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March Newsletter

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Lent and Easter 2009 Schedule



March 1
First Sunday in Lent
All Church Communion Sunday
2nd and 3rd Graders Receive Bibles
ONA Program after service

March 8
Second Sunday in Lent
Lenten Program/Luncheon
Peace Be With You

March 15
Third Sunday in Lent
Jonathan's Farewell Service
and Reception

March 22
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Lenten Program/Luncheon
Peace Be With You
2nd and 3rd Graders Field Trip:
Temple Beth Torah

March 29
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Budget and Election Meeting

April 5
Palm Sunday
10:00 AM Service
All Church Communion Sunday

April 9
Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM Service

April 10
Good Friday
7:00 PM Service

April 12
Easter Sunrise Service
6:00 AM
Rose Hill Cemetery

Easter Breakfast in Chapin Hall
After Sunrise Service
10:00 AM Service
Sanctuary
RHCC Orchestra leads a service of
joy and celebration!

“See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand.”

Galatians 6:11



A Message from Jonathan
our word choice.

Since the announcement of my departure, so many of you in the congregation have given me a great gift: letters, cards and notes—written in your own hand—expressing both gratitude for my ministry and best wishes for the coming new chapter in my life. Writing by hand is a precious thing. Our penmanship unmistakably expresses our individuality, and because it takes more time to write than to type, we tend to be very thoughtful in

The Apostle Paul wrote by necessity in order to reach out to fellow disciples about whom he cared. And, when he wanted to make an especially important point, he wrote in especially large letters that his readers couldn't mistake. In the mail I have received since my resignation, you didn't always literally write larger, but the care with which those letters were composed fairly shouts in the same way. Thank you for that tangible kindness.

I preached this past Sunday on the power of words, and the need to use our words faithfully, to be, as Don Miguel Ruiz suggests “impeccable with your words.” That is true for both pastor and people as our paths now diverge. I need to learn a new language, to communicate with new cultures and faiths; you need to continue to be in dialogue about important issues in the ministry and future of this family of Jesus Christ. Let us each and all be impeccable with our words, wherever we go, and listen to the words of others with care and respect. Clear communication is one way we get out of the way so God's grace may more freely flow among us.

May that grace of God continue to guide and sustain you all at RHCC, and keep talking with each other for the sake of the gospel; if need be, write to each other, too—you do it so beautifully.

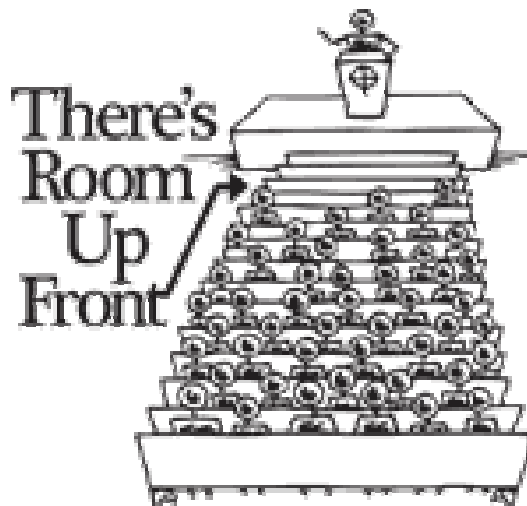
Godspeed,

Jonathan



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 1** **First Sunday in Lent**
All Church Communion
Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “A New Word”
- March 8** **Second Sunday in Lent**
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee
Sermon: “A Faithful Mind Set”
- March 15** **Third Sunday in Lent**
Scripture: John 2:13-22 The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee
Sermon: “Familiar Face, Fresh Faith”
- March 22** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Scripture: John 3:14-21 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “The Sign”
- March 29** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “A Heart Transplant”





**“Do not remember the former things,
Or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing:
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”**

Isaiah 43:18-19a

As I mentioned in our February newsletter, the Diaconate has formed an Interim Selection Committee which is tasked with finding an Interim Senior Minister. The UCC has proven invaluable in assisting us with this task. We have already received numerous profiles from our regional office and, by the time you read this article, we would have already interviewed a number of candidates. The interim selection committee is looking for an Intentional Interim Minister (“transition ministry specialist”) who will provide for the ongoing worship life of the congregation, will offer pastoral care and administrative leadership, will assist us with lay leadership empowerment, stewardship development, strategic planning and will help guide us through the unique challenges and opportunities inherent in the time between Jonathan’s departure and a permanent ministerial call. We want to make sure that whatever interim candidate we call will work well with Donna and our church staff. We enjoyed many years of Donna and Jonathan’s collegial working relationship and our desire is that this continues during this interim period.

As stated above, we expect that the interim senior minister will assume Jonathan’s responsibilities and will assist us through the period of time between Jonathan’s departure and when we call a permanent minister. Part of that time will be working with Council and the congregation to determine what we want for permanent ministerial staff (what we have been calling our “staffing configuration”) and assessing what we can afford and are willing to pay: information on which we should agree before starting a search process for a permanent minister. The interim senior minister brings with them years of ministerial experience and formal interim training. For that experience and training, we can expect to provide a salary and benefits package in line with conference guidelines and in line with a senior minister’s package.

Deb Copes, Senior Deacon



Peace Be With You:

*A Lenten Series for All Ages
Sundays, March 8 and March 22
11:45 - 1:00 PM
Lunch and Program*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

During the Lenten Season, we take time as individual Christians and as a community of faith to focus our time, our prayer, and our energies in preparation to walk with Christ to the cross. We remember that at his last meal with his disciples before his death, Jesus counsels his friends about the struggles to come, and grants them the gift of his peace. Our Lenten series this year will focus on the theme of PEACE: in our hearts, in our homes, in our church, and in our world.

We will also be making origami PAPER CRANES (there will be directions and plenty of help, so beginners are welcome!) as part of our Lenten journey this year. The crane is a world-wide symbol of peace and the ones we make will be placed in our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Just as our hearts are changed by Christ's peace during the Lenten season, so too will the space that is the heart of our community be transformed.

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SIMPLE MEAL, CONVERSATION,
AND ORIGAMI CRANE-MAKING (no experience necessary!)
SIGN UP IN CHAPIN HALL*



Your Nominating Committee is in motion again as we seek new faces to share the work of RHCC on Boards and Committees. Truly the best way to feel a sense of church family is serving alongside fellow members in support of the congregation's business. Fresh ideas create a welcome, new enthusiasm. We need you, but we don't always know you are interested, so please come and see us in Chapin Hall on March 1st and 8th to learn about the various boards and committees and consider signing on as Nominating does its work to fill the 2009-2010 roster.

News from the Fair Committee

Fair Committee activities generated over \$12,000 in 2008 and have recommended to the Trustees that the dollars be distributed as follows:

- \$500.00 for Christian Education
- \$500.00 for Inreach to stock new kitchen for necessary equipment
- \$500.00 to support 2009 Mission Trip with Habitat for Humanity
- Remaining dollars to go to Chapin Hall renovation and seed money for 2009 Fair Committee activities

“Needed, A Few Good Disciples”

The Fair Committee has a challenging year ahead. To date, we know we need booth chair persons for the Silent Auction and Indoor Tag Sale. In addition, we will have two openings on the committee this year. If you are interested in chairing a booth and/or joining the Fair Committee please see Jim Stevens or a member of the committee.

The next committee meeting is Thursday, March 19th at 7pm in the Fiorilli Room. If you are interested please join us.

“Everything God created is a solution to a problem.”

Jim Stevens—chairperson



**S.P.I.R.I.T.
HAPPENINGS
at Our
Church**

- March 1 * All Church Community Worship and Communion (children will join their families for service)
- March 8 * Class
* Lunch Bunch 11:30-1:00pm
- March 15 * Class
* Youth Group: Laser Tag and ice cream 1pm-3:30pm
- March 22 * Class
- March 29 *Class
*Teacher Meeting after service



Youth Group and Lunch Bunch

March 8th: Lunch Bunch 11:30-1:00pm Come join us for a great discussion following with lunch afterwards.

March 15th: Laser Tag Come join us for a great time at Laser Tag in Middletown and for ice cream. 1pm-3:30pm. In need of chaperones.



March 29th after service and class in the second grade classroom

**IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR
CHILDCARE, YOUTH GROUP
AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!**



We are in need of volunteers and can not have these wonderful programs without the help of our congregation. If you are willing to volunteer your time in any increment we would greatly appreciate it. If you are able please sign up in Chapin

Hall or please contact: Elaine Somes, 563-4099 and Valerie Triblets, 529-9361

Helping Your Family and the Rocky Hill Congregational Church

A Saturday Seminar on Life Insurance

Planned Giving can help you in your own financial planning, but can also benefit your church family. The Stewardship Committee invites you to join Ted Affleck, of Theodore E. Affleck, CLU & Associates, LLC (Newington) in the second in our series of financial planning seminars. These seminars are part of the Stewardship Committee's ongoing commitment to help our members and friends responsibly care for their own financial future, as well as that of our church.

"Ted" started his own consulting firm, after almost thirty years in the Life Insurance business. He has published a number of insurance articles, and is often sought after, as an "expert witness" in litigation. In this second seminar, Ted will explain (in layman's terms) the many types of life insurance products and the features and benefits of each. There are ways in which you and the church can benefit from smart decisions you make now. We hope you can join us for a Saturday morning cup of coffee. This is your chance to ask all kinds of questions on life insurance, with no sales pitch....just honest answers.

Our second Saturday Seminar will be held on March 28, from 10am till Noon in Chapin Hall. Refreshments will be included, so please RSVP to the church office, so we can plan accordingly.



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, February 22, the confirmation welcomed some members of the church for conversation about church and a life of faith. Both the young and the "young at heart" learned new things about the church and each other. Thanks to all who attended!

This month, we focus on the sacraments of our church and do our service project.

March 8	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Baptism
March 22	3:00 - 5:00 PM	The Lord's Supper
Saturday, March 28	9:00 - 3:00 PM	

Service Project at Peter's Retreat and Walk Through Hartford

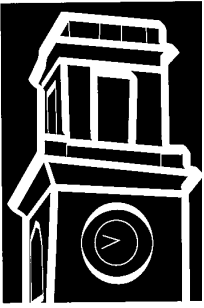
Confirmands and parents, please make sure these dates are on your calendars! Members of the congregation, please continue to pray for us as we prepare for Confirmation weekend, May 17 and 18.

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

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Council has proposed several amendments to the Church Constitution which clarify and redefine the relative roles of the Assistant Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. The Assistant Treasurer will be eliminated as an elected officer position, and will instead be appointed by the Trustees from among the members of that board, with the sole responsibility to assist the Treasurer when needed. The Financial Secretary will be added to the Stewardship Committee as an ex-officio member, to provide advice and recordkeeping support to that Committee.

Copies of a document itemizing each of the specific proposed language changes are available in the narthex and the church hallway, and are also available at the church web site. These amendments will be subject to a vote at the Annual Meeting scheduled for June 14, 2009.



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



2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 Bible Sunday/Communion 11:45am ONA 2 nd Hour 1:00pm Youth Group	2 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	3 7:00pm Board/ Committees Mtg	4 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga 7:30pm Adult Choir
8 11:30am Lunch Bunch 11:45am Lenten Series 3:00pm Confirmation	9 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	10 7:00pm Council Mtg	11 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga 7:30pm Adult Choir
15 Jonathan's Farewell	16 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	17 7:30pm Baby Quilters	18 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga 7:30pm Adult Choir
22 One Great Hour of Sharing 11:00am CE to Temple Beth 11:30am Lunch Bunch 11:45am Lenten Program 3:00pm Confirmation	23 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	24 7:00pm ONA Meeting	25 9:00am Quilters 9:30am CT Conference Mtg 6:00pm Yoga 7:30pm Adult Choir
29 11:15am Budget & Election Mtg 11:30pm Teacher Meeting 12:00pm Youth Group	30 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	31	

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	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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 The Reverend Arthur C. Weil, Minister Emeritus
 Will Kanute, Director of Music

Month at a Glance

March 3

Board and Committee Meetings
7:00pm

March 6

World Day of Prayer
Methodist Church

March 7

Jonathan's Reception
5:00 – 7:00pm

March 8

Lenten Series
11:45am

March 10

Council Meeting
7:00pm

March 14

Dinner and Movie
6:30pm

March 15

Jonathan's Farewell

March 22

One Great Hour of
Sharing Offering
Lenten Program
11:45am

March 28

Stewardship Seminar
10:00am – noon

March 29

Budget and Election
Meeting
11:15am

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	6 7:00pm World Day of Prayer at United Methodist Church	7 8:30am Yoga 5:00pm Jonathan's Reception 7:00pm AA
12 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm ONA Meeting 8:00pm Men's AA	13	14 8:30am Yoga 8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Dinner/Movie 7:00pm AA
19 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Fair Committee Mtg 8:00pm Men's AA	20	21 8:30am Yoga 7:00pm AA
26 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	27	28 8:30am Yoga 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Confirmation 10:00am Stewardship Mtg 7:00pm AA



Many thanks to Inreach members for their teamwork in putting on the Comfort food Dinner. I hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening—Jackie Little

This
Month's
Birthdays

01	Bill Hoffman	15	Alexander Ware
	Thomas Allaire	16	Shannon Vaillancourt
	Todd Mcgowan	18	Jim Bishop
	Bill White	19	Louise Tangarone
	Christian Damiana	20	Sue VanNess
02	Carole Christopher		Elaine Somes
	Sean Painter	21	Manuela Young
	Rebecca Milles		Ryan Bengston
03	Alice Weil	22	Gladys Carpenter
	Pat Gordon	23	Marilyn Van Doran
	Grace Donahue		Chris Blake
04	John Van Doran		Riley Hanson
05	Bob Ulrich	24	Hazel Gibbons
	Tim Bishop		Bea Donahue
06	Percy Hall		Janice Wine
07	Deborah Durgin		Sarah Mosure
08	Dot Hunter	25	Marion Hale
	Joan Dean		Margaret White
	Kevin Sudell		Nathan Linklater
09	Colleen Schultz	26	Todd Pender
	Jason Hall	27	Ruth Bergengren
10	Derek Linklater		Richard Sweezy, Jr.
11	Cheryl Robbins		Rebekah Van Epps
	Chase Corvo	28	Gail Fu
12	Tim Dostie		Lisa Siembab
	Todd Doten		Nicole Graham
	Ryan Walker	29	Katherine Burghoff
	Isabella St. Pierre		Carol Jensen
13	Dick Somes		Laura Fell
	Jackie Little		Erik Rousseau
	Heather Wakeman		David Van Epps
14	Robert Eno	30	Jayson Veley
	Ruth Eno	31	Mark Walworth
	Mary D'Addario		Pat Hughes-Walworth
	David Bell		Jayne Bishop
	Jonathan Harvey		



**Please pray for the
family and friends of**

Bob Toft

who died on January 29

Ethel Lombardo

who died on January 30

Anne Balling

who died on February 4

Peggy Adams

who died on February 6



Jim and Lois Griswold

were married on

March 16, 1946



**The Open and Affirming Committee
proudly presents**

**Stories, Anecdotes, and Warnings
From **Grumpy Old Pastors** (and a special guest!)**

Churches that became ONA... or almost did!

**Sunday, March 1 after Coffee Hour
In Chapin Hall
Lunch will be served**



**Come for Dinner and a Movie
Saturday, March 14th
6:30 pm
in Chapin Hall**

The selection this month is "Millions" - a film directed by "Slumdog Millionaire's" Danny Boyle in 2005 was named as one of the best movies of the year by film critic Roger Ebert.

It's the holiday season and seven-year-old Damian believes he's received a divine gift from above when a suitcase filled with cash literally falls out of the sky a week before the country switches from British Pounds to Euros. Damian is anxious to share the wealth with those less fortunate while his fun-loving brother Anthony would rather spend it like there's no tomorrow. But when the loot turns out to be stolen, both the boys' plans are put to the test-with heartwarming and hilarious results.

There will be a sign up sheet in Chapin Hall. Please contact Jayne Bishop if you have any questions.



From the Scholarship Committee

Each year, our church awards college scholarships which are funded by investment returns from the Scholarship Endowment Funds. Applicants should be members of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, active members of one of its youth organizations, or active participants in the life of the church. Awards are based upon church and community involvement, demonstrated scholastic achievement, financial need, and the completion and submission of a scholarship application form. Scholarships may be awarded for up to four years of undergraduate studies. Recommendations on scholarship recipients are made by the Scholarship Committee, whose members are appointed by the Board of Trustees. This recommendation is then subject to the final approval of the Trustees.

Graduating high school seniors and returning college undergraduates who are seeking a church scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year should obtain an application from the church office or from the web site, rhccucc.org and may be submitted electronically. Please complete and return it prior to April 15, 2009. Scholarship awards will be announced in June.

Scholarship Directory Available

A directory of scholarships that are available to college-bound students in the 29-town Greater Hartford region is now available from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Students can pick up a copy of the directory from their school guidance office or you can access it online at www.hfpg.org/scholarships, or call the Foundation to obtain a copy.



Frank Roswell Fuller was born in Hartford on August 23, 1873 and attended local public schools. He went to New York City and later formed his own company at 40 Wall Street known as Fuller & Company, which operated from 1904 to 1920. When he retired he came to live in West Hartford. He died on March 1, 1957. His will, probated in the Probate Court for District of Hartford, established a substantial scholarship fund. Mr. Fuller was always interested in helping "needy, deserving" students obtain the education that he had not been able to enjoy himself.

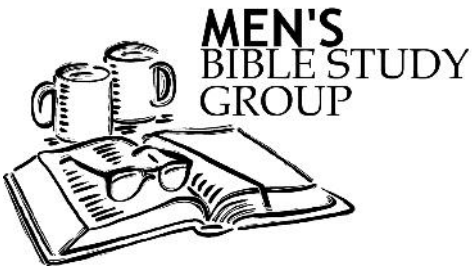
There will also be application packets in the church office.

Remember to file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to federal processor by March 1. You may obtain a FAFSA application from your high school guidance counselor or at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The deadline for submitting your application and other documents is May 15th.



The gathering of women who have made Baby Quilts in the past was originally begun under the umbrella of Women's Fellowship. Attendance has been dwindling and we have decided to reinvent ourselves. So all types of projects are welcome...come to quilt, sew, crochet, knit, do needlework, scrapbook, make crafts for the fair or any other type of project but mostly to enjoy the company!. Quilts kits will still be available to those who want them and dessert will be provided. We will continue to meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Fiorilli Room. This month is March 17th. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Kim Batterson Biglow.



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.



Every Sunday, the coffee served after our church service supports The United Church of Christ Coffee Project. Coffee is available for sale in Chapin Hall during coffee hour on the 3rd Sunday of every 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!"

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)



Easter Memorial Flowers

Please contact Joan Diaz (613-2889) or complete this form if you wish to order an Easter Lily, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Daffodil, which is placed at the pulpit on Easter Sunday, April 12. Checks (\$10 per plant) should be made payable to: Joan Diaz and mailed to her at 15 Thistle Down, Cromwell CT 06416. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 6, 2009.

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Phone # _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ WILL PICK UP _____

Lily
Tulip
Hyacinth
Daffodil



God Gives the Growth TOGETHER BUILDING BRIDGES U.C.C. New England Women's CELEBRATION VIII

March 12, 13, 14, 2010

Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center, Burlington, VT

United church of Christ Women from all over New England will gather for their 8th Celebration. The theme is *Together Building Bridges...a time to break down and a time to build up...*" Ecclesiastes 3:3

Mark your calendars! More information to following during this 2009 year.

SUMMER CAMP ASSISTANCE DONATIONS

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is seeking financial donations to assist financially deprived Rocky Hill families in sending their children to camp this summer. 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. The Human Services Department provides a \$200 maximum camp subsidy to needy families who meet income and asset guidelines. This camp fund is completely dependent upon donations to help provide a summer camp experience for disadvantaged children. Please consider making a donation. If you have questions, please call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724. Contributions may be mailed to: Town of Rocky Hill Human Services, 699 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067



A NEW YOGA CLASS!

*Quiet the Mind
Increase Flexibility
Reduce Stress*

Promote Health and Wellness

Instructor: Pamela Clark R.N.
(Certified Instructor of Integral School of Yoga)

When: Wednesday Evenings – Classes begin March 4th

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Rocky Hill Congregational Church
Chapin Hall

Cost: \$80 for 8 Classes / \$12 a Drop-in Class

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. Class is for all-levels with options for everyone!

Warning: a side effect from practicing yoga is a clear focused mind, increased energy level and a toned body free of stress!

Day: Saturday mornings
Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 8:30-9:30am in Chapin Hall
Location: Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT
Fee: Drop in: \$10.00 / 10 classes for \$70.00 / 5 classes for \$40.00
Instructor: Lynn MacDonald / Please contact 860-550-4660 to register
Bring: Water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Bank – March 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.

Art Auction – Rocky Hill Historical Society – Rocky Hill Congregational Church is hosting an Art Auction to benefit the Restoration Project of the Rocky Hill Historical Society on Saturday evening, April 4, 2009. Preview is at 6pm and Auction is at 7pm. Admission \$10pp / Tea Cup Raffle / Door Prize / Coffee and Desserts. For tickets or information call the Rocky Hill Historical Society at 563-6704 or 563-7833.

20th Annual Quilt Show – Saturday, March 28 from 10-5pm and Sunday, March 29th from 11am-5pm.
at The Haddam Neck Congregational Church. More than 100 quilts, Tea Room, Quilting Supplies, Raffle. For information call 860 267-2848 or 860 267-4671. Proceeds benefit restoration fund.

“Time for Three (Tf3)– Friday, March 6 @ 8:00pm at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. A young, dynamic trio of classically-trained string musicians. Tf3 transcends traditional performance genres, melding classical repertoire with blue-grass standards and gypsy-tinged Czardas. “To hear these three young guys is to be thankful that music was invented...”—Paul Newman. Tickets \$20 and can be purchased by calling (860) 278-0785 or by email at www.ahcc.org.

“The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Theodore Dubois – Ecumenical Concert – Friday, March 6 at 7pm – Held at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Hartford. Choirs of First Church of Christ and churches from Bloomfield, Hartford, and West Hartford will be performing. Jeanette Saunders, Conductor.

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

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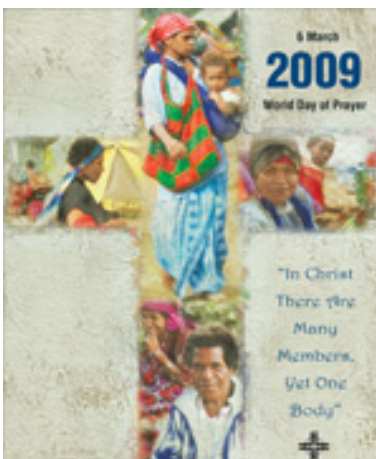
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Jesus didn't turn people away. Neither do we.
The United Church of Christ:
No matter who you are,
Or where you are on life's journey...
You're welcome here.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
March 15**



The World Day of Prayer Service
Friday, March 6, 2009 at 7pm
United Methodist Church in Rocky Hill
(Participation with all 5 Rocky Hill Churches)

The worship service was written this year by the women of Papua New Guinea. Our Drum Choir will perform rhythms appropriate to

Papua New Guinea. It is a moving and inspirational service and a chance to learn about an interesting country. We hope to see you there.