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June Newsletter

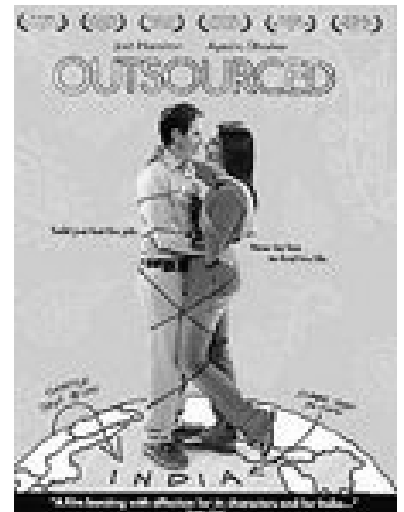
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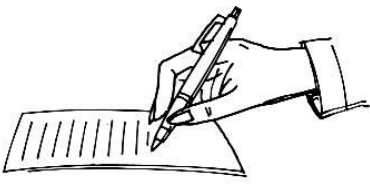
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Join us for Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie
This month's selection will be
“Outsourced”
Saturday, June 12
at 6:30 p.m. in Chapin Hall

Todd Anderson (Josh Hamilton-Kicking and Screaming, The Bourne Identity) gets the bad news from his boss: his job has been outsourced. Adding insult to injury, Todd must travel to India to train his own replacement. Through a series of hilarious misadventures, this charming, critically acclaimed romantic comedy reminds us that sometimes getting lost is the best way to find yourself. We'll gather at 6:30 for a Pot Luck Dinner – all are welcome!





A Message From
Pastor Barbara

I encourage everyone to get hold of this church's Annual Report before the Annual Meeting of RHCCUCC scheduled for Sunday, June 6th following worship. Spend time reading this Report thoroughly for it represents a wonderful review of the work of this church over the past year. The Annual Report also reveals some of the tasks and creative solutions that have been found for this congregation as it continues moving into the future. I encourage you to look for the signs of hope and promise implicit in those reports – for they invite a glimpse into the life of a healthy and committed congregation going about the regular activities of the Body of Christ at work in the world. The Holy Spirit is very alive and active here! Do plan to attend the Annual Meeting on June 6.

The Senior Pastor Search Committee has been hard at work under the able leadership of Bill Hoffman. The Local Church Profile is nearly complete and soon the church will get word out so that interested candidates can send in their Pastor's Profile for consideration here. Rest assured – this is a wonderful church and candidates will want to apply here! As the Search Committee moves into the next phase of the process their work will become highly confidential. They can share their process but not the content of their work, since any pastor who submits their profile here has the right to complete confidentiality about their candidacy. Please continue to include the Search Committee in your prayers as they seek to discern the right pastoral leadership for this congregation.

In June we extend congratulations to all who celebrate graduations. Please be sure to submit your graduate's name to the church office so that we can recognize them during worship on June 13th. Please plan to be with us for worship on Children's Sunday, June 13th when the children and youth will lead worship for us!

We hope you will continue to worship with us throughout the summer months. We will once again utilize Chapin Hall on some Sundays in the summer months to enjoy the air conditioned comfort there as well as to make use of that space for different worship styles. Worship continues at 10 am each and every Sunday with childcare and children's programming always available.

Yours in Christ, Barbara J. Libby

Benediction used on May 30th – Memorial Day Weekend

Go forth, in Christ's name, to transform existence...To bring consolation to the desperate...hope to the hungry and homeless...Reconciliation to a community and world divided...And in Christ's name, find a cause you can live for...a self you can live with...And a Redeemer for whom you can die...Go out in peace. Amen.



- June 6** **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Communion Sunday**
 Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
 Meditation: “Widows, Orphans, and Strangers”
- June 13** **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Children’s Sunday
- June 20** **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Father’s Day / Baccalaureate Sunday
 Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a The Rev. Barbara J. Libby
 Sermon: “In God’s Presence”
- June 27** **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / New Member Sunday**
Liturgical Dancer
 Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
 Sermon: “Dancing in the Spirit”

Pastor Barbara Weekly Bible Study – Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Fiorilli Room. Pastor Barbara leads this lectionary Bible Study where we will read and examine the texts for the coming week’s worship. **All are welcome.** No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one from the shelf. Brown bag lunch optional. We will continue meeting through June.



Flower Chart in Chapin Hall

The 2010 flower chart is posted in Chapin Hall. **We have many vacant spots.** If you would like to reserve your flower Sunday, please call one of the committee members listed below. Thank you!—Joan Diaz, chair

The Flower Committee

- January/February—Denise Carberry, 860 563-8311
- March/April—Cindy Bennett, 860 721-6535
- May/June—Betty McKinney, 860 529-2023
- July/August—Pat Gordon, 860 665-1205
- September/October—Joan Diaz, 860 613-2889
- November/December—Lois Stevens, 860 632-5810



A year ago our membership voted to accept the Open and Affirming statement that appears in the bulletin each week. It was an opportunity to proclaim our “inclusive embrace of all people” and to welcome to all who want “to grow together in faith and love” as we “strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created in us”. Throughout the

past year deacons have worked in small groups to consider the many ways we could continue to live out this welcome.

One such group has established a Welcome Table which will have information about UCC and about the goals of our community. Thanks to the custom stand created by Dave Hawkins this table can be situated in the Narthex or maybe, outside the front doors on a beautiful Sunday morning. Most importantly, a person will be stationed at the table to answer questions about our community of faith.

However, the Diaconate is only 10 people. Every member has an opportunity to enhance our church family by making a connection with a guest. Inreach greeters and ushers are important ambassadors to that first, friendly impression. A smile, a question, an introduction goes along way. Many members remember the usher who walked him or her down the aisle to a pew.

Our emphasis is not just on attracting new members. Many folks have brought to our attention how difficult it is for people with limited mobility to be comfortable in our pews. Walkers and wheelchairs also present challenges. Years ago handicapped access to the church building was accomplished, now it is time to make the same commitment to meeting the needs of folks in the Sanctuary. Chairs with arms for ease of motion and a donated rocking chair for parents with infants are being tried in the back. Other ideas are being considered and we welcome your input.

As we include children in the family communion Sundays and members in reading the Call to Worship we are calling on all to share in the praise of God’s bounty to us all.

Faithfully,
Steph Heneghan, Senior Deacon

If you have worship feedback, a special need or concern, please contact any of the deacons: Laurel Cole, Deb Copes, Julie Dostie, Tom Fulda, Judy Graham, Steph Heneghan, Bill Hoffman, Julia Pickett, Candy Smith or Gail Tine.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!! The RHCC Senior Pastor Search Committee is focused on the completion of our Church Profile. We have been working diligently on incorporating our Visioning, feedback from the children and youth of our church, as well as our members to provide the most current information we have available to us in search of our new Pastor. The Profile is coming along well, and your input is always welcome, so please use our suggestion box located in the Narthex. We are planning to meet with Church Council in the coming weeks and are hoping to complete our Profile by the end of June. We are also in search of the older youth and young adults email addresses and/or street addresses to reach out to them to gain their interests and opinions, so please pass this information on to them or place that information in our suggestion boxes. Help us to become the church that you would like us to become!

Our Covenant to Care Social Worker, Jessica Flematti, is working with a mother and three children who have moved into a new apartment. They need everything to set up a home: furniture, dishes, linens, etc. If you have something gently used or new to donate, please contact MEGHAN KELLY at church or by email at me.kelly@snet.net or by phone at 203-640-2386. Any and all donations are appreciated.



ABC Quilters Recognize Great-Grandmothers

Over the past two years, a small but talented group of quilters have been creating unique baby quilts. On Mother's Day, May 9, the quilts were displayed during the service. Each quilt is finished with a label stating it has been made in honor of the Great-Grandmothers of Rocky Hill Congregational Church and the quilters first name. These quilts and ones created by Griswold Middle School students were delivered to St. Agnes

Home in West Hartford. We were able to provide each of the 15 new residents a baby quilt and have some to decorate the nursery and daycare area of the home.

A special thanks to Kim Batterson-Biglow for directing the efforts of the quilters (Stephanie Heneghan, Julia Picket, Kim) and helping organize the middle school quilters.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

An *Urgent* Message From the Stewardship Committee

In late May, we reported that 78% of the Local Operating Budget had been reached during this pledge drive. The Benevolence Budget is at 94%. Looking ahead to the Annual Meeting on June 6, here are some significant bits of data to consider:

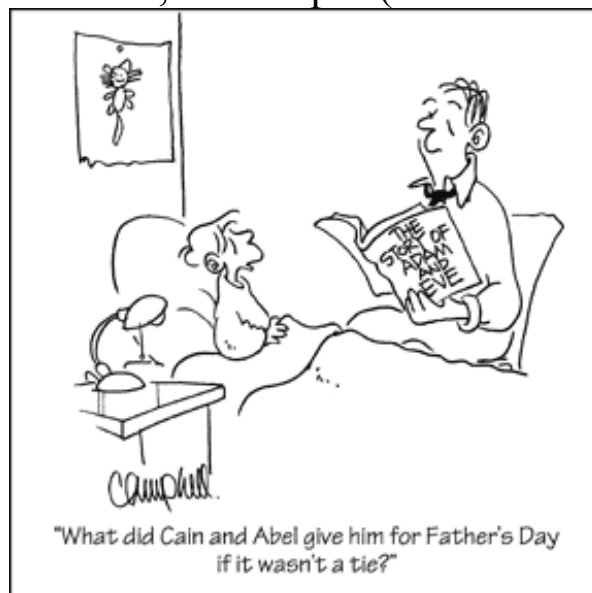
- 124 pledges have been received (we appreciate and thank each of you who have responded so faithfully);
- 14 of those pledges represent new pledges to RHCC;
- almost half of all pledges have been increased from last year with an average increase exceeding 12%;
- based on last year's results, approximately 60 pledges are still to be received.

To follow up a recent Sunday message by Pastor Donna, "*Imagine what would happen if ...*" what if we reached the goal of 100% participation by our church family? If all of the sixty pledgers respond favorably this year, we can still achieve our goals for the coming year. We need everyone's help to ensure our fiscal responsibilities necessary to maintain our facilities, our administration, and our Vision for continuing to grow as a strong and welcoming community of faith.

If for some reason you have delayed sending your pledge form, we urge you to do so sooner than later so that we can prepare properly for the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for listening and sharing.

The Stewardship Committee: Hilaire Leavitt, Louise Butts (Co-Chairs), William Bartley, Al Diaz, Brian Silkowski, Deb Copes (Financial Secretary)





Board of Missions

Making a Difference – One Person at a Time

Dorothy Height, a matriarch of the civil rights movement, passed away April 20 at the golden age of 98. Dorothy led the National Council of Negro Women for decades, marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and was honored for her leadership on the front lines fighting for equality, education and to ease racial tension. She was also well known for the colorful hats she wore. Dorothy was a shining example that one person could make a difference in the lives of many.

In a soon-to-be-published book, "Living with Purpose," Dorothy left the world some advice, "We have to gain a recognition not only that no one stands alone, but on a positive side, that we also need each other," she wrote. "In the long run, it is how we relate to each other and how well we work together that will make the deciding difference."

Dorothy showed us that not only could one person make a difference, but that many people working together could change the world. One small thing we do today, combined with something our neighbor does, and her neighbor, and his cousin, all together could conceivably turn the tide in things like social justice, climate change, world hunger, and disaster relief – among the many other problems our world faces.

This year, our church will participate in some wonderful missions programs. Some have already been a great success, while others have yet to be planned. Church members will be asked to help us by supporting these programs both financially, and physically. While yet another request for help may sometimes feel daunting, it is important to remember that we all give what we can and when we can. Every small donation helps as much as the big ones. And ten minutes of your time is just as appreciated as ten days. Dorothy no doubt knew this as she organized marches and raised money for the organizations she led. None of us stands alone when each of us helps in our own way, and on our own timetable. And we really do all need each other.

\$2834.00 was raised by our team of 26 walkers in the Foodshare Walk against Hunger on Sunday, May 2nd. There were 4,000 walkers that day, and over a half million dollars was raised to help feed hungry families in the greater Hartford area. What a joyous day it was!

Thanks to all who contributed to our May 23rd special offering to Spread the Love and Strengthen the Church.

Look for more information coming soon about a Day of Service this fall with Hands On Hartford, a local organization that helps coordinate area volunteer opportunities. Volunteers will be needed. Stay tuned!!

Tool and Blanket Cards – Father’s Day June 20th

The Blanket Card sale for Mother's Day resulted in \$75. This will enable Church World Service to send 15 blankets to those mothers and families in need around the world. Thank you on behalf of all of them and we hope all those mothers who receive the cards appreciated them. We will be selling Father's Day Cards as well. Look for them in Chapin Hall on Sunday, June 6 and 13. When we think of Father’s Day, we think of power tools! Church World Service also distributes agricultural tools to families in developing nations, in order for them to help sustain their families. Your modest \$5 purchase of a Father’s Day card helps make this happen.

Yours in Faith and Service,

Michael H. Bower, Board for Missions

Where did your money go in May?

- Veterans of the Cross (Residual Easter Offering) \$ 195
- Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund (match from donations) \$ 150
- Adventures in the City (Christian Activities Council) \$3500
- Connecticut Conference per capita Dues \$3504

Your Board for Missions are: Michael Bower – Chair, Linda Calcagni, Bob Carberry, Dave Edwards, Diana Gengenbach, Tom Kainamura, Stephanie Kelley, Marge Murk - Secretary, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio



A "Welcome Table" has been established in Chapin Hall by the Board of Deacons to provide information and conversation to any visitor or prospective new member. The table includes a WELCOME banner quilted by Deacon Stephanie Heneghan. Recently, a visitor commented that she felt a wonderful, positive spirit within our congregation. Please help us by warmly acknowledging visitors in the sanctuary and inviting newcomers downstairs to Chapin Hall.



Treasurer's Summary – Without Numbers

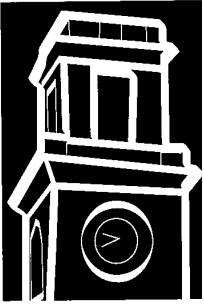
This year, we prepared a “Budget Without Numbers” presentation, which was well received. Continuing with that same idea, this is a year-end financial summary without numbers. Of course, the traditional report – which is chock full of numbers – is available as part of the Annual Report package, and is also on the church web site. (It's really not so cryptic. Some have even described it as “user friendly.”)

The latest fiscal year was unusual in many respects. As you may recall, we entered the year with a budget that was pared down in many areas. Boards and Committees were asked to scrimp, staff salaries were frozen at prior year levels, and other cuts were implemented to try to make ends meet in a difficult financial environment. On the revenue side, the Council committed to some unspecified fundraising activities, hoping that the Spirit would lead us in productive ways.

The good news is that it worked! Although we fell modestly short of our pledge campaign target, we still managed to make ends meet as Boards and Committees were even more thrifty than budgeted, the winter was warmer (and less snowy) than usual, insurance costs behaved, and fundraising activities paid off – including a small allocation from the 2009 Fair profits. Meanwhile, we enjoyed healthy returns on our invested funds, restoring much of the “paper losses” that were incurred the year before. Finally, the end of the Chapin Hall funding campaign is now in sight, expecting to close that out in the coming months.

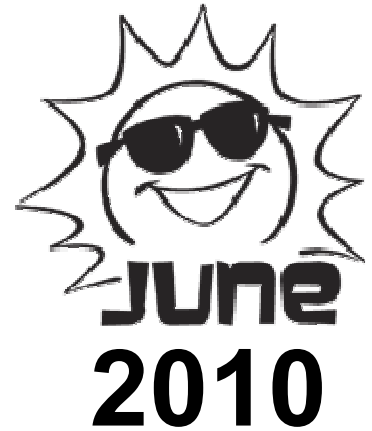
But while we have much to feel good about as we squeezed through a difficult period – much better than many similar churches, so we've heard – we have much work to do if we want to reinvigorate our church to do all that God asks of us. To that end, next year's budget restores some Board & Committee funding, and also restores our commitment to children and youth by returning to a 20 hour/wk Director of Christian Education position. While cutting back those hours did save some money, we learned that it did not satisfy our desire to more fully nurture and engage our youth. Consistent with our stated vision, we simply could not rationalize continuing with a “caretaker” level of commitment.

So while we start the next fiscal year from a position of improved financial momentum and flexibility, we also recognize a renewed need to “put our money where our Vision is”, modestly stepping up our pledge goal, but even more significantly raising our fundraising aspirations. If we relax and take too much comfort in last year's fiscal success, we could quickly find ourselves staring at unsustainable deficits once again. That's not what our Vision calls for. That's not how we want to welcome a new senior pastor. If we have the conviction and vitality to strive toward our Vision, we can surely marshal the resources to support it. By all means, we should celebrate our successful navigation of troubled waters. But now is not the time to drift placidly downstream. If we can supply the oars, the Holy Spirit will surely supply some wind!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship
Communion 1st Sunday



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 7:00pm Board and Committee Mtgs	2 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
6 Annual Meeting "SCRIP-SURE" ORDERS IN TODAY 10:00am Worship Service	7 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	8 7:00pm Council Mtg	9 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
13 Children's Sunday 10:00am Worship 2:00pm "Getting to Know You"	14 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	15	16 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
20 Father's Day 10:00am Worship w/Baptism	21 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	22 10:30am Genesis Healthcare Svc	23 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
27 New Members "SCRIP-SURE" ORDER DEADLINE TODAY 10:00am Worship	28 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	29	30 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir

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:

Barbara Libby, Interim Pastor	202	Meghan Young	204
Donna Manocchio, Assoc. Pastor	203	Will Kanute, Dir. of Music	207
Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201	Dick Webster, Sexton	205

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men’s AA	4	5 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
10 9:00am Rain Date for RHCCNS picnic in Chapin Hall 9:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men’s AA	11 9:00am Rain Date for RHCCNS picnic in Chapin Hall	12 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 10:00am Children’s Sunday Rehearsal 10:00am Book and Bake Sale 6:30pm Movie/Dinner Nite
17 9:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Bad Girls 7:00am Fair Meeting 8:00pm Men’s AA	18	19 8:30am Yoga with Lynn
24 9:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men’s AA	25	26 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 2:00pm Wedding



**Pot Luck Dinner and
a Movie
“Outsourced”
Saturday, June 12
at 6:30 p.m. in
Chapin Hall**

“SCRIP-SURE” Order Schedule

SCRIP-SURE: Order forms for gift cards sold through our ongoing Scrip Fundraising program are available in Chapin Hall, and are also on the church web site. Orders that were placed by May 30 will be delivered on Sunday, June 6. For program details, visit the church web site, www.rhccucc.org . If you have any questions, ask Dave Hall (treasurer@rhccucc.org)..



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| 01 Harry Schmidt | 20 Elaine Motta |
| Zachary Rupaka | 21 Glenn Hunter |
| 02 Eric Jokl | Deborah Friday |
| 03 Fran Pavlak | Kristine Rork |
| James Day | Jack Pawlich |
| 04 Gordon Titcomb, Sr. | 22 Gail Hall |
| 06 John Van Epps | Frank Murray |
| 07 Linda Marchand | 24 Warren Carpenter |
| 08 Thomas Kainamura | Doug Toft |
| 09 Julia O'Connor | Kylie Pirre |
| 10 Paul Wilson | 25 Andri Smith |
| 11 Louis Smith | Kirsten Fulda |
| John Goff III | 26 Doug Sudell |
| Stephen Kobernat | Bethany St. Pierre |
| Morgan McLean | Kayla Vaillancourt |
| 12 Douglas Goodrich | 27 Nancy Robbins |
| Michele Van Epps | 28 Jim Christopher |
| Cheryl Connor | Bruce Gengenbach |
| 13 Arlene Painter | Linda Calcagni |
| Clifton Vaillancourt | Marjorie Sheathelm |
| Kathryn Lewis | Matthew Flynn |
| 15 Florence Moore | 29 Lynn Webster |
| Bob Carberry | Jaye Veley |
| 17 Shirley Hall | Riley McLean |
| 18 Betty Stedman | |



Earl and Anne King
were married on
June 4, 1949

David and Joan Dean
were married on
June 11, 1955

Donald and Betty Stedman
were married on
June 25, 1960

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE

May 1st Spring Breakfast event was a great success. We made over \$1,900 for our church and served over 100 meals.

The Fair Committee wants to thank all that attended and bought plants, bake goods, baskets and raffle tickets for Lynn McKenna's painted Adirondack chair.

In addition to those who helped with the event, a special thanks goes to Lisa Gilbert and her family (Gilbert Farm) for donating plants and flowers. Please stop by and tell her you are from RHCC.

The Committee will sell goodies for the Memorial Day Parade May 31st. Stop by and enjoy the parade while having a refreshment.

There is no rest for the Fair Committee. We are already planning for our Fall Country Fair, October 30th. If you would like to be a part of the fair, please see a member of the committee.

“Commitment is your final decision to meet the needs of the ones God has called you to serve.”

May God bless you and yours.

