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# Children's Worship Sunday June 9, 2013 at 10 AM "A Service of Discipleship"



Come worship with us as the children and youth of the RHCC, UCC, S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School, lead us in a service of discipleship, inviting us to prayerfully and faithfully ask what it means to be a disciple of the risen Christ.

# Come discover your gifts of discipleship!

# JUNE WORSHIP

June 2 **Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Meghan D. Young Communion Sunday, Family Worship **Annual Meeting** Scripture: 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Sermon: "When you fall on your face" June 9 **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Children's Worship Sunday SPIRIT. Church School Children and Youth leading worship **Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20/Acts 8:26-40** Sermon: "A Service of Discipleship" June 16 **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Father's Day **Recognition of Great Grandfathers** June 23 **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

June 30



In June, life in the church will be as active as ever. The Interim Senior Minister Search Committee has interviewed an excellent list of candidates and hope to have completed their call by mid June. We will recognize and celebrate in worship the academic achievements of members and friends who have graduated from high school through post-graduate programs. We will take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the Great-grandfathers in our congregation and remind ourselves to hold them close in our hearts and cherish them as a gift from God. Please plan to attend these services so you can join in the celebration. We recognized and celebrated our Greatgrandmothers in worship on Mother's Day. The Deacons made a donation of \$100 to the Interval House, in honor of our Great-grandmothers. The Deacons honored the 2013 Confirmation Class, their families, and mentors with a dinner. Deacons Stephanie Heneghan, Don Pagnucco, Joe Sheehan, and Val Triblets served as members of their mentor team. The members of the Board of Deacons for 2013 - 2014 are listed below. Please contact any of us with your joys, concerns or ideas.

Gail Tine, for the BOARD OF DEACONS

Board of Deacons 2013-2014 Judy Graham Stephanie Heneghan Bill Hoffman Ellie Mahar Don

Pagnucco (Senior Deacon) Nancy Parsons Joseph Sheehan Candy Smith Elaine Somes Gail Tine (Senior Deacon) Val Triblets

# Global and Local Mission News

#### **Global and Local Mission News**

"Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, men cannot live without a spiritual life" - Buddha

This quote from Buddha is one that I often think of when we are in the midst of Mission events here at RHCC. Programs like service days at Peter's Retreat, mission speakers, and many more, have such a deeper meaning to me because we are participating as a faith based group. We always make time for reflection and discussion that seem to transform the "work" into another way to worship our ever present God.

This year, RHCC is the recipient of the Hands on Hartford Faith-Based Organization Volunteer Award and I could not be more proud of all of our members and teams who have donated their time, talent, and treasure throughout the program years. It is wonderful to be recognized in this way by our partners at Hands on Hartford and we are humbled and grateful for their support in our mission!

In Faith, Meghan Montana Chair – Board for Missions

#### **Upcoming Events:**

On August 18th we will be hosting Global Missionary Tim Rose... look for more information about his visit with us in the coming months!

#### New Programs:

In May, the Missions Board approved a \$1,500 donation to an organization called BOTS Pots. This program is an extension of the Beat On The Street (BOTS) program that publishes a street newspaper written and sold by people who are now or have been homeless. BOTS Pots grows vegetables in pots located in low income neighborhoods in Hartford. They place large pots of organic vegetables (plants), usually at churches, as near to the street as possible. They then train individuals from shelters or supportive housing to care for the plants and pay them to do so. Artists paint the pots to create works of art, and people are free to pick the vegetables whenever they are ripe. RHCC's donation has cared for the new placement and training for 3 new BOTS Pots this year!

Since last month, your generosity has helped the following:

Rocky Hill Youth and Family Services	\$500
Cromwell Children's Home	\$600
Hartford Seminary 250 club	\$250
Charter Oak Cultural Center (BOTS Pots program)	\$1,500
Silver Lake Scholarships	\$400
Silver Lake Golf Tournament	\$100

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

# ANOTHER SUPERB ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR WALK AGAINST HUNGER

On Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013, a small group of 6 walkers joined over 4,000 other walkers in downtown Hartford for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk Against Hunger.

