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November Newsletter

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RHCC is participating in the Mission 1 program! From November 1st through the 11th (11/1/11 – 11/11/11), the United Church of Christ and Rocky Hill Congregational Church will be ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission to feed the hungry now and in the future.

**Saturday, November 5
9am -1pm**

Food Drive at Stop & Shop
Town Line Road, Rocky Hill

Sunday, November 6

Bring non-perishable food items for the Rocky Hill Food Pantry

Write a letter to Congress addressing hunger relief efforts

**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP CHANGE LIVES
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE WORLD!**

In your presence, O God, we make our sacrament of Thanksgiving.

We begin with the simple things of our days:

Fresh air to breathe. Cool water to drink. The taste of food.

The protection of houses and clothes. The comforts of home.

For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind we have known.

Our mother's arms, the strength of our fathers, the playmates of our childhood.

The wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by...

The tears we have shed, the tears we have seen;

The twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.

For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving.

-Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman



Dear friends,

Howard Thurman's Thanksgiving words remind us of the many blessings that are part of our lives – the ordinary and extraordinary gifts that come to us each day through the goodness and

graciousness of our God. They seem like simple things – air, water, food, house and home; family and friends who love and care for us. Perhaps so simple that we take them for granted. But all we need do is see or talk with someone who is without basic human needs or is without a community of love and care and we can find our way back to gratitude.

It is a spirit of gratitude that enables us to share the gifts we have with others. This spirit is strong during the month of November. We'll have a few chances to do just that during this month. On Sunday, November 6 we'll participate in MISSION 1 along with our UCC partners in CT and around the globe, bringing food items for the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and writing letters to our governmental representatives. On Sunday, November 20, the Board for Missions is sponsoring our third annual TURKEY and TWENTY drive to benefit FOODSHARE.

Let's reach out and share what we have received from God with each other. Let our acts of gratitude change the way we live, the way we make decisions, the way we invest our time, our resources, and all we say and do. And let this change be not only during the season of Thanksgiving but also for the rest of our lives.

In gratitude,

Donna



**Worship
Schedule**

November 6 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

Open Choir Sunday

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
and Meghan D. Young

Scripture: John 4:19-26

Sermon: "Unfinished Art: Worship as a Way of Life"

November 13 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Veteran's Day Remembrance

Meghan D. Young

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Risky Business"

November 20 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday / Orchestra in Worship

Turkey and a Twenty

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Scripture: Luke 17:1-19

Sermon: "Nine Out of Ten"

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Baptism of Grace Hoffman

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio



Communion Service
Sunday, November 20, 2011
8:30 AM
Weil Chapel

Taste and See the Goodness of our God!
Join us for a half hour service with song and silence,
a short message and the sacrament of communion



What has made you feel welcomed in a new place? Was it a smile, an introduction, a handshake? Recently, at an evening meeting, Donna led a discussion based on a UCC presentation about hospitality. The responsibilities of ushers and

greeters were reviewed and suggestions made to improve our awareness of guests. It is, however, an opportunity for everyone to extend his or her hand in an extravagant welcome.

Let us welcome guests and greet each other as we would in our own homes – for this is our home, our church family, the house to which God invites us all to be together in fellowship and worship.

Many of the folks attending the meeting remembered the first person who greeted and welcomed them the first day they entered our church. Be that person for a guest.

In faith,

The Board of Deacons:

Tom Fulda, Judy Graham, Steph Heneghan, Bill Hoffman, Don Pagnucco, Elaine Somes, Joe Sheehan, Candy Smith, Gail Tine, Valerie Triblets, Lynn Webster, Nancy Parsons

Christian Education

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

Church School

October marked the completion of the first unit of our new curriculum, Come Join the Circle. Through crafts, drama, games, food, mission, music, storytelling, and worship in our newly laid out chapel, we explored the book of Ruth, learning about the loving kindness found in the friendship of Ruth and Naomi. We learned about God's loving kindness for us, a love that is above and beyond, and explored the ways we can choose to share that love with others. Many thanks to all those who helped kick-off our new curriculum!

