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October 2013 Newsletter

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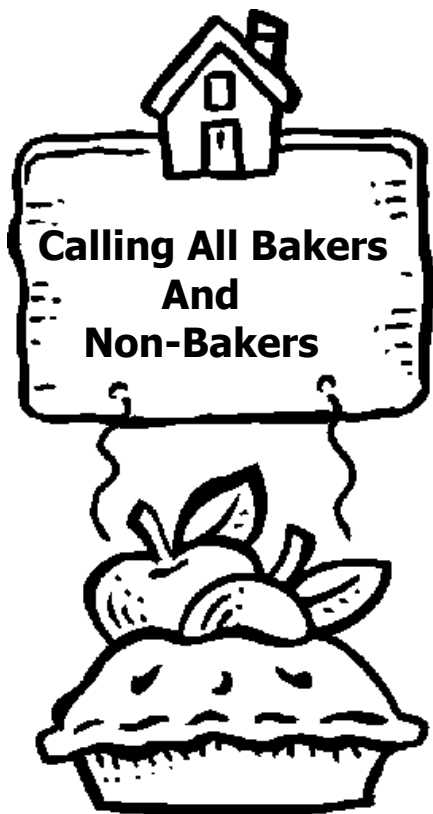
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Office Hours – 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Friday

Sunday Worship Services – 10:00 a.m.

Childcare Available/Handicap Accessible



Calling all bakers and non-bakers to help with pies for the Church Fair and Roast Beef Dinner, Wednesday, October 16, 2012 from 4-7:30 pm and Thursday, October 17, 2011 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Bring your peelers, rolling pins, energy and appetites (you will get to sample pie.) The more volunteers the easier the project. Wednesday night we will work with preparing dough as needed and Thursday will peel apples, put together and bake pies and anything else we can do with apples. If you are interested or have any questions please call Marsha Hoffman at 860 563-1367.



***From the
Interim Senior Minister***

The seed of God is in us. Given an intelligent and hard-working farmer, it will thrive and grow up to God, whose seed it is; and accordingly its fruits will be God-nature. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees, and God seeds into God.

Meister Eckhart, 14th c.

I have always loved this quote, from a German mystic- philosopher- theologian who lived seven centuries before you and me. I love what he says because I believe it's the core truth of the Christian gospel, the core thing that Jesus taught us to know about ourselves, each other, and our life together in the world. I also love it because it's a little subversive. So much of the Christian theology that developed over the centuries has wanted to tell us how bad, wrong, small, inadequate, sinful, failing, we all are -- a view which, to be honest, I am hard-pressed to find in Jesus, only in the church which has claimed to follow him.

Meister Eckhart thought of God as fecund, abundant and overflowing, flinging the seeds of life everywhere in creation. God plants, things grow, God plants some more -- always flinging and planting, sowing and reaping, watching for the fruits. What if we were to see ourselves, our lives, our church, as part of that divine optimism....? What if we took it as a premise that everything is growing and becoming, all the time.... even us, even here, even now? What if we took it as our primary task to figure out how to cooperate with that work of God that, for sure, is already going on?

Fall: a season of harvest and abundance, a time for the fruit that comes from the seeds. New church year, new energies, new hopes.... new forms of sowing, reaping, discovering, as people of faith...God-seeds planted and growing everywhere. Great time to be in church! Great time to invite somebody else to come to church with you! (Did you know that the primary way new people find their way into churches is that they are personally invited by someone they already know, who goes there? Don't you think there are things planted and growing among us at RHCCUCC that are worth sharing with somebody else?)

So, pear seeds grow into pears, nut seeds grow into nuts, one season grows into the next, and RHCCUCC is growing into.....

Faithfully,
Rev. Brenda



Oct. 6

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost –
World Communion Sunday**

- Children worship with the congregation.
- The service will include a variety of languages, a variety of Communion breads, and both musical and visual reminders of our unity with our sisters and brothers of the world.

The Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka preaching.

Oct. 13

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka preaching.

Oct. 20

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn-sing Sunday.**

Meghan D. Young preaching.

Children worship with the congregation.

Oct. 27

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka preaching.

CALL TO SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, October 13, 2013 immediately following worship in the sanctuary to affirm the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee.

