Komar, Lynn McKenna, Bob Simmons, Elaine Somes, and Phyllis Wilkey.

The next Fair Committee meeting is Thursday, June 19th at 7:00 pm.

**“COMMITMENT IS YOUR FINAL DECISION TO MEET
THE NEEDS OF THE ONES GOD CALLED YOU TO SERVE”**

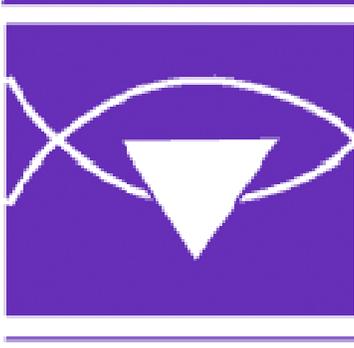
Jim Stevens – Chairman



On a Tuesday evening in May, members of the RHCC family, young and older, joined for supper, for song, and to talk together about favorite passages of Scripture. Some verses were beloved because they were learned early in life, some because they spoke powerfully at a time of great change, some because they came from family life, some inspired through music, some because they continue to inspire, some for reasons we couldn't really describe. The list of the favorites we named is below, in the order they appear in the Bible. Why not read them yourself, and see how the Word speaks to your fellow members? What stories or verses or passages would you add to the list? Why are they precious to you?

Deut 34:1-12	Moses is denied entry to the Promised Land
Joshua 3:1-17	The miraculous crossing of the Jordan
Ruth 1:6-18	Naomi, Orpah and Ruth's great love for each other
I Samuel	The life, faith and struggles of Saul
I Samuel 3:1-21	The call of Samuel
I Samuel 17:1-58	David and Goliath
1 Kings 19:9-16	Elijah and the "still small voice"
Esther	Esther and Mordecai
Psalms 61:1-3	"Hear my cry, O God"
Psalms 23	"The Lord is my shepherd"
Daniel 6:1-28	Daniel in the lion's den
Matthew 25:31-46	"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"
Mark 14:36	Jesus in Gethsemane
Luke 1:26-38	The angel Gabriel visits Mary
Luke 15:11-32	The prodigal son
Luke 24:1-12	The women and two angels at the tomb on Easter
John 8:12	"I am the light of the world"
John 14:1-7	"In my Father's house are many rooms"
Romans 8:31-39	"If God is for us, who is against us"
1 Corinthians 13	Paul on faith, hope and love
Galatians 2:20	"It is Christ who lives in me"
I Thessalonians 5:17	"Pray without ceasing"

ONA



The lending library has become a major resource for all of our members. We particularly encourage those who have missed any of our formal programs to check it out. It is located in the bookcase outside the church office. Recently added are DVDs of the April 6 "What is ONA?" program. The April 27 program DVD was under development at press time, and it will also be available in the library.

To date, we have begun to address two of the four Open and Affirming themes:

- 1) ONA: a definition of the issue
- 2) What does the Bible have to say about this issue?

Over the next two months, we will begin to introduce the third theme: **What is it like to be gay? How does it feel to be the object of discrimination? Personal stories from O and A churches and people we love.** We will do so in June and July via small group discussions of video presentations. Our schedule is as follows:

Sunday, June 8th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" After Coffee Hour
Tuesday, June 17th "For the Bible Tells Me So" - 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 19th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" - 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 22nd "For the Bible Tells Me So" - After Coffee Hour
Sunday, July 13th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" After Coffee Hour
Tuesday, July 22nd "For the Bible Tells Me So" - 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 24th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" - 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 27th "For the Bible Tells Me So" - After Coffee Hour

The two videos that will be featured have been previewed by members of our committee and we believe that you will find them to be thought-provoking.

For the Bible Tells Me So

Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member. Offering healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught between scripture and sexual identity, this landmark film boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally.

Length: 98 minutes. Appropriate Age: Sr. High, Adultcontinued next page

Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith

Produced as a resource for congregations at the beginning point of considering whether or not to enter an Open and Affirming educational process. It is a valuable resource to churches for other reasons as well. ONA congregations will find the video helpful in further clarifying the significance of their actions. Congregations wishing to learn more about the experience of lesbian and gay Christians will find the video a good, non-threatening introduction to the topic.

Length: 60 min. Appropriate Age: Young Adult, Sr. High, Adult

Please join us for one or more of these sessions as we explore this important issue in a more informal setting.

Michael Bower	Stephanie Heneghan	Ron Robbins
Laurel Cole	Bill Hoffman	Tom Rolfe
Mary Dean	Katie Hoffman-Fulda	Steve Smith
Tim Dostie	Pat Howland	Wendy Ware
Gail Hall (chairperson)	Bob Inderbitzen	



Honoring Great Grandfathers on Father's Day

We extend an invitation to all great-grandfathers to worship with us on Father's Day on June 19th. During this worship we will proudly recognize our great-grandfathers of the church.

If your name is not listed below or if you recently became a new great-grandfather, please contact the church office at 529-4167 so we may add your name to our list.

Rudy Burgess	David Dean	Joe Kunzelman	Dick Somes
Larry Carlson	Albert Griswold	Ed Matthias	Bob Tangarone
Jim Christopher	James Griswold	Paul Maynard	James Ussery, Jr.
Neal Cox	Bob Hamilton	Tom Schreier	Frank Vann
			Arthur Weil

[The listing of prayer concerns is omitted from the online version of the newsletter.]



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. with childcare

Children are invited to go to their Sunday school classes after Children's Lesson



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 11:00am Annual Mtg	2 7:00pm Women's AA	3 7:00pm Board and Committee Mtgs	4 9:00am Quilters 10:30am Elm Hill Svc 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Adult Choir
8 Children's Sunday 11:30am ONA Video 1:00pm Baptism	9 7:00pm Women's AA	10 7:00pm Council Mtg	11 9:00am Quilters 10:45am Stepney Guild (carpooling from church to Pond House Lunch) 7:30pm Adult Choir
15 Father's Day No Sunday School	16 7:00pm Women's AA	17 7:00pm ONA Video 7:30pm Baby Quilters	18 9:00am Quilters 7:30pm Adult Choir
22 Baccalaureate Sunday 11:30am ONA Video 11:30am Lunch Bunch	23 7:00pm Women's AA	24 7:30pm ONA	25 9:00am Quilters 7:30pm Adult Choir
29 Celebrating 50-year Members	30 7:00pm Women's AA		

VOICE MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

If you call the church 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:

Jonathan Lee, Sr. Minister	202	Stacie Damiana, Dir. of CE	204
Donna Manocchio, Assoc. Minister	203	Will Kanute, Dir. of Music	207
Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201	Dick Webster, Sexton	205

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June 14

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Missions Mtg 7:30pm Book Club	6	7
12 5:30pm TOPS 7:30pm ONA	13	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study
19 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm ONA Video 7:00pm Fair Mtg.	20 Wedding Rehearsal	21 5:00 pm Wedding
26 5:30pm TOPS	27	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study



June 20



Thank you all for your prayers, concern, phone calls and cards.

I am very happy to be back worshipping with my church family.

Thank you all,
 Leona Griswold



This
Month's
Birthdays

01	Harry Schmidt	21	Deborah Friday
	Krista Ellegard		Kristine Rork
	Emily Sousa		Jack Pawlich
	Meghan Sousa	22	Gail Hall
	Zachary Rupaka		Frank Murray
02	Eric Jokl	24	Warren Carpenter
03	Fran Pavlak		Doug Toft
	Jim Day		Kylie Pirre
04	Bob Hunter	25	Andri Smith
	Gordon Titcomb, Sr.		Kirsten Fulda
06	John Van Epps	26	Kayla Bachman
07	Linda Marchand		Douglas Sudell
08	Michelle DiMartino		Bethany St. Pierre
09	Julia O'Connor	27	Nancy Robbins
10	Paul Wilson		Zelma Hughes
	Meagan McLoughlin	28	Jim Christopher
11	Louis Smith		Bruce Gengenbach
	John Goff III		Linda Calcagni
	Morgan McLean		Karlyn Bonalsky
12	Douglas Goodrich		Matthew Flynn
	Michele Van Epps	29	Lynn Webster
	Cheryl Connor		Jaye Veley
13	Arlene Painter		Riley McLean
	Clifton Vaillancourt	30	Heather Day
	Kathryn Lewis		
15	Bob Carberry		
17	Helen Calvo		
	Shirley Hall		
	Peg D'Amato		
20	Eunice Newell		
	Elaine Motta		
	Shannon Kromas		
21	Glenn Hunter		



Earl and Anne King

were married on

June 4, 1949

Michael and Stephanie

Heneghan were married on

June 10, 1967

David and Joan Dean

were married on

June 11, 1955

Bob and Joyce Toft

were married on

June 17, 1944

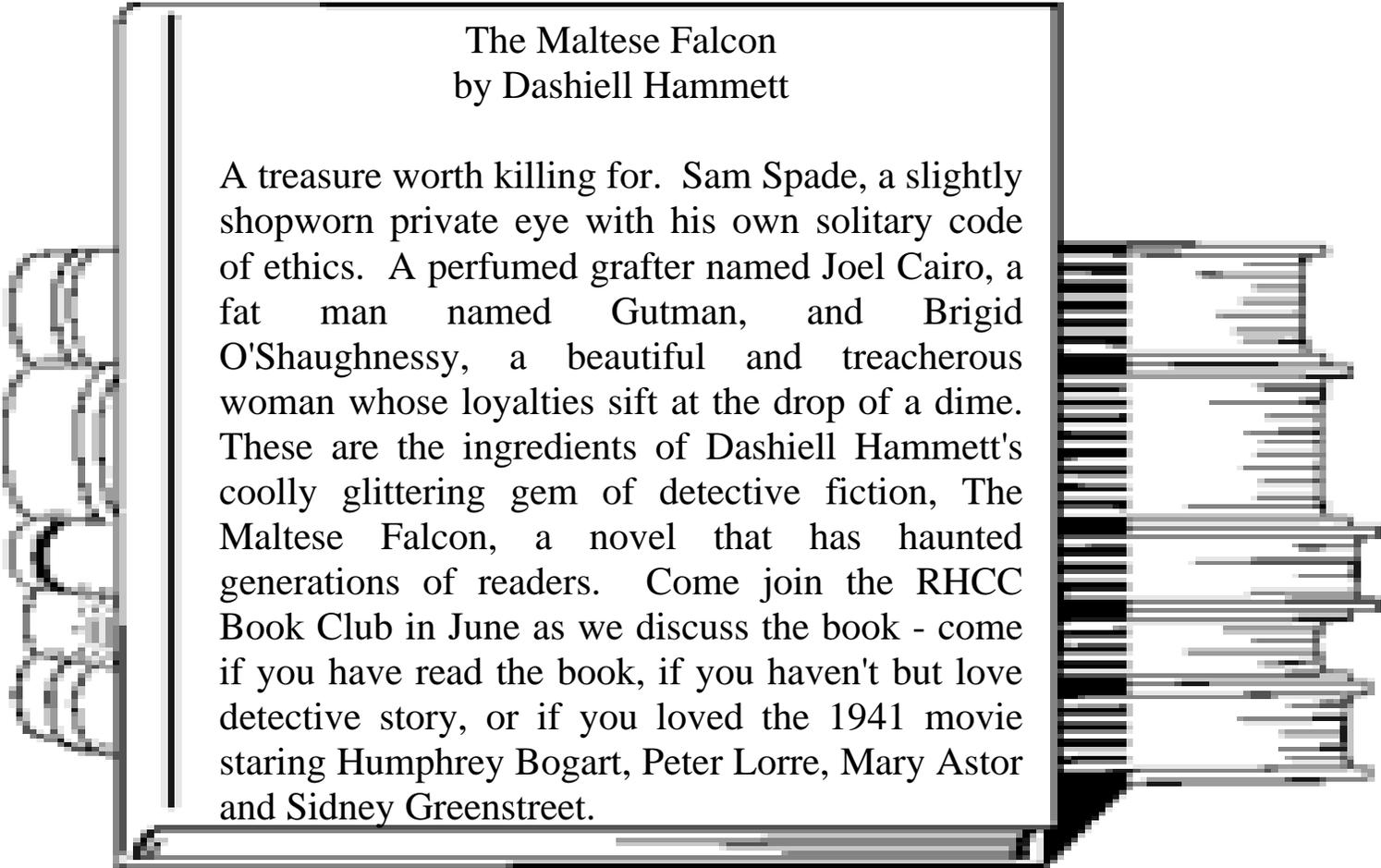
Congratulations!

RHCC Book Club

Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Based on Literature Circles used in schools. A bit more formal discussion of books with a discussion director. Hopefully all readers will bring a discussion question and will take a turn as director. All readers are welcome!

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett

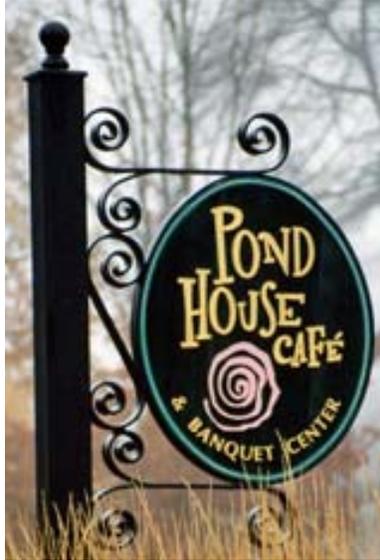


A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shopworn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man named Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties sift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of Dashiell Hammett's coolly glittering gem of detective fiction, *The Maltese Falcon*, a novel that has haunted generations of readers. Come join the RHCC Book Club in June as we discuss the book - come if you have read the book, if you haven't but love detective story, or if you loved the 1941 movie starring Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre, Mary Astor and Sidney Greenstreet.

Dear Church Family,

My brother, Rev. Alvin C. Brewer passed away on April 24 in Tucson, AZ. Alvin was a student minister at RHCC in the 1950's when Rev. Beckwith was in his last year at our church and Rev. Weil started serving as our minister. This was while he was a student at Hartford Seminary. He was ordained in our church and served churches in Michigan, Windsor Locks, Ct. the Church in the Gardens in Forest Hills, N. Y. and his last parish was in Hendersonville, N. C. when he had to retire because of rheumatoid arthritis. His last years were spent in Tucson where as he was able he was guest preacher in several churches.—Joyce Toft

Stepney Guild Luncheon
at the



Pond House in West Hartford
June 11, 2008

(Carpooling from the church at 10:45)

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m.(welcome table) (seasonal punch & hors d'oeuvres)

Lunch at noon with choice of:

Pond House Crab Cakes (with lemon-basil and tomato aioli)

or

Grilled Petit Chuck Tenderloin Steak (with wild mushroom demi glaze.
Served with fresh vegetable medley and wild rice pilaf or roasted potatoes)

Dessert and Coffee (Chocolate Orbit Cake)
(flourless chocolate torte w/raspberry sauce & whipped cream)

BYOB

Reservations need to be paid to the Pond House by June 4, 2008

Send check made out to RHCC in the amount of \$20.00 to:
Betty McKinney, 1 Gorman Rd., Rocky Hill CT 06067

All women and friends of the church welcome!

Call Dot Wenzel, 529-4965 for more information

Afterwards we will enjoy the Elizabeth Park Rose Garden!



We will be honoring **all graduates** on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 22. If your name is not listed below please call the office by June 13 so we can add your name to the list. The office telephone number is 529-4167. We would like to know your name, college, and degree.

Ryan Bengston
Najhaee Davis
Robert Durgin
Julie Fell

Karen Jensen
Jennifer Kelley
Kathryn Lewis
Brett Timrud

Joseph Wainwright
Zachary Wainwright



2008-2009 Scholarship Award Recipients

Sarah Biglow – Susquehanna University - Amidon
Abigail Charamut – University of New Hampshire – General
Samuel Dean-Lee – Wheaton College – General
Sam DeGiovanni – Boston College – General
Julie Fell – Syracuse University – General
Lisa Fell – Elon University – General
Jillian Fulda – University of Rhode Island – General
Jennifer Kelley – University of Hartford – General
Kathryn Lewis – Lebanon Valley College – General
Meagan McLoughlin – Quinnipiac University – General
Nate Robbins – New England Institute of Technology – General

Ryan Painter graduated from **Eastern Connecticut State University** with a **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**.

Chapin Hall renovation update – May 20, 2008

Dear Friends,

The massive new steel columns and beams were installed on April 25, completing the structural renovations. During the most critical portion of this work, it was necessary to relocate one Sunday morning church service and the concert held on April 20. With the complicated structural renovation and repairs behind us, the contractor expects to meet or exceed scheduling for the rest of the project. Progress is being made each day. The new sprinkler pipes and air conditioning ducts are installed, and framing is underway. The engineering for all of the kitchen plumbing is complete. There will be a small amount of excavation outside the church to replace and reconfigure the kitchen drain. And, the committee has reviewed the first draft of the new kitchen equipment.

Why is the project taking so much longer? The much-needed structural renovations were more complicated than anticipated. Renovating the underpinnings of our 200-year-old meeting house required careful planning. Most of the delays were associated with permitting and lengthy engineering (and re-engineering).

While we would all like the project to wrap-up faster (me especially!), the committee is satisfied that the work being completed is earnest and moving toward completion. We have an updated schedule, **estimating the project's completion by late August.**

Thank you all for your patience and support as we set our sights on completing the renovation over the summer. Please contact me with any questions.

Faithfully,

Bob

Chapin Hall Renovation Committee: Mark Biglow, Neal Cox, Dave Hawkins, Marsha Hoffman, Bob Inderbitzen (chair), Nancy Rolfe, Dick Webster, and Lynn Webster



Every Sunday, the coffee served after our church service supports The United Church of Christ Coffee Project. On third Sundays of the month the Inreach Committee has available for purchase in the Parlor: Gourmet coffee (\$6.25/each), Tea (\$3/box), Hot cocoa mix (\$5/can)

Please consider making all of your coffee and tea purchases at church! And, offer a donation for the cup of coffee you enjoy every Sunday. Now that's really "good to the last drop!"



The Saturday Men's Bible Study Group is seeking additional members. If you are interested in studying scripture, discussing how it relates to our daily lives, engaging in open religious and spiritual discussions, the Men's Bible Study Group may be just what you have been looking for. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. We also evaluate local coffee and donuts at each session. If you are interested and would like to attend one of our sessions, please feel free to contact Phil Swain, Bill Hoffman, Bill Timrud, Frank Vann or Jim Stevens – or just show up on the 2nd or 4th Saturday at 8:30 a.m.



Join the Women's Fellowship as they make **ABC Quilts** on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. All women are welcome. You may talk to Kim Batterson Biglow for more information.



Youth Lunch Bunch Program

June 22

11:30am-1:30pm

Please mark you calendars on the following dates for upcoming Youth Lunch Bunch Programs: July 6 and 20,

August 3, 17, and 31

Your "At Large" Council Members Are All Ears!



We are ready to hear your ideas and comments.
We are the voice of the congregation to the Council.

Just contact:

Bob Hamilton, 635-5648 (RevBobJean@aol.com)

Wendy Ware, 563-5631 (sware@snet.net)

Jan LaCava, 529-2192 (janetyl@aol.com)

The Inner World

One emotion often ignored in psychological studies is boredom. Someone once said that it is when we are bored that we stop reacting to the outer world and begin to be consciously touched by the inner world. Living in our extraverted culture many are not aware they have an inner world.

Those who are sometimes find that what happens in the outer world begins in the inner world. Jesus knew his inner world when he said: "*If you bring forth what is inside you, what you bring forth will save you. If you don't bring forth what is inside you, what you don't bring forth will destroy you*" (Gospel of Thomas).

Some find that insight useful in understanding cancer, heart problems, high blood pressure, Alzheimer's, asthma, strokes, kidney and liver disease, diabetes, bronchitis, alcohol and drug addiction, suicide, war, violence, loneliness, anxiety, fear, depression, and spiritual hunger.

Jung advocated for a process of dialogue with the inner world he called active imagination. Over the years it has become my most reliable source of support and guidance. I have found helpmates in my inner world who know more than I do of what is going on in my life and what I need.

These inner eyes and hearts watch and listen as I walk around and when I dialogue with them I often discover things I have ignored, denied, and never considered. They often have wonderful suggestions for me when I do not know what to do.

Dialoguing with them is part of my prayer life as I have found they have a connection to God. This has helped me appreciate that Jesus and God live within us.

Sometimes when I am playing tennis or golf or doing therapy, I assume the backseat and let my inner world friends have outer world voice and action, and they astound me. Hidden instincts surface, insights are spoken that touch deeply, deep laughter comes that heals, and memories are triggered that provide important connection.

What goes on in your inner world? The inner world contains our mystical side, that timeless aspect of our lives that connects us to all that has ever lived and feels deeply. How deep do you go with yourself?

Journals often contain secret inner world musings. The world was surprised to find the moving journal writings (which became the book, *Markings*) of Dag Hammarskjöld after he died. Who do you share your inner world with? Where do you find support for what goes on inside?

Possibly boredom is an invitation to a fresh experience of the ancient and modern mysteries of the God.

-Rev. Dr. Robert S. Henderson, Director of the Pastoral Counseling Center, Inc. His wife, Janis, does pastoral counseling at our church in the office we provide for the Center. They can be reached at (860) 659-0183.

Volunteer Care Teams of Rocky Hill Presents Two President's Volunteer Service Awards

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 Volunteer Care Teams held a Volunteer Recognition Dinner & Awards Night when 38 service certificates were presented and two Presidential Awards.

Mr. Philip Swain received a Silver Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for providing over 250 hours of service in one year. He also was presented a letter from President Bush. Mr. Swain has served 250 hours or more for two prior years but the awards are not retroactive.

Carol Ann Webster received a Bronze Award for more than 100 hours service (actually 150). The same award letters as noted above were presented to her.

Rev. Bryan Hooper from the United Methodist Church of Hartford was the evening speaker giving inspiration to volunteers who provide all types of care to Rocky Hill residents. A dinner and the ceremony were held at the United Methodist Church of Rocky Hill with Rev. Ronald Cox as host.

Program Director Douglas Robbins and Mark Williams, Human Services Director, presented the awards.





An Opportunity to Help

At the end of April, many of you read an article in the *Sunday Courant* about a woman in West Hartford, Janet Catucci. Janet's husband, Tony, and both their children are disabled and in need of individual care. Regulations would allow all three Catuccis to be institutionalized at great taxpayer expense, but Janet is

committed to caring for her family at home for much less—though more than she can afford. The response—including that of RHCC members—has been tremendous. There are three ways you can help the Catuccis:

1. Attend a fundraising event at Hall High School in West Hartford on June 14th at 6:00 p.m., where Brad Davis will be hosting an auction of sports memorabilia donated by ESPN and professional teams, other entertainers will perform, and a silent auction and bake sale will be held. Tickets are available at through the RHCC office.
2. Make a monetary donation to “The Catucci Family Fund,” administered by BankNorth, sent c/o Lori Chozick, Center Framing and Art, 58 Lasalle Rd., West Hartford, CT, 06107.
3. Write letters of encouragement and support to Janet, at 16 Burnham Dr., West Hartford, CT 06110-1606.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Bank – June 1. Please continue your efforts in offering the donation of non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month. We thank Bill McKinney for his prompt response in delivering our donations.

Schweitzer Competition Winners will perform on Sunday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ in Wethersfield.

SAVE THE DATE! – August 16, 2008 for North Guilford Congregational Church Country Fair. This is a wonderful, old-fashioned country Fair complete with a real auction and a real auctioneer! He's a fast talker so you have to watch what you bid for! Other booths include: plants (farmer's market), linens, food, quilt raffle, jewelry, petting zoo, homemade peach cobbler and more!

Women of Faith 2008 Conference will be held in Boston from July 25-26th at TD Banknorth Garden. For more information go to www.womenoffaith.com.

The American Red Cross – would like us to NOT forget to donate blood during the summer months when donations are low. Please support your local blood drives. For information you may call Matt White at (860) 284-7049.

Summer Camp Assistance Donations – The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is seeking financial donations for the Summer Camp Assistance Fund. This fund is designed to provide partial financial aid to lower income Rocky Hill families in sending their child to summer camp. Each year needy families may apply for partial financial aid to provide a summer camp experience for their child. This assistance fund depends on community donations to assist families with summer camp costs. Please consider a donation to help bring some joy to disadvantaged Rocky Hill children. Contributions may be mailed to:

Town of Rocky Hill Human Services
699 Old Main Street
Rocky Hill CT 06067

If you have any questions, please call 860 258-2799 or 258-2724.

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