On November 13th, we are starting our 2nd curriculum unit. During November and December we will be learning about "Luke's Christmas Story", as we walk together through Advent and Christmas, remembering the needs of others during this busy season. Luke invites us especially to hear the story of Jesus' birth through the song of angel choirs, to see it through the eyes of shepherds and animals, and touch it as the tiny child of promise in Anna and Simeon's arms. We are invited to recognize Christ in our midst, respond in love, and proclaim with angels and shepherds the joyful news that Jesus is born for

us, today! We hope you'll learn along with us, by following along in the weekly bulletins.

Youth Group

Youth group kicked-off the year by heading to Foster Family Farms to navigate their way through a moonlit Corn Maze. They also helped collect food for Mission 1. We're looking forward to resuming Lunch Bunch and our regular weekly meetings this month!

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

In addition to starting our 2nd curriculum unit and youth group resuming meetings, there are a few other ways to get involved this month. Be sure to join us for our annual Advent Gathering on Sunday, November 27th. See below for a full calendar:

SPECIAL EVENTS: *You do not want to miss these!*

Date	Event
Sunday, November 27	Advent Gathering: 5 PM – 7 PM Join us for a pot-luck dinner, crafts, and worship as we wait in anticipation during the season of Advent. <i>This is an ALL ages event for the entire church family and friends.</i>

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

Date	Scripture/Lesson
Sunday, November 6	MISSION:1 Sunday Communion Sunday, Family Worship <i>All are encouraged to join the Choir for Open Choir Sunday!</i>
Sunday, November 13	Week 1: Luke's Christmas Story <i>Throughout Unit 2 we will be reflecting on the scripture found in Luke 2:1-40</i>
Sunday, November 20	Turkey & A Twenty Week 2: Luke's Christmas Story
Sunday, November 27	1st Sunday of Advent Week 3: Luke's Christmas Story

Youth Group Calendar: *November*

Date	Fellowship Gatherings
Friday, November 4	Youth Night In (6 th -12 th Grade) → 5 PM – 8 PM <i>Join us at the church for dinner, games, and preparing for the Canned Food Drive MISSION:1 Project.</i>
Saturday, November 5	MISSION:1 Canned Food Drive → 9 AM – 1 PM <i>Join us as we host a healthy canned food drive. Speak to Meghan Young or Rob Grandell for more details. Event is open to ALL ages.</i>
Sunday, November 13	Lunch Bunch (6 th -8 th Grade) → 11:30 AM – 1 PM <i>Lunch, fellowship, and fun faith activities.</i>

Date	Fellowship Gatherings
Sunday, November 13	High School Crew (9 th -12 th Grade) → 4:30 PM – 6 PM <i>Dinner, fellowship, games, and faith formation.</i>
Sunday, November 20	Combined Lunch Bunch (6 th – 12 th Grade) → 11:30 AM-1 PM

Join the Fun – Get involved with S.P.I.R.I.T.

Unit 2: Luke’s Christmas Story, will start on November 13th. We are looking for **learning center guides** who have a particular interest in arts, baking, drama, story-telling, etc. We are also looking for **Shepherds**, who will accompany a class throughout the year to engage them in discussion as they ask question, seek, and make their faith real. Or join us for a Sunday as a **Safe Church Volunteer**. Come join the Circle, have some fun, and walk in faith with us! Sign-Up in Chapin Hall or contact Meghan Young (860-529-4167 x204), meghan@rhccucc.org) for more information.

S.P.I.R.I.T. CHURCH SCHOOL: What We’re Learning Now!

COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 2 – Luke’s Christmas Story

Luke’s story of the birth of Jesus has some unique features from the other Gospel accounts. Its central characters are “outsiders” – poor shepherds and a couple with no home. This was a dramatic demonstration that the kingdom of God has borders broader than most people can imagine.

Many people in our world walk a rough road. Homelessness, poverty, refugees from war or famine, victims of family violence – all are signs that our world is not as God longs for it to be. We are called by God to make rough places in our world smooth so that God’s justice and peace can enter. God bless you as you seek to prepare God’s way. Use the following prayer throughout the season.

A Prayer for Advent & Christmas

Gracious God, you come to be with us in this world of need. Help us to look for you in the faces of others and welcome you everywhere. Amen.

Check out the weekly bulletins to learn with us as we work our way through the book of Ruth, learning to choose love, watching as kindness grows, and sharing the stories of family.

Musical Notes

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Sunday, December 4 at 4 PM

**Featuring:
Senior Choir
Children's Choir
Bell Choir**

Reception following in Chapin Hall

Do You Have a Special Talent?

(Everyone Does!)

Juggling

Poetry Readings

Dancing

Magic Tricks

Ensembles

Impressions

Skits

Hula Hoop

Solos

Stand-Up Comedy

Zumba

Acrobatics

Sound Effects

Yoga

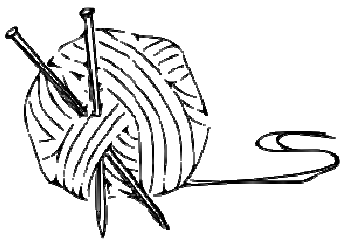
The Music Committee is organizing an adult talent show, to be presented in January. The program will benefit local mission projects. If you would be willing to share your special talent, please speak with any member of the Music Committee.

Your Music Committee,

Will Kanute, Music Director

Deb Copes Ruth Fitzgerald Gail Hall Chris Mosure Liz Reed-Swale

Val Triblets Tom Fulda (Diaconate rep)



Looking for donations of yarn and knitting needles:

Inspired by a true story, Julia Pickett is doing a trial run of an unorthodox school program that involves teaching knitting to behaviorally challenged and emotionally disturbed students as a means to foster focusing and self-control skills. If you have a surplus of knitting supplies and are interested in supporting this program at Iling Middle School in Manchester, please leave donations marked "Iling Knitting" in the narthex.



Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study

Meet in the Fiorilli Room every Wednesday at 12:30PM. Each week, we gather to read and explore the Scriptures to be used in an upcoming worship service. All are welcome.

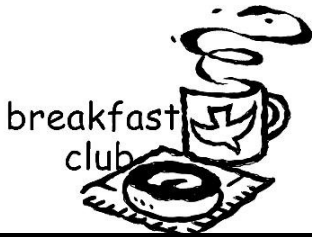
No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation of the Bible or pick one up from the shelf.

Brown bag lunch is optional.

Breakfast Club

Tuesday, November 8 at 8:30 AM

We meet at BOB'S COFFEE SHOP, 33 New Britain Avenue in Rocky Hill. Come join us for coffee, conversation, and community!



Theology on Tap

Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 PM

Chuck's Steakhouse

Are you interested in sharing questions and experiences about God and God's presence in your life? If so, come and join with other church members and friends in the "back room" of the Chuck's Steakhouse. We discuss a different topic each month, so join us whenever you can. Bring a friend and see you at Chuck's! Contact Donna (donna@rhccucc.org or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions, want to suggest a topic, or can join us for a gathering.

Women of the Bible

Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM in the Fiorilli Room

We will explore the story Sapphira.

Text for women's Bible Study: Acts 5:1-11

Join with other women to explore the women of the Bible.

Come and pray, read, talk, laugh, and eat together!



Joseph and Janet Kunzelman
were married on
November 3, 1958

Melvin and Mary Smith
were married on
November 24, 1956

Warren and Gladys Carpenter
were married on
November 5, 1955



Aiden Manuel Diaz
was baptized on
October 23, 2011



Our hearts go out to and the
family friends of

Elizabeth (Betty) Rowe
who died on
October 4, 2011



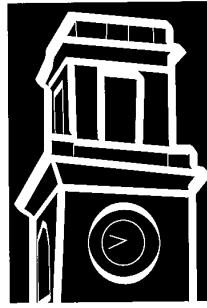
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| Bill Pierson | David Rodriguez |
| Kristin Rutigliano | 15 Roland Lataille |
| Lanaya Rupaka | 16 Jim Griswold |
| 03 Phil Swain | 17 Mary-Ellen Lewis |
| 05 Meghan Wilcock | 18 Jacob Moot |
| 06 Tom Matthias | 19 Bob Simmons |
| 07 Michael McKenna | Sheila Elliot |
| 08 Rob Grandell | Kevin Fell |
| Alyssa Somes | 20 Mary-Edith Bowman |
| 09 Sharon Vassilopoulos | Elijah Calderon |
| Lisa Taylor | 22 Julia Pawlich |
| Jennifer Martin | 23 Robert Lane |
| Christopher Marshall | 24 Kim Batterson Biglow |
| 10 Jon Morgan | 25 Melvin Smith |
| 11 Paula Komar | William McKenna |
| Dale Rowland | 26 Evan Timrud |
| Harry Blaise | 28 Lisa Fell |
| Brianna Stewart | Kade Lamontagne |
| 12 Diana Belliveau | 30 Gael Curtin |
| 13 Donna Rowland | Ryan Pirre |



To my church family:

I want to thank you
for all your prayers and thoughts through this
difficult time. Thank you so much for your
support.

Betty Mooney



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. with childcare



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 7:00pm Board/Committee	2 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Lesson/Carols 8:00pm Adult Choir
6 Mission:1 Sunday Family Worship Open Choir Sunday 11:30am Orchestra Rehearsal 2:00pm Mooney Memorial Svc	7 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	8 8:30am Breakfast Club 2:00pm The Lodge Svc 6:15pm Yoga w/Lynn	9 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Lesson/Carols 8:00pm Adult Choir
13 Veteran's Day Remembrance	14 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	15 7:00pm Council Mtg	16 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Community Mtg 7:00pm Lesson/Carols 8:00pm Adult Choir
20 Turkey and a \$20 8:30am Communion Service 10:00am Traditional Service 11:15am Stewardship Mtg	21 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	22 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. James	23 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Lesson/Carols 8:00pm Adult Choir
27 10:00am Hoffman Baptism 5:00pm Advent Family Night	28 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	29 9:00am Community Mtg	30 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Community Mtg 12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Lesson/Carols 8:00pm 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:

Donna Manocchio, Senior Pastor	202	Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201
Meghan Young, Acting Director CE	204	Will Kanute, Dir. of Music	207
Acting Assoc. Pastor		Thomas Munger, Custodian	205



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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	4	5 9:00am – 1:00pm Food Drive at Stop & Shop in Rocky Hill 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn
10 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Theology on Tap 8:00pm Men's AA	11 11:00am Community Mtg	12 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn 6:00pm Dinner/Movie
17 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Fair Meeting 7:00pm Women of the Bible 8:00pm Men's AA	18	19 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn
24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED 8:00pm Men's AA	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn

“SCRIP-SURE”
Order Schedule
 Scrip delivery is
 November 6

Scrip deadline is
 November 27

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Global and Local Mission



Season of Thanks

November is the time for Thanksgiving. As we gather around our tables and say prayers of thanks for all that we have, we must also pray in deep thanksgiving for the generosity of our church family. Because of you, we were able this year to help so many people, not just at the holidays, but all throughout the year. Because of your weekly giving and pledging towards the benevolence budget, we were able to fund all the giving we had budgeted for the fiscal year. And because of your generous fund raising, we were able to send travelers to Biloxi, Walk against Hunger, support Mission:1, and many other worthy causes this year so far. There are always opportunities to help others at RHCC-UCC, and always there will be need. The Board for Missions would like to thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Mission of our church.

Mission:1 – Sunday, November 6

The Mission:1 initiative helps people in 3 very important ways:

1. We collected our usual **Neighbors in Need** offering on Sunday, October 2, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
2. We will collect over 1000 items of healthy shelf-stable food on November 6th for the **Rocky Hill Food Pantry** for folks right here in town! Please bring in your shopping bags, which you received in church! If you did not get one, and would like to participate, call the church office, or stop by and pick one up.
3. We will write over 50 letters to our elected officials as part of the **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**, asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide! We will have a table set up on November 6th with some sample letters and instructions.

Please consider participating in this event, and help our neighbors near and far!

Calling All Coupons!!

Starting in November, RHCC, UCC will be collecting coupons to support the "5Loaves/2Fishes" Project started by Donna Gagnon. Collection boxes will be located outside the church office, and in Chapin Hall. Bring your coupons in any time and they will be clipped and distributed for use in 3 different ways:

1. Local Food Pantry Needs
2. Care Packages for Troops Serving Overseas
3. Humane Society and Animal Shelters

Coupons and circulars of all kinds are welcome and can be used for many purposes. No need to cut them out. We will do that for you!

Food pantry needs commonly include: Canned tuna/chicken, Beef stew, Juice boxes, Granola bars, Canned fruits, Rice, Soup, Potatoes, Peanut butter, Jelly, Pasta sauce, Paper products, Dry pasta

The town pantry also needs the following sanitary items: Toothpaste/toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Baby wipes, Laundry detergent, Deodorant

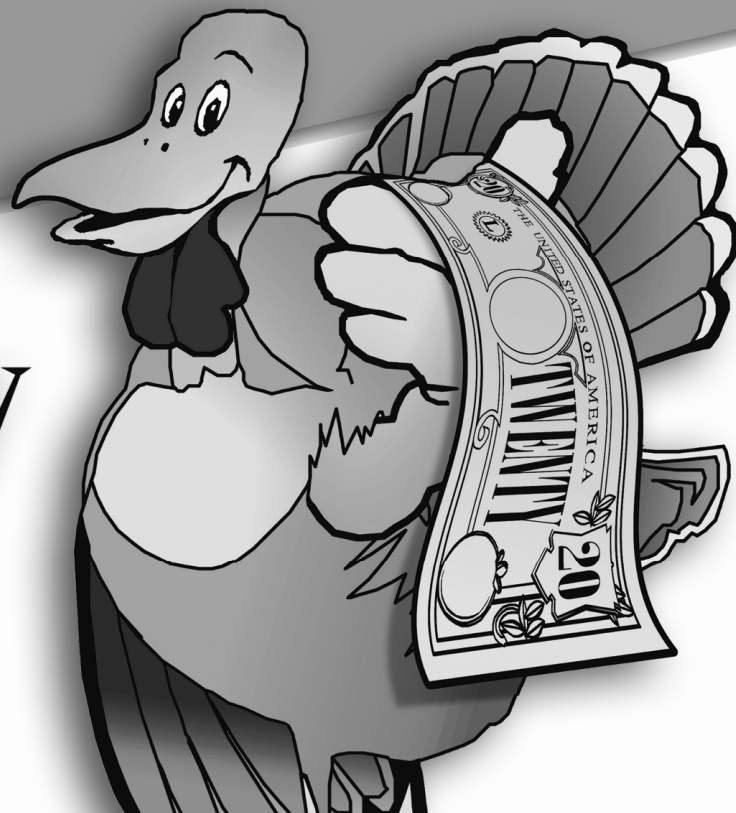
Please feel free to contact Donna Gagnon at 5loavesRHCC@gmail.com or at her home phone 860-563-3362 if you wish to help out in any way such as cutting out coupons, major shopping, collecting, etc. Donna is also free to pick up coupons or actual food pantry items at people's homes should they wish to donate them but are unable to make it to church.

Should anyone wish to donate funds to this endeavor, please make their donations out to "Missions/5 Loaves, 2 Fishes."

A Turkey and A Twenty

Foodshare has once again launched its **Turkey and a Twenty** campaign and Rocky Hill Congregational Church UCC is going to lend a hand. We have signed up to collect **FROZEN** Turkeys and Twenty dollar donations on **Sunday, November 20**, the week of Thanksgiving. The turkeys are to give local families a seat at the holiday table and the \$20 will help Foodshare feed those hungry families throughout the year.