There will be no other business conducted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Hoffman, Clerk



S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner Check-in Church School

We kicked off our 1st unit, *Rainbow of Promise*, on September 22nd, of our church school faith formation programming. All our curriculum units this year focus on the theme of “Moving with God”. This unit we are learning how God’s love stays with us even as we move through times of re-creation in our individual and communal lives. The Bible is filled with stories of God’s love. Genesis 1 begins at the beginning with the creation that God calls “good” and moves quickly to Genesis 6 with a brand new creation. But is God’s love what you think of when you recall Noah and the ark? Or do you think of cute pairs of animals and boat trip in the rain? You might remember the rainbow, but what about the altar Noah built on dry land? And most importantly, what about the covenant – God’s rainbow promise?

Check out the “What We’re Learning Now” box and learn with us!

Gatherings

On Re-Covenanting Sunday we introduced our theme for the year, “Moving with God”, remembered the promises we make to God and each other, played games, and welcomed each other back. We kicked off our year of forming in faith by making promises to each other with circle covenants, singing songs, and praying together. We also had a great turnout for the ALL church block-party after worship. We took over the Church Street Extension parking lot for lunch, games, fun, popcorn, and fellowship! See pictures below.

Youth Group

Youth group is re-launching in October. All Youth Group events for the year will be open to 6th-12th graders, and when appropriate 6th-8th graders and 9th-12th graders will break off for separate discussion groups. We will meet several times throughout the year for Youth Group Night Out events and service projects. On Sundays following church, Noah’s Table will meet, to discuss current events, worship, and eat. We will also immediately begin planning the details of our Summer 2014 youth mission trip.



Re-Covenanting
Sunday
Block Party

S.P.I.R.I.T. CHURCH SCHOOL – What We're Learning Now!

Try these at-home faith nurture activities!

COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 1 – A Rainbow Promise

Float-along Faith. Imagine being Noah, planning and building for the unimaginable. The Bible does not say that God chose him because of his talent as an ark builder. Rather, it was his righteousness that landed him the job. His obedience played a part, too, since he agreed to do what God said and he followed God's instructions – to the letter. His faith must have been strong to believe that only he, his family, and his boatload of animals would be saved from such a massive disaster. How did he make it through those 40 days and nights floating out in the middle of nowhere? When have you struggled to have faith? What kept you afloat when trusting was almost impossible? Who are your models of faith? Who, besides Noah, is a Bible hero for you? What part has faith played in your family's stories? Be deliberate about naming these rich examples of faith to the children in your life. And remember that you can be a model of faithful trust in God's love to those in your neighborhood and workplace as well as to your family.

Family Promises. Families of all sizes and shapes live and grow together. When things don't go perfectly (do they ever?), family members fall back on the basics: love. Make sure that everyone knows that love is there for them, no matter what. Young and old appreciate hearing "I love you" again and again. Say "I love you" out loud. Then write a family covenant together.

A Prayer For The Unit. God of all, thank you for the covenant you made with Noah and the rainbow promises you made to us. May we see the colors of your love all around us. Amen.

Check out the weekly bulleting for faith nurture ideas you can use at home to learn with us!

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

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

Date	Lesson
Sunday, October 6	World Communion Sunday , Communion Sunday, Family Worship
Sunday, October 13	Week 3: A Rainbow Promise
Saturday, October 19	Church Fair: <i>Don't forget to stop by the Youth Room!</i>
Sunday, October 20	Hymn Sing Sunday , Family Worship
Sunday, October 27	Week 4: A Rainbow Promise

Youth Group Calendar: October

Date	Lesson
Sunday, October 6	Noah's Table (6 th -12 ^h Grade) ➔ 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, October 13	Noah's Table (6 th -12 ^h Grade) ➔ 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Friday, October 18	Youth Group (6 th -12 th Grade) ➔ 5 PM – 8 PM <i>Church Fair Youth Room Set-up & Dinner</i>
Saturday, October 19	Youth Group (6 th -12 th Grade) ➔ 8 AM – 2 PM <i>Church Fair. Youth Group will staff youth room.</i>
Sunday, October 20	Noah's Table (6 th -12 ^h Grade) ➔ 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Sunday, October 27	Noah's Table (6 th -12 ^h Grade) ➔ 11:30 AM – 1 PM

GROW YOUR FAITH & GET INVOLVED WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.

The RHCC S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School is a place that values intergenerational relationships, growing in faith, and learning throughout our lives to be the disciples Christ calls us to be. You are invited to come join the circle and get involved. **We are currently in need of a Community Life and a Food & People Learning Center Guide for unit 1.** There are also other opportunities throughout the year for learning center guides in all our classrooms. Learning Center Guides prepare engaging activities to teach the bible story through community service, drama, games, crafts, and food. Training and lesson plans are always provided. **If you are interested in being a Learning Center Guide, or participating in a one-time class, please contact Meghan Young at meghan@rhccucc.org.**

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for Fall. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

CONGREGATIONAL INTERIM-PROCESS CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE: OCTOBER 6 and 13, NOVEMBER 3 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., following worship. Childcare provided.

Three more interim-process conversations are planned for the congregation (see dates above), following upon the first one held on Sept. 22. They will be led by our Interim Senior Pastor.

These are opportunities for members of the congregation to reflect together on the life of the church and its mission, the hopes, joys and concerns of the present time, and the groundwork for the pastoral search that will begin this fall. The conversations are meant to build upon each other, so the topics will differ with each one, and will be shaped according to what emerges.

PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AS YOU CAN. CONGREGATIONAL INPUT IS VITAL TO THE WORK OF THE SEARCH THAT WILL SOON BEGIN.

From the MODERATOR...

Senior Pastor Search Committee Nominated

At the Church Council's meeting on September 10, a slate of candidates was selected from among nominations and volunteers to help form a Senior Pastor Search Committee. Our Church constitution defines a ministerial search committee to include one member of each Board, one member of the Music Committee, one member of the Stewardship Committee and three members of the Church who are not a member of a Board or either of the two represented Committees. I am pleased to report that the following individuals have said "YES" to invitations to serve on the search committee:

- Stephanie Heneghan – Diaconate
- Hilaire Leavitt – Board of Trustees
- Diana Hellyar – Board for Faith Formation
- Meghan Kelly Montana – Board for Missions
- Liz Reed-Swale – Music Committee
- Michele Jokl – Stewardship Committee
- Gregson Curtin – At-Large
- Neal Cox – At-Large
- Rhody Triblets – At-Large

A brief Special Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, October 13 to elect the search committee. Upon the congregation's approval of this committee, a commissioning and blessing of the Senior Pastor Search Committee will take place during worship on Sunday, October 20.

Each of us has an important part in helping prepare our congregation for its next Senior Pastor. There will be many opportunities to share feedback, information, future goals, hopes and dreams with the committee. Once the search process begins, the committee will maintain a high degree of confidentiality in all of its deliberations and discernment. And, they will keep the congregation informed on their general progress through the newsletter and other reporting.

I assure you that our faith in a ministry of discipleship, our commitment to our congregation and to each other, and our strong belief in the future of our united Church will guide us as we perform the necessary tasks leading to the selection and approval of our next Senior Pastor.

Peace,
Bob Inderbitzen

Deacons

How did September pass so quickly? Church school began, Wednesday morning Bible Study resumed, sandwiches, desserts, and games were enjoyed at the block party, we celebrated the contributions of our 50+ year members, and the beautiful fair quilt was presented to the congregation. The RHCC Quilters named the quilt **Decisions** because it represents how the quilt evolved from selecting the material, to the placement of the final binding stitch by Midge Harvey.

The development of the quilt is similar to how our days develop. Each day we have decisions to make – will we get out of bed or turn over and go back to sleep, will we choose to be thankful for what we have been given or will we want more, will we look for moments to help others or concentrate only on ourselves, will we attend church or wait 'til next week, and will we remember God throughout our day or just at prayer time?

The fall is a great time to decide to refocus or re-energize our faith. We all need spiritual goals. Decide what your goal will be and write it on several sticky notes and look at them daily. Monthly goals may be more achievable than a yearly goal. Can you remember your New Year's Resolutions? I cannot.

If becoming more Bible literate is a goal, the Wednesday Bible Study group can be a starting point. If daytime study does not fit in your schedule, help us start an evening group. If your Bible is in view and not on a bookshelf, you will remember your goal. Or, if the goal is to deepen your devotional life, set a goal to read a book each month. The November Book Study led by Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka will be a great start towards this goal. The church library has a selection of great books. Spiritual growth will come from reading books that challenge you. Your goal is personal, set it and get started.

Reading Your Bible

In the July newsletter, I suggested adding the Bible to your summer reading list and said I was using Biblical nutrition as my guide. In September, I reported on my readings about figs. Well, fig recipes continue to find their way into my mailbox. I am including the link to a blog for a fig appetizer as well as the link to the site for a Raspberry and Fig Cake, a Fig Salad, and even a Fig Pizza that arrived in my mailbox this week. I promise – no more fig references or recipes! Let me know how you started re-reading the Bible. gtine@cox.net.

<http://bettyrosbottom.com/2013/07/26/two-10-minute-summer-appetizers/#sthash.5OQMUPqX.dpuf>

foodandwine.com search word figs

Gail Tine for the Board of Deacons

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Bible Study: **Wednesdays, 12 noon – 1 p.m.** **Fiorilli Room**

Led by the preaching pastor for the week, the study is based on the Scripture text(s) coming up for the following Sunday in worship. 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.

Fall Book Study: Two Thursday evenings, Nov. 14 and 21, 7 p.m.

Led by Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

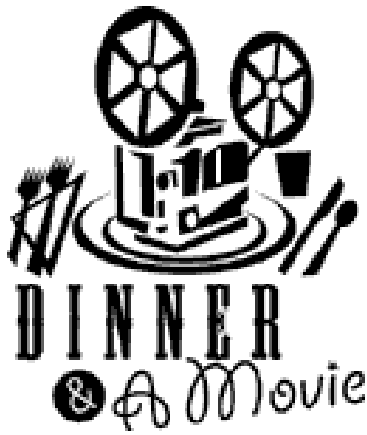
***Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr**



In this small and readable book, Franciscan and well-known spiritual author/teacher Richard Rohr explores the sequence of spiritual tasks through life and how they shift. It is not a book on aging. It is about spiritual journey, as it unfolds in human life. Rohr writes:

There are at least two major tasks to human life. The first is to build a strong 'container' or identity; the second is to find the contents that the container was meant to hold... It is when we begin to pay attention and seek integrity precisely in the 'the task within the task' (what we're really doing when we're doing what we're doing) that we begin to move from the first half to the second half of our own lives....It is hard work. Most often we don't pay attention to that inner task until we've had some kind of fall or failure in our outer tasks.

As the deadline for ordering the book through the church has passed, please plan to secure your own copy of the book if you do plan to attend but have not ordered through the church.



**Come Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner
and a Movie**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013
at 6:00 pm in Chapin Hall.**

**The feature film showing is
"Moonrise Kingdom."**



Moonrise Kingdom is the latest movie directed by two time Academy Award nominated filmmaker, Wes Anderson.

The movie begins around 6:45. **If you can't make dinner, you are welcome to join us for the movie.**

Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, *Moonrise Kingdom* tells the story of two twelve year olds who fall in love, make a secret pact, and run away together into the wilderness. As various authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing offshore - and the peaceful island community is turned upside down in every which way. Bruce Willis plays the local sheriff, Captain Sharp. Edward Norton is a Khaki Scout troop leader, Scout Master Ward. Bill Murray and Frances McDormand play the young girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop. The cast also includes Tilda Swinton, Jason Schwartzman and Bob Balaban; and introduces Jared Gilman and Kara Hayward as Sam and Suzy, the boy and girl.



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| 4 Charles Friday | Christina Engel |
| Stacy Veley | Kristen Rodriguez |
| Sandra Mason | Jillian Fulda |
| 7 Irene Moore | Nathaniel Robbins |
| Devin Gagnon | 18 Mary Dean |
| Emily Doten | 21 Tom Schreier |
| 9 Elaine Vicino | 22 Diana Gengenbach |
| Anne Louise Griswold | Max Kainamura |
| Judy Charamut | 23 Albert Griswold |
| Matthew Behlman | Margaret Goodrich |
| Rebecca-Lee Molina | Rachel Meisterling |
| 10 Susan Lexa | Joshua Bell |
| Lindsey Wainwright | 24 John Sword |
| Diana Hellyar | Pat Howland |
| Joseph Malespini | 26 Elton Harvey III |
| 11 Matthew Gagnon | Nancy Harlow |
| Karen Jensen | Tim Bengston |
| 12 Katie Hoffman-Fulda | 27 Kathy Mosure |
| William Knight | 28 Bob Hansen |
| Phillip Coleman | Jean Goff |
| 14 Brian Wilcock | Brett Laporte |
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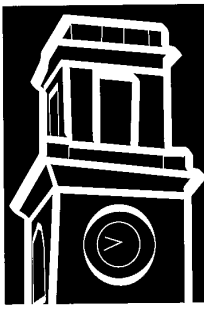
Martin and Jean Sudell
were married on
October 10, 1964