I am thrilled to say that the walk was very successful, with Foodshare meeting its fundraising goal of \$650,000 – a fantastic achievement. Contributing to this goal and

for the second consecutive year, RHCC demonstrated its strong commitment to Foodshare by exceeding the goal of \$2,00 and raising a total of \$3,315 including corporate and Chase Foundation Challenge matching contributions. This success was due to the wonderful effort from the fundraising team including Bob Carberry, Julia O'Connor, Meghan Young, Kari Blaise and Thomas and Chris Kainamura along with all the members of RHCC that generously supported the walk.

If you missed this year's walk, we look forward to you joining us in May 2014!

Sincerely,

Thomas Kainamura

2013 RHCC Walk Against Hunger Team Captain



Left to Right (FRONT: Max Kainamura, Chris Kainamura, Julia O'Connor and Meghan Young. BACK: Thomas Kainamura and Bob Carberry).

#### **News from Your Fair Committee**

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 19th - RHCC Country Fair</u> - We are happy to report that many popular booths will be returning:

The Bake Shop, Candy Shop, Farmers Market, Holiday House, JewelryBooth, Kitchen Shop, Picture This, The Tea Room and Toy Shop.

We still are in **need** of someone, or a group of members, who would like to run the Diner and the Silent Auction. If you are interested, please contact any fair committee member. We appreciate your help in finalizing our booths for this years fair. Thank you very much!

Phyllis Wilkey, Chair; Jim Stevens, Neal Cox, Elaine Somes, Lynn McKenna, Candy Smith, Polly Pagnucco, Don Pagnucco, Deb Copes, Nancy Flynn, Treasurer and Marsha Hoffman, Consultant.



# HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. There are openings for June. Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall, email** office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167),



- June 1 Harry Schmidt Zachary Rupaka
  - 2 Eric Jokl
  - 4 Gordan Titcomb Sr
  - 6 John Van Epps Sandra Fritzer
  - 7 Linda Marchand
  - 8 Thomas Kainamura
  - 9 Samuel Dean-Lee Julia O'Connor
  - 10 Paul Wilson
  - 11 John Goff III Stephen Kobernat Morgan McLean
  - 12 Douglas Goodrich Michele Van Epps
  - 13 Arlene Painter Kathryn Lewis
  - 15 Robert Carberry
  - 18 Betty Stedman
  - 20 Elaine Motta
  - 21 Glenn Hunter Jack Pawlich

- 22 Gail Hall Frank Murray
- 24 Philip Carpenter, Jr.
  Douglas Toft
  Kvlie Pirre
- 25 Andri Smith Kirsten Fulda
- 26 Douglas Sudell Bethany St Pierre Aiden Montana
- 27 Arthur Peterson Nancy Robbins
- 28 James Christopher
  Bruce Gegenbach
  Linda Calcagni
  Marjorie Sheathelm
  Matthew Flynn
- 29 Lynn Webster Jaye Veley Riley McLean



Mike and Steph Heneghan were married on June 10, 1967

Darrell and Holly Peterson were married on June 20, 1970

David and Joan Dean were married on June 11, 1955

Donald and Betty Stedman were married on June 25, 1960



#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday Morning Worship Communion 1st Sunday 10:00 a.m. with childcare





2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 11:00am Annual Meeting 11:30am Noah's Table	3 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Bell Choir	4 7:00pm Boards/Committees	5 9:00am Quilters 10:30am Apple Rehab Svc 12:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
9 Children's Day 11:30am Noah's Table	2:00pm The Lodge Svc 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Bell Choir	11 8:30am Breakfast Club	9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
16 11:30am Noah's Table	17 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	18	9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Community Event
23 11:30am Noah's Table	5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 5:30pm <b>Koinonia</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	25 5:30pm Koinonia	26 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Koinonia 7:30pm Adult Choir
30 11:30am Noah's Table			

**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:

Senior Pastor	202	Mary DeLibero, Minister of Music	207
Meghan Young, Acting Associate	204	Custodian	205
Pastor for Faith Formation		RHCCNS (Nursery School)	208
Office Secretary	201		

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
6 10:00am 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	7 5:00pm Youth Group Gathering	8 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 6:00pm <b>Dinner/Movie</b>
5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	14	15 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
20 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	21	<b>22</b> 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
5:30pm TOPS 5:30pm Koinonia 7:00pm Fair Committee 8:00pm Men's AA	28 Wedding rehearsal	8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 4:00pm Boberek/Quinn wedding

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

We extend an invitation to all great-grandfathers to worship with us Father's Day on June 16. During this worship we will proudly recognize our great-grandfathers of the church.



Honoring Great Grandfathers on Father's Day

If your name is not listed below or if you recently became a new greatgrandfather, 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	<b>Bob Hamilton</b>
Bob Hansen	Joe Kunzelman	Ralph Lexa	Tom Schreier
Richard Somes	John Sword	James Ussery Jr.	Frank Vann



Calling All Graduates
In June, we celebrate and acknowledge all our members who have graduated from high schools, colleges and post college degree programs. Please notify the office, by phone or email of anyone to be recognized and supply the institution and degree earned.



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

#### **Church School**

May marked the end of our final curriculum unit of the year, Go and Make Disciples. During this unit we looked at three important themes: what it means to be witnesses, God's definition of inclusiveness, and the gift of baptism. We explored what it means to be a disciple of the risen Christ. Many thanks to all the teachers, Board for Faith Formation members, and volunteers who helped make this year one of spirit filled faith formation!

The children and youth of RHCC have also begun planning and writing worship for Children's Sunday, reflecting on the ways we have formed in our faith over the last year. Over the last 9 months we have explored what it means to be a Community of Peace through the scriptures of Isaiah, we have marveled at the strength of Mary and Elizabeth as we heard the story of their first Christmas, we have explored God's gift of Baptism, we have walked with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, and we have heard the call to discipleship. We look forward to sharing on Children's Sunday, June 9th, what it means to be a disciple of the risen Christ.

#### **Gatherings**

The Children and Youth Talent Show, an annual favorite, was a great night of music, dance, singing, and sharing of talents and gifts. Thank you to all of our children and youth who helped out or performed, sharing their talents and gifts with us. And a special thanks to all those who organized, planned, and provided food for the talent show, especially Dave Lewis and Elaine Somes.

We also hope that everyone will join us for Koinonia 2013. For those wondering, Koinonia is a Greek word, used frequently in scripture, meaning communion by intimate participation. Koinonia is in fellowship, in breaking bread, worship, song, justice and peace making, and any moment where we come together in truth and love, opening ourselves up to the presence of God. Koinonia is a community about living and loving fully. Koinonia 2013, is a vacation bible school, for the whole church family. It will be four nights of spirit filled faith formation as we tell our story! Keep an eye out for more details.

## It's Coming - Koinonia 2013!

Join us at RHCC for a 4 night (5:30-7:30 PM), intergenerational Vacation Bible School, "Koinonia 2013", for the whole church family, from June 24th-27th. This summer you are invited to renew and spark your faith as we join together for fun, food, fellowship, and faith formation. Separate faith formation programming will be available for children, youth, and adults.

Please mark your calendars and sign-up in Chapin Hall or by emailing meghan@rhccucc.org.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Nursery Volunteers are needed for June, July, and August. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (Kari McCaw-Blaise, Liz Pulling, and Liz Reed-Swale) or email them at <a href="mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com">RHCCchildcare@gmail.com</a> for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

#### Here's What's Happening This Month...

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

Date	Scripture/Lesson
Sunday, June 2	Communion Sunday, Family Worship
Saturday, June 8	Children's Sunday Rehearsal, 3:00 PM — 4:30 PM
Sunday, June 9	Children's Worship Sunday, 10 AM
	All children leading worship should meet at 9 AM.
Sunday, June 30	S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming, "Fruit of the Spirit", begins for
	children Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.

#### Youth Group Calendar: June

Date	Fellowship Gatherings
Sunday, June 2	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade)→ 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Friday, June 7	Youth Group Gathering (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade)→ 5 – 9 PM
Sunday, June 9	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade) <b>→</b> 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, June 16	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade)→ 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, June 30	Noah's Table (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade)→ 11:30 AM – 1 PM

#### **Youth Night Out**

Join us on Friday, June 7th, from 5 PM-9 PM a picnic dinner and games at Elm Ridge Park. This event is open to youth, grades  $6^{th}$ - $12^{th}$ , as well as incoming  $6^{th}$  graders. As always friends are welcome. Please RSVP with Meghan Young (meghan@rhccucc.org) by Wednesday, June  $5^{th}$ .

#### **CONFIRMATION**



The 2012-2013 Confirmation Class were confirmed and joined the membership of RHCC on May 19, 2013. Confirmation weekend, was a wonderful and meaningful experience of faith, fellowship, family, and community. On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the confirmands and their families came together for worship in the sanctuary. We took time to reflect on our year together and gave thanks for the mentors, families, and communities that have helped our Confirmands to grow in their faith. We were also treated by the Deacons to a delicious dinner.

On Confirmation Sunday, the Confirmands wrote and led worship. They thoughtfully shared their faith while bringing us together as a community. The Holy Spirit was truly present. Their reflections spoke of how Christ abides in each of us, the peace Christ offers us, and how that peace challenges and invites us to be disciples sharing our gifts. What a joy and blessing it is to have these young people as a part of this community! We look forward to the ways in which they will continue to share their gifts with us.

## June 2013: The Blessing of Hope

Written by Phyllis Byrd

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8



"Just Communities" is the department at the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) with which I work as the Director. There are many projects Just Communities has undertaken. The "One People Campaign" is our peace initiative in Kenya and many African countries, to teach and promote peaceful lives and approaches to controversy, especially during and following elections. Just Communities produced and distributed copies of "Young African Express," an educational

magazine to the young people in the community. Young African Express is a comic booklet which addresses issues often present in communities and discusses the role of church members in it.

Recently we visited a group of women in Kawangwar, an informal settlement in Nairobi. The women are HIV-positive and have initiated an income-generating project to support themselves and their children. There we met the four year old daughter of one of the women, who had suffered third degree burns to her head and face. Blessing is her name. Her mother explained she did not have enough money to pay the price of the procedure to treat Blessing's burns. Now Blessing's condition was more serious, she could not close her eyes to sleep and she had difficulty breathing because the burns had affected her nose and mouth. Just Communities contacted the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services in Uganda (CoRSU), which performs low cost surgery to children with disabilities. Blessing and her mother traveled twelve hours by bus from Nairobi to Kampala, Uganda arriving early on Sunday morning. They had an appointment to see a doctor at the hospital the next day. The doctor felt surgery was urgent because there were infections developing in Blessings' eyes. The surgery was scheduled for two days later. The doctors successfully reconstructed much of Blessings' face and more surgery is to come. We thank God for the many people who made Blessings' medical treatment possible.

God, we pray that communities in Kenya will be able to focus on their daily lives in peace. We pray for Blessing as she continues to heal and recover, and we pray for the work of Just Communities that it may continue its impact making its among peoples in Kenya.

Phyllis Byrd serves in Nairobi Kenya, as a theological educator with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as a theological educator. This is a joint appointment with the Presbyterian Church, USA and Global Ministries.



<u>Educational Forum</u>: - Executive Director Ed Ayala and the Christian Activities Council, sponsored this faith based forum. Reverend Ayala, and Superintendent of the Hartford School District, Dr. Christina Kishimoto, spoke on the reforming of the strategies and goals of the Hartford School System. Also it was stressed that community leaders, parents and neighborhoods must come together to ensure each child receives an excellent education. The forum was well attended by educational leaders, faith based people and parents. I was impressed by Dr. Kishimoto and her dedication and leadership to the students.

<u>Public Safety Meeting:</u> - Denise Best, one of our staff employees led this very important subcommittee of the comprehensive community redevelopment committee. There were representatives of neighborhood leaders and the Hartford Police Department. The one subject that received the most attention was released inmates who were not citizens of Hartford but are put in the city streets upon their completed sentences. This continued practice overwhelms the social resource department of the city of Hartford. It was decided to invite the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections to our next meeting.

<u>Housing</u>: - The Edgewood Street Condominiums continue to be a major problem for the Christian Activities Council. Ralpoh Knighton, Tori Hamilton and Reverend Ayala are putting their best efforts forward to try and sell these units.

<u>Staff:</u> The Christian Activities Council staff always go above and beyond to serve the poor and needy people of Hartford.

Peace,

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio
Delegate and member Board of Directors



# Come Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm in Chapin Hall. The film showing will be "The Station Agent

Patricia Clarkson, Peter Dinklage and Bobby Cannavale star in The Station Agent, a comedy about friendship that will have you smiling long after the final credits.

Fin McBride, a loner with a passion for trains, inherits an abandoned train station in the middle of nowhere - a place that suits him just fine because all he wants is to be left alone. But that seems unlikely when he discovers his isolated depot is more like Grand Central Station. There's Olivia, a distracted and troubled artist, and Joe, a friendly Cuban with an insatiable hunger for conversation. With absolutely nothing in common, they find themselves coming together in a friendship none of them could foresee.

Sneak preview for July: Beginners starring Christopher Plummer and Ewan McGregor



Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude for my employment at RHCC for the last 15 years. I certainly never expected to leave so abruptly, but I felt a calling that was so strong that I had to pay attention to it. God gives us seasons and then calls us elsewhere for His purposes. I still don't know what that purpose is, but I felt the need to be ready when He makes it known to me.

For all who came to my farewell gathering, for those who sent emails, called, prayed for me, send cards and well wishes — I thank you. And to the congregation-thank you for the gift certificate to On the Border. My favorite place to eat! I will enjoy many bowls of Chicken tortilla soup (my personal favorite). I also thank all who supported me by volunteering your time in the office or just stopped by with a kind word or to say, "Hi, I was thinking about you and decided to drop in." (You know who you are).

Retirement has not been as I had envisioned it. I don't know how I ever had time to work. Many of you told me I would say that and you were right! I will continue to help Dan surveying, but I will now have time to clean my house, get ready for Haiti in August, visit with Meagan when she comes home for a visit this summer, and much more.

I want to wish you all well and will continue my prayers for you and for RHCC in this transition time and beyond. Thank you again for the opportunity to minister to you through my work. It was an honor to serve you, but most of all I give glory to God for the opportunity. His purpose was fulfilled.

Blessings, Carol



ROCKY HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. Fourth Thursday: Divided Pond Trails June 27, 7-9:00 p.m. Academy Hall Museum



Ed Chiucarello has volunteered numerous hours to clean up an often-overlooked parcel of open space near Dividend and Old Forge roads. Hear how he helped transform it into the Dividend Pond Trails and Archaeological District

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# Call To The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

- 1. To receive and act upon the 2013 reports of Boards and Committees.
- 2. To vote on any revisions to the 2013-14 local budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
- 3. To vote on any revisions to the 2013-14 Missions budget as presented.
- 4. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
- 5. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted; Marsha Hoffman, Clerk