Look for the signup board in Chapin Hall and let us know you'll be participating, so we'll be prepared to deliver the turkeys to Foodshare. Our goal this year is 100 turkeys and 100 donations (\$2000). Bring your frozen turkey and a twenty dollar donation to the church anytime between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. (Checks should be made out to FOODSHARE). See Kari McCaw-Blaise or Bob Carberry for more information or go to www.foodshare.org and look for our team "Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC"



A Turkey and a Twenty

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Rocky Hill Congregational Church - United Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please bring a frozen turkey and \$20.00

(Checks can be made out to Foodshare)

Turkeys & monetary donations will be collected at the front & back doors of the church.

Please sign in on the big orange pledge poster in Chapin Hall,
or call the church office at 529-4167 to let us know you will be participating.

We'd like to have a count of how many turkeys we will be transporting.

Let us know if you need help carrying your turkey(s). People will be on hand to help!

Our goal is 100 turkeys and \$2000.00 of donations.

**A Food and Fund Drive to Help
End Hunger.**

Tool and Blanket Cards

We will be selling Tool and Blanket Cards for Christmas this year! The cards are \$5 each and are a wonderful way to remember a friend or family member at the holidays, and help a needy family across the globe!

Check them out in Chapin Hall on Sundays, Dec 4, Dec 11 and Dec 18.

Where did your money go in October?

- \$1500.00 – Foodshare
- 750.00 – Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp.
- 650.00 – Peter’s Retreat
- 1000.00 – Rocky Hill Human Services
- 2000.00 – from our Mission Trip money for Back Bay Mission’s Food Pantry, which serves 3 counties in the Biloxi, Mississippi area.

Your Board for Missions are:

David Bell – Treasurer, Michael Bower – Chair, Linda Calcagni, Bob Carberry, Cindy Hunt, Tom Kainamura, Stephanie Kelley, Meghan Kelly, Kari-McCaw-Blaise, Sarah Mosure, and Marge Murk – Secretary

More from the S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

VOLUNTEER PROJECT: Healthy Canned Food Drive

As part of the MISSION:1 campaign to feed the hungry and end food related injustice, the RHCC, UCC, Youth Group will be hosting a healthy canned food drive on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 PM - 1 PM outside Stop & Shop in Rocky Hill. **Volunteers of ALL ages are requested and welcomed.** If you would like more information or are interested in helping to volunteer at this event, please speak with Rob Grandell or Meghan Young.



Come for Dinner and a Movie
Saturday, November 12, 2011
at 6:00 pm in Chapin Hall.

The film showing is

The film showing is *Phoebe in Wonderland*. This heartfelt, fantastical story of a troubled, imaginative girl (Elle Fanning, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*) devoted to *Alice in Wonderland* explores the agonies of growing up as an outsider and the complexities of parenting. Oscar nominee, Felicity Huffman (*Transamerica*) gives one of the most powerful performances of her career as Phoebe's guilt-ridden mother. She and her perplexed husband (Bill Pullman, *Independence Day*) initially see Phoebe's unusual behavior as signs of creativity, but with the help of an unconventional teacher (Oscar nominee, Patricia Clarkson, *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*), they soon realize their daughter is in danger of falling "through the looking glass."



How about a little equal exchange for someone 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 at \$6.25, Tea at \$3, Hot

Cocoa Mix at \$5. For more information about the UCC Coffee Project: www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project

Our Vision:

....to be a church of....

- Extravagant welcome
- Active engagement
- Generous service
- Diverse worship experiences
- Value children and youth
- Joyful generosity
- Preserve traditions; build on foundations



November 2011:

Written by Anil and Teresa Henry

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

James 1: 22

A small cart pulled by a cow left Nagpur in 1868 and travelled for five days carrying Rev. Oscar Lohr to Bishrampur, India. He was the first missionary in the region from the United States representing the United Church of Christ. In 1885 another cart left Jabalpur and travelled for three days through the tiger infested forests of what we call Kahna National Park to Bilsapur. In this were three ladies Miss Anna Boyd, Miss Kingsley and Mrs. Adams representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US.

Missionary Anil Henry writes, I am in India today on behalf of the many missionaries who followed, and the congregations of these two mainline churches of America that were two of the six churches that joined in the unification of the Church of North India. I am filled with thanksgiving every day for their vision and hope. It is not only my seven years of service with the Church of North India on behalf of Global Ministries in Mungeli, but a second generation of mission work that continues after the legacy of my parents namely my mother Mrs. Nancy Henry who was sent out by the United Church of Christ 50 years ago as a young missionary nurse, and later married my father Dr. VK Henry.

In the small area of Mungeli, we try to show God's love through the running of a hospital (120 beds) and school (500 children). We ask for strength as we move toward the construction of a new school building, a cancer center, starting nursing education and working with the community to help them better understand that our faith has very little value if we do not have action along with it.

We pray with the Henrys, asking God to transform our lives with courage and cleanse us so that we may be better vessels of God's work.

Anil and Teresa Henry serve the Synodical Board of Health Services of the Church of North India. Both work as medical doctors and Anil as director of the Christian Hospital in Mungeli. They are supported in part by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

**Press Releases from
The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will accept energy assistance applications from Rocky Hill residents on 11/2/11 from 9:00 am –3:00 pm in the Rocky Hill Community Center, Activity Room 2, 55 Church Street, Rocky Hill. Applicants are required to make an appointment by calling 860-258-2799 or 258-2724. No walk-ins will be accepted. Applicants must meet income and asset guidelines and bring all documentation required to complete an application. Eligible applicants may receive financial assistance with their winter heating costs. Applicants must heat with a deliverable fuel, oil, wood, propane or coal. Utility heating applicants may apply later in the heating season.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Town of Rocky Hill, Human Services Department is looking for individuals, businesses and/or organizations to adopt families for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This would include providing a meal for the family for Thanksgiving and Christmas and also buying clothing and/or toys for members of the family under age 12 for Christmas. Please help us make a Rocky Hill family's holiday memorable this year. All inquiries are confidential. Please call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724 to get a wish list.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR TOWN OF ROCKY HILL RESIDENTS

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will distribute fresh food baskets and/or gifts to disadvantaged households for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are seeking Rocky Hill residents who may benefit from this distribution. Residents must demonstrate a financial or other legitimate need to qualify. All inquiries are confidential. Please call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724 to register.

Hospice and Palliative Care

At Middlesex Hospice and Palliative Care, volunteers are an integral part of our interdisciplinary team, reaching out to patients and families as they cope with the challenges of terminal illness. Volunteers can choose to work in homecare, on the Weiss Hospice Unit or in bereavement support after completing 40 hours of classes and a 12-hour mentorship. Classroom training runs from early February to mid-April 2012, and is held primarily on Saturdays and evenings. The program is especially in need of male volunteers. To begin our fall application process, please contact Barbara Standke, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at (860) 358-6955 or Barbara.standke@midhosp.org, at your earliest convenience.



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.

Mid-Day with Mozart – Sunday, November 20 at noon in the Gross Memorial Chapel at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Free Admission. The annual “Brown Bag” chamber concert features the music of Mozart. There will be a short lecture and concert, featuring the *Oboe Quartet*, *Organ Fantasy in F Minor*, *Exsultate Jubilate for soprano*, and more, including a hilarious scene from *Così fan tutte*.

Hands Open Wide Food Bank (H.O.W.) – Every 3rd Saturday of the month. First come, first served! November 19 at 9:30am at Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church 511 Maple St. Wethersfield. Free Non-perishable food items given out. Must complete registration form at first visit.

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 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, and Saturday mornings in from 8:30-9:15am and 9:30-10:15 Contact Lynn MacDonald 860-550-4660 to register – Please bring water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

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Tuesday, November 22
7:00 PM

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