Doug and Nancy Robbins
were married on
October 20, 1956

Tom and Doris Schreier
were married on
October 22, 1949

Ralph and Priscilla Lexa
were married on
October 29, 1949

Don and Anita Watson
were married on
October 25, 1947



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 1:00pm Yoga Lynn 7:00pm Board/ Committee Mtgs	2 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Kaplan 7:30pm Adult Choir
6 10:00am Worship 11:00am Interim Second Hour 11:30am Noah's Table	7 9:00am Yoga w/Lynn 10:30pm Apple Rehab Svc 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm Bowling 7:30pm Bell Choir	8 8:30am Breakfast Club 7:00pm Council	9 9:00am Quilters 12:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
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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:

Brenda Pelc-Faszczka, Interim Pastor	202	Mary DeLibero, Minister of Music	207
Meghan Young, Acting Assoc. Pastor	203	Custodian	205
Office Secretary	201	RHCCNS (Nursery School)	208

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	4 Wedding Rehearsal	5 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn 3:30pm Wedding
10 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Fair Committee 7:00pm Music Committee 8:00pm Men's AA	11	12 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn 1:00am Shower 6:00pm Dinner/Movie
17 9:00 am Fair Baking Fair Set up	18 5:00pm Youth Group	19 9:00 to 2:00 Country Fair
24 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	25	26 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn
31 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA		

Global and Local Mission News



"In every thing, give thanks..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

As autumn is upon us and the changing of the seasons brings out the glorious colors of nature for all of us here in New England to enjoy, remember to give thanks. Give thanks for the opportunities we have, the experiences we live and also for the trials that we face. For those trials lead us down the paths of new beginning, growth, and compassion.

In this new program year, your Missions Board is evaluating our events, taking stock of many of our programs and seeing where we might change to better fit the needs of our community and our congregation. During this time of change, both outside our windows and inside our walls, may we never forget to give thanks for all the support we have and for the ability to continue to serve those who need us most.

In Faith,
Meghan Montana

Chair – Board for Missions

Upcoming Events:

November 3rd – Shrimp Boil with a special visit from some members of the Back Bay Mission! More info to come in the following weeks...

Special Offering this Month:

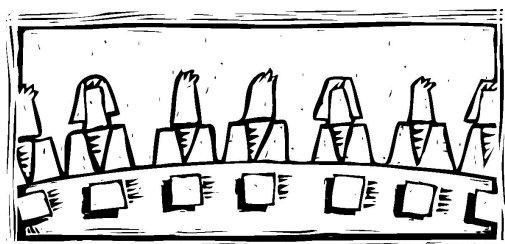
The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 6th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the

UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Since last month, your generosity has helped the following:

OCWM	\$5,500
Back Bay Mission Food Pantry	\$500

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.



BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Trustees are moving forward with a project that involves repainting some of the church exterior and repairing some exterior trim. First the entire church will power washed. The clock face, louvers on steeple & windows and repaired trim will be painted. Most of the front of the church will be painted. The medallion on the gable above the rear door, which is in poor condition, will be replaced with a half circle window similar to the windows in the other gables on the church. Most of the work will be done in late September and early October. The railing around the very top of the steeple is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced; we plan to remove it this fall and replace it next year or at some later date. If you have any questions or suggestions contact Dave Sageman.



Guest preacher: The Rev. Edwin Ayala, Executive Director of the Christian Activities Council gave an outstanding sermon "Liberating Faith". Let God and Jesus into your life so you may be blessed to help those in need. The service was very uplifting and well attended. Many of our members complimented Rev. Ayala.

Housing: At our Board of Director's meeting in August it was decided to form a committee on our housing developments to determine how to proceed so that we may make a profit and provide shelter for the people in the Upper Albany Avenue area. It was decided President Mark Diters, Housing Director Ralph Knighton, Treasurer George Merrick, Jim Funderburk and myself would serve on this committee. A final report will be given at our November meeting.

Adventures in the City: Once again this outstanding program served 925 children. Because contributions were below our goal of \$100,000 by \$15,000, some innovation was used to still serve almost 1000 children and youth! Academics plus field trips were a part of the curriculum.

Counselors in Training: This is a program within the Adventures in the City. This summer the CAC conducted a five (5) week program for ten (10) North Hartford youth, ages 11-18, with the goal of providing information, experiences and skills designed to help youth to avoid involvement in the cycle of poverty, crime and drugs.

The mural project led by Joy Monroe was entitled "I Can Improve Hartford. The theme was named by the ten youth. This beautiful mural will be displayed permanently at the Hartford City Hall.

A heartfelt thanks to our program leader Pat Johnson.

The Christian Activities gives a great thank you to our staff, especially Charmaine Simpson and Rev. Ed Ayala. Also, the teachers, Foundations, Churches and friends, and as always the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, for their monetary contributions.

Peace.

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

Delegate, Member Board of Directors

NEWS FROM YOUR FAIR COMMITTEE

The annual RHCC Country Fair is only a couple of weeks away and the excitement is building! We hope you can join us on Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you have any interest in helping us on fair day, please contact one of the fair committee members - we will be happy to put you to work – even a couple hours of your time helps us a great deal. We also need "customers" - so gather your family and friends and enjoy all we have to offer you!

We are very fortunate to have many of our popular booths back this year - thanks to the hard work and dedication of our booth chairs and volunteers! The Farmers Market (Ruth Jensen); The Bake Shop (Don & Polly Pagnucco); The Candy Shop (Candy Smith); The Snack Bar (The Goff family); Buy-it-Now Silent Auction (Phyllis & Bob Wilkey); Holiday House (Lynn McKenna); The Toy Shop (Youth Group); The Tea Room (Sue Starr); The Kitchen Shop and Kitchen Outlet (Elaine Somes/Judy Graham); Jewelry Boutique (Phyllis Wilkey/Joan Diaz); and Missions Booth (Megan Montana).

We are asking the congregation for donations of gently used toys for our Toy Shop; Kitchen items such as dishware, appliances, glassware, utensils, linens for the Kitchen Shop; Women's/men's/children's jewelry, purses, fashion scarves for our Jewelry Boutique; Baked goods for the Bake Shop and fudge and nut brittles for the Candy Shop. The Silent Auction needs items such as gift certificates, gift baskets, and certificates for goods & services (i.e. oil changes, salons, spas etc.) **We are asking that donations be dropped off at the church on Sunday, October 13th and Monday October 14th. Donations for the Bake Shop & Candy Shop may be dropped off on Friday, October 18th.**

The Roast Beef Dinner is being held at 5:30 p.m. - Please call the Church Office for Reservations at 860-529-4167. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Please note: Gluten-free items are being offered this year!

The Quilters have done it again! There will be a beautiful quilt raffled off at \$1 per ticket. Come out and take a chance to win - unless a new group of quilters assemble in the church, this may be your last opportunity to win a one-of-a-kind quilt hand-sewn by our congregation members!

The Country Fair is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship, as well as extending an extravagant welcome to those in the surrounding communities. We thank you for your continued support and appreciate everything you have done to enable us to continue with this fair.

Your Fair Committee: Phyllis Wilkey, (Chair), Elaine Somes, Candy Smith, Lynn McKenna, Polly Pagnucco, Jim Stevens, Neal Cox, Don Pagnucco, Nancy Flynn (Treasurer), Marsha Hoffman (Consultant)

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 13th

2 PM

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC

ALL pets are welcome

(within reason)

Certificate to be presented to your animal.

Snacks for animal *(and human alike!)*

Francis of Assisi was known for his love of animals, and it has been a tradition in many Christian churches to offer a blessing to those pets who are our companions, comforters, and beloved family members. You are invited to bring your family pets to the side yard of the church to receive a blessing and to join in celebrating God's gift of animals in our lives.

Please call Joan Diaz (860-613-2889) if you wish to attend.



The church parlor has a new granite table to help serve this space during small meetings and receptions. The tabletop was donated by a church member, and the beautiful base was constructed by Dave Hawkins over the summer. The parlor and other meeting spaces throughout the building are available to everyone. Please remember to schedule all meeting times with the church office.



COUNTRY FAIR

Rocky Hill Congregational Church
805 Old Main St., Rocky Hill
Sat, October 19th - 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Buy-it-Now Silent Auction
- Chapin Hall of Foods
 - Bake Shop
 - Candy Shop
 - Snack Bar
 - Farmer's Market
- Holiday House
- Toy Shop
- Jewelry Boutique
- Kitchen Shop
- Kitchen Outlet
- Missions Booth
- Quilt Raffle
- Tea Room (opens @ 11:00)

Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, October 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

Gluten-free items available

Tickets \$12/adults \$5/children

Children under 4 yrs old free

Reservations Required

Call Church Office at (860) 529-4167

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The United Church of Christ:
No matter who you are,
Or where you are on life's journey...
You're welcome here.



OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunday October 6 Following worship
Second Hour
Congregational Conversation

Sunday, October 13 Following worship
Special Meeting
Election of Search Committee
Second Hour
Blessing of the animals 2:00pm

Saturday, October 19 9:00am to 2:00pm
Country Fair

Sunday October 20 During worship
Search Committee Commissioning and Blessing
Hymn Sing Sunday