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SEPTEMBER 13TH

"INSIDE OUT" CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC"

Right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service
11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In Chapin Hall and Outside on the Lawn

"Games on the lawn"

Come meet and greet our new Acting Director of CE,
Meghan Davis Young

Bring a sandwich.

Chips, drinks, watermelon and dessert provided by the CE Board



*A View from the
Interim Pastor's Seat*

By the time you read this we will be approaching or have passed thru Labor Day Weekend! I hope it has been a good summer and a time for renewal and re-creation for each of you. I look forward to hearing about your summer as we return to church for a new program year. As we begin this new program year together I want to celebrate with you what a basically healthy system I believe that this church really is! I continue to feel privileged to work with you and sense we are moving in the right direction together. There is much to do as we move into this next chapter of this church's future. God is at work in our midst right along side of us speaking to us and guiding us all along the way... Discerning where God would like this church to go is a significant piece of what we will be doing this year.

Some of you may be surprised that a Search Committee has not yet been formed and a new settled pastor is not yet on the near horizon. Rest assured that will happen! Some of you may be anxious about "why this process seems to take so long!" Many of you who come from different traditions may be simply amazed that a new pastor wasn't brought in immediately once Pastor Jonathan Lee left. Rest assured that a Senior Pastor Search Committee will be formed in the near future. Once formed that Search Committee will work hard to find the right candidate to present to this church. Please keep the faith... The right candidate is out there seeking a call and waiting on God's indication that they are to come to Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ. When the time is right, that person will appear! Let's hold the Church Council in our prayers this fall as we organize and coordinate efforts to find just the right folks to serve on the Search Committee. Please pray for the right people to say "yes" when they receive a phone call from the leadership to serve on the Search Committee...

There has been good activity here at the church over the summer months:

- The Church has a new Acting Director of Christian Education thanks to another Search Committee who completed interviews and recommended this candidate to the Church Council. Meghan Davis Young has already begun her part-time ministry with RHCCUCC. We will celebrate her arrival early in September as the new church school program year gets underway on Rally Sunday, September 13th. (See more information elsewhere about Rally Sunday.)
- The Rocky Hill Congregational Cooperative Nursery School (which celebrates its 50th year and is now the only Cooperative Nursery School left here in Rocky Hill) has been preparing for its bi-annual re-licensing process. The Board has met regularly each month; the 3 year old class is already full and the 4 year old class

still has a few places left. A new Assistant Nursery Teacher will be hired soon to begin with the Nursery's Opening Day - Tuesday, September 8.

- The Quilting Group has met twice a week through the summer months to bring to completion this year's magnificent Queen-sized hand-made quilt. This quilt will be raffled off at the Church Fair in October and raffle tickets are now available for just \$1.00 a piece.
- The Pew Crew did some painting this summer in the hallways.
- The Trustees have worked on a number of projects this summer.
- Your pastors have offered some "new and different" things in worship over the summer – we saw a dancer interpret her faith during worship, we experimented with the versatile space in Chapin Hall for some Sundays and enjoyed the air conditioned comfort there as well.
- Your pastors have been working to put together some new programs and events for the Fall (see details elsewhere).

As you read through this newsletter you will find many different opportunities for participation here at Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ. Listen carefully to where God invites you to serve and participate this program year. Perhaps this is a time for you to try something new... Perhaps this is a time for you to offer up your time, talents, and energy in new ways... Perhaps this is the year you will try a Bible study class or a book study or a potluck event... Perhaps you plan to worship more regularly and spend more time in prayer and thoughtful reflection this fall... Perhaps this is the time that you would like to learn more about membership here at the church. Be alert to where God calls you... Listen carefully to the Still Speaking God in your daily life and be attentive to where God may invite you this fall...



See you soon... Interim Pastor Barbara Libby

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, September 9 / 12:30 – 1:30 pm Fiorilli Room.

Pastor Barbara leads this lectionary Bible Study where we will read and examine the texts for the coming week's worship.

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one from the shelf. Brown bag lunch optional.

Pastor Barbara's Weekly Book Study Begins

Wednesday, September 9 / 6:30 – 7:30 pm Fiorilli Room

Join us at the first meeting to discuss books of interest. Bring a favorite book to consider!



September 6 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Sermon: "Ephphatha!"