The Fair Committee

Jim Stevens, Co-Chair

Phyllis Wilkey, Co-Chair

Bob Simmons

Elaine Somes

Neal Cox

Nancy Flynn, Treasurer

Marsha Hoffman, Consultant

Annie Hokans-Doll

Lynn McKenna

Candy Smith

Mary Dean



league championship.

Our fifth year will begin on the first Monday of October and we start bowling at 7:00. If you are interested in joining us, please let Jim or Joan Ross know.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

We will be honoring **all high school and college graduates** on Sunday, June 13. If your name is not listed below please call the office at 860 529-4167 or email office@rhccucc.org by June 9, so we can add your name to the list. We would like to know your name, college, and degree. A complete list will be in the July/August newsletter.

Joshua Bell
Ben Bellizzi

George Day
Will Knight

Rebecca-Lee Molina



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 21st. 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 and we will add your name to our list.

Rudy Burgess
Larry Carlson
Jim Christopher
Neal Cox
David Dean

Albert Griswold
James Griswold
Bob Hamilton
Bob Hansen
Joe Kunzelman

Ed Matthias
Tom Schreier
Dick Somes
Bob Tangarone
James Ussery, Jr.

Frank Vann
Arthur Weil

Happy Father's Day!

“SCRIP-SURE”: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Scrip program continues to build momentum, with more than 50 church members and families now participating, cumulative profits of almost \$3000, and recent monthly profits of \$700+.

Grocery cards are the biggest sellers. More than \$20,000 of grocery cards have been purchased, primarily for Stop & Shop, Big Y, and West Side Market. Cumulative profits from grocery cards total almost \$1,200.

If you have not yet participated in Scrip-Sure, does your usual grocery store participate in our program? If so, why not buy a card, and see how easy it is?

To facilitate the purchase of grocery cards, we will attempt to maintain a modest excess inventory of \$100 cards for Stop & Shop, Big Y, and West Side Market. Be aware that you can use a \$100 card for purchases of less than \$100. Any unused balance remains stored in the card and stays available for future use. Most members have found \$100 cards to be the most convenient, since partial values remain available, and fewer total cards are needed. But if you typically spend less than \$100/month on groceries, \$25 and/or \$50 cards can still be ordered on the usual monthly cycle (i.e., order by the last Sunday of the month, and receive delivery on the first Sunday of the next month. Note that \$50 cards are not available for Stop & Shop.)

If you would like \$100 grocery cards during the month, it's most helpful if you can send an email to Dave Hall (treasurer@rhccucc.org) by Saturday, so that we can be sure to have the card(s) ready for you the following morning. But even if you don't remember to request cards in advance, check with Dave or Gail Hall on any Sunday morning to see if any \$100 cards are available. Often, they will be.



“THE BREAKFAST CLUB”

With Associate Pastor Donna

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 AM - Tim Horton's, Rocky Hill

Come join other church members for breakfast - or just coffee - and conversation about life, church, and the way of faith. Please note the change of location! Call the office or email me associate@rhccucc.org if you'd like to join us - or come to Tim Horton's on the 15th!

“THEOLOGY ON TAP”

Wednesday, June 16

Wood-N-Tap, Town Line Road, Rocky Hill

7:00 PM

With Associate Pastor Donna

Are you thirsty for connection and conversation with other church members in a relaxed, casual atmosphere? Come and see what's on tap as we explore our lives, our community, and the journey of faith. Join us for our FIRST MEETING in the back room of the Wood-N-Tap for refreshments and snacks (Buy Your Own beer, soda or seltzer). Send me a message via FACEBOOK, email (associate@rhccucc.org), or phone (529-4167) if you can make it!

“BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE”

Thursday, June 17, 2010

7:00 pm - Fiorilli Room

A bible study exploring and examining the lives of women of questionable virtue in the Scriptures. In June, we will look at Delilah, using the text from Judges 16:4-31. You can pick up copies of the readings outside the church office or call Carol and she will send you one. Join us for prayer, conversation, and connections to our lives. Bring a friend!

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church is called for Sunday June 6, 2010 immediately following worship for the following deliberations:

- to receive and act upon the 2010 annual reports of the Ministers, Officers, Boards, and Committees;
- to vote on any revisions to the 2010-2011 local operating budget as adopted at the Budget and Elections Meeting;
- to vote on any revisions to the 2010-2011 benevolence budget as adopted at the Budget and Elections meeting;
- to vote on any additions or changes to the Nominating Committee report;
- to receive any other business appropriate to come before the congregation;
- to remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Marsha Hoffman, church clerk



How about a little equal-exchange for some bunny special?

“Around the world coffee and fellowship come together where we share community. A warm pot of coffee is often the centerpiece of fellowship hour and other gatherings.”

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea or Hot Cocoa would make an excellent gift! Why not pick some up after church this Sunday?

During fellowship time in Chapin Hall, the Inreach Committee has available for purchase:

Gourmet Coffee - \$6.25/bag Tea - \$3/box Hot Cocoa Mix \$5/can

For more information about the UCC Coffee Project: www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project



Always Welcome! – Hunger never takes a holiday... Food Pantries need our help to meet the food demands... Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item, laundry detergent, or baby items to worship every time you come. The large basket in the front foyer of the church welcomes

all food donations. Pew Crew members have been taking your donations to the food pantry. Mark Williams sends a thank you note every month in gratitude for your generosity.



Directed Retreat for Men and Women
June 20-25, 2010
Offering: \$475

Retreat begins Sunday at 7:00pm and concludes Friday at 10:00am. Enjoy the solitude and tranquility of Holy family during this silent retreat. The weeklong contemplative experience will include daily spiritual direction and daily Eucharist. Directed retreats invite participants to quiet the mind, body, and soul to become open to the movement of the Spirit within.

Name	Retreat Date	
Telephone	Birth Date	
Address	E-mail	Emergency Phone Number
City	State	Zip

If double, roommate's name

- New Retreatant
- Enclosed is my \$100 deposit

MasterCard, Discover, or Visa Accepted
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(More if you can. Less if you can't)

Please choose a director:

<input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo Barrios	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Cathy Murtha, D.W.
<input type="checkbox"/> Andree Grafstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Mary Stuart, D.W.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ellen Graham	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim St. Onge
<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Jorgensen	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Patricia Torre, D.W.
<input type="checkbox"/> I'd like someone to contact me to discuss which director would be best for me.	

Please mail your completed registration form with deposit to:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, CT 06107
860.521.0440

www.holyfamilyretreat.org
holyfamilyretreat@cprov.org



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Travelers Championship Tickets Available – “Chip in for Charity” by purchasing your ticket to the TPC Golf Tournament on June 21-27 from Covenant Village of Cromwell. Your purchase will benefit the Benevolent Care Fund of Covenant Village. The price of the Ticket is \$20 (\$12 Discount from Gate Price of \$32). \$10 goes to the Tournament and \$10 goes to CVOC Benevolent Care Fund. Contact Janet Carlson at 860 754-3045 for tickets and more information.

TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED RENTERS (Rent Rebate) The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will accept applications for tax relief for elderly and/or disabled renters starting May 17, 2010 until September 15, 2010. Town residents must make an appointment to file an application in the Human Services office. Residents who are 65 or older (by end of calendar year 2010) or are totally disabled and rent must be under the income limits to qualify. Residents who qualify will receive a financial rebate from the State of Connecticut. The income limit is \$32,300 per year for one person and \$39,500 for two people. Applicants must bring documented proof of income, rent and utility/heating payments for all of calendar year 2009.

Please call 860-258-2799 or 860-258-2724 to make an appointment.

Celebrate Recovery – Thursday nights at First Church in Wethersfield. The purpose of this ministry is to fellowship and celebrate God’s healing power in our lives through the 8 Recovery Principles. This experience allows us to be changed. By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. 6:00-6:45 Dinner (\$4.00 donation), 7:00-8:00 Large group meeting, 8:00-9:00 Safe, supportive gender-specific small groups, 9:00-9:30 Coffee and Dessert / Crosstalk Café. For more information call 860 529-1575 x210 or email care@firstchurch.org



Yoga classes offered in Chapin Hall

Yoga with Pam – Quiet the mind, increase flexibility, reduce stress and promote health and wellness. Wednesday evenings at 6:00-7:30pm with Pamela Clark, R.N. Beginner and advanced beginner students welcome! Gift certificates available.

Yoga Offered by Core Power, LLC – Experience the dynamic flow and challenge of yoga which builds strength, balance and flexibility for an overall fit and healthy body. Classes are for all-levels with options for everyone! This class meets: Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, Thursdays mornings from 9:00-10:00am and Saturday mornings in from 8:30-9:00am (Yin Therapeutic Yoga). Contact Lynn MacDonald 860-550-4660 to register – Water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

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