September 13 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33

The Rev. Barbara J. Libby

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Discipleship"

September 20 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Sermon: "First and Last"

September 27 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: James 5:13-20

The Rev. Barbara J. Libby

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "Courage for Community"

**CONFIRMATION CLASS
A Message from Donna**

Since I arrived at Rocky Hill five years ago, the confirmation program has been conducted in similar fashion each year. Over this time, I've heard feedback from the young people, parents, deacons, the confirmation team, our CE Director and ministerial staff. I've also been in conversation with other clergy colleagues and CT Conference staff who are responsible for confirmation class. Over the next two months, we will be evaluating the program and seeing how we might make the Confirmation Program at RHCC more engaging for the students, the teachers, and the congregation.

One essential part of other programs that has received accolades is a mentoring component of the confirmation class. This involves pairing young people with members of the congregation to talk about life, faith, and the church. We did one of our classes in this manner last year, and it was very well received; I would like to work to integrate more of this in the RHCC class.

If you - as a recent confirmand, a parent, or a church member - have ideas or suggestions, please contact me. If you're interested in becoming involved in this year's program as a mentor or a team leader, I'm ready to take your name!

Please continue to pray for ongoing wisdom and insight for those of us designing the program, and for all the young people who will be in this year's class.



Board of Missions

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are resuming normal Church business again. The weeks and months of summer have flown by!

The Board begins its normal schedule of meetings on Tuesday, September 8th after its summer recess. We will do some planning then for Mission's first sponsored second hour. During that meeting and through the rest of the year, the Board will continue to work on strengthening its programs and refocused outreach to the local community. We have a busy year ahead of us.

Here are some of our near term programs:

September 20th – Strengthening Your Soul and Faith

Bob Henderson, Executive Director of the Pastoral Counseling Center has agreed to conduct a seminar during the second hour on September 20. The title is "Strengthening Your Soul and Faith." Please consider joining us for this very special presentation.

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009. It is an Annual UCC offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Look for details in the coming weeks.

Back Bay Mission

In early October, Back Bay Mission will host a celebration of the new campus buildings, which are nearly complete! Donna will attend this dedication and report back to the congregation.

If you would like to join her on this trip, please let her know.

Where Did Your Money Go?

In June, the Missions Board decided to have our usual portion of the loose offerings (which is normally 25%) to go toward the general budget for this fiscal year, retroactive to May. We hope this will help with the shortfall for the local operating budget.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Your Board for Missions are: Dave Bell (Treasurer), Michael Bower, Linda Calcagni, Bob Carberry, Dave Edwards, Diana Gengenbach, Marge Murk, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Chris Palazzolo, Steve Smith (Chair)



BOARD of DEACONS

"Go therefore and make disciples..."

'Evangelism' has gotten a bad name. The word often seems to be associated with TV preachers and mega-churches, and herding the so-called nonbelievers toward the path of righteousness. But, what does evangelism mean to Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ? As the Diaconate moves into these next months, our work will include exploring evangelism at RHCCUCC--including ongoing collaboration with the Christian Education Board (caring for children and youth) and developing new ways to help welcome people to church. We'd enjoy your ideas, too!

- **FACT:** Three strengths are positive predictors of church growth — Caring for Children and Youth, Welcoming New People, and Participating in the Congregation.
- **FACT:** Other factors **DO NOT** predict growth — denomination or faith group, congregational size, income levels of worshipers, average age of worshipers, and population growth around the church.
- **FACT:** One-third of worshipers are new in the last five years; in fast-growing churches one-half are new.
- **FACT:** Many new people (47%) visit for the first time because someone invited them; only 6% came for the first time due to advertising.

--Based on findings from The U.S. Congregational Life Survey of 2,000 congregations.

The Cradle Roll

Kim Batterson Biglow has revived a program called The Cradle Roll (at one time Kim's mother had organized the project in the church). The program helps reach out to families and young children in the church. Greeting cards are sent to families when a baby is born, baptized and on birthdays. If you're interested in this, or other opportunities to "reach out," please speak with a Deacon. **And, thanks Kim!**

Parish Care

Please let members of the Diaconate or our ministers know if there is someone who would like a visit from our parish care volunteers or would like a ride to and from church. And, let us know if you're interested in volunteering.

(Diaconate continued...)

Thank you!

Finally, I'd like to offer a word of thanks to everyone who contributed to our worship life in August as the Pastors were on vacation. Among these, guest preachers Rev. Ineke Mitchell, Deacon Tom Fulda, Charlie Kuchenbrod; ministers of music Julie Dostie, Sarah Biglow, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Melody Hall, and Frank Vann; liturgist Deb Copes; Pastoral coverage Rev. Henry Millan.

Peace be with you,

Bob Inderbitzen, Senior Deacon (bobmike@cox.net)

Your Sisters and Brothers of the Diaconate: Laurel Cole, Deb Copes, Julie Dostie, Tom Fulda, Stephanie Heneghan, Bill Hoffman, Cheryl Hummel, Bob Inderbitzen, Julia Pickett and Gail Tine

**“Strengthening Your Soul and Faith”
2nd Hour Discussion on Sunday, September 20th
With Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson**

Has your life outgrown the faith you were taught as a child?

How does your version of Spirituality/Faith come up against the realities of life, like parenting, getting older, discouragement, loss, changes, and medical problems?

How can we identify the spiritual experiences we have had in our lives.

What do you hold onto when life goes sour and gets bad and you are struggling just to hang on?

Join us for a 2nd hour discussion on Sunday, September 20 after the worship service. Our leader will be Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson, Jungian Pastoral Psychotherapist and Director of the Pastoral Counseling Center, which we help sponsor.

Bob and his wife, Janis are authors of a book entitled "Living with Jung: 'Interviews' with Jungian Analysts." This book will be available for purchase the morning of the seminar. Half of sales will then be donated to the next mission trip of Rocky Hill Congregational Church.

Sign up sheets for this seminar will be available in Chapin Hall under the "Missions Board"

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:
An information session about RHCC
Sunday, September 20
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Are you new to RHCC? Have you been worshipping with us for a while and desire to know more about our church community? Perhaps you're even thinking about joining the church. If so, please join the pastors and other church members at a session that includes basic information about the church including:

- our testimony of faith
- beginnings and history in Rocky Hill
- our denominational affiliation: the United Church of Christ
- church organization
- boards and committees
- church staff
- becoming a member
- belonging to the church
- YOUR QUESTIONS

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

Sign up in Chapin Hall or contact one of the pastors for further information.

LOOK
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Ahead!

Please mark your calendars now for these upcoming events in October:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:30 - 2:00 PM and 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ABIDE WITH ME: Planning Your Memorial Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

RHCC Church Fair

CT Conference UCC Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Hymn Festival Sunday

10:00 AM Worship

A Celebration of God's gift of music and RHCC Favorite Hymns

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter!



Friends,

By now, you will have received the letter announcing the departure of our organist, choir director and friend Will Kanute. Will and his partner Bryan are relocating to Dallas, Texas. Will's many gifts and his commitment to the music program at RHCC will be sorely missed, and we are grateful for his many years of ministry among us. Will has agreed to stay on through the end of this year,

and we are glad to know that he will be with us for one more Lessons and Carols celebration (mark your calendars now - it's December 6!)

In the coming months, plans will be made for a celebration for Will as well as for the ongoing music program at RHCC. Please watch future newsletters for updates!—Donna Manocchio

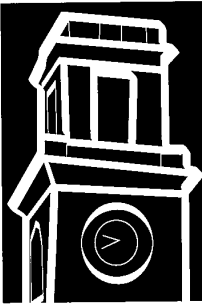


New Acting Director of
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
FOUND!**

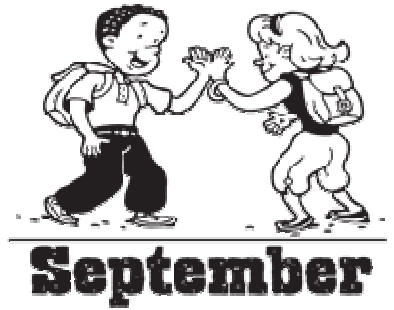
The Board of Christian Education and the Church Council are pleased to announce that an Acting Director of Christian Education has been found. She has already begun her work among us.

Meghan Davis Young graduated from Yale Divinity School this past spring with a Masters of Divinity degree. She

resides in West Hartford and is a member at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford. She will work for the church 10 to 12 hours a week around the edges of a fulltime commitment to the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Hartford Hospital. Meghan has worked in several other Congregational/ United Church of Christ churches – most recently in the Terryville Congregational Church during her final year of seminary as their Student Intern. She also served as Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries at the Smithfield United Church of Pittsburgh, PA before her seminary years. We welcome Meghan to our midst and look forward to her support for our Children and Youth ministries here at Rocky Hill Congregational Church.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. with childcare



2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 7:00pm Boards and Committees	2 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:00pm Drum Choir
6 Family Worship/Communion/ Drum Choir in worship	7 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	8 9:00am RHCCNS 1 st Day of School 7:00pm Council	9 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 6:30pm Book Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
13 RALLY DAY! PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP! Drumming in Worship today	14 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Bell Choir	15 9:30am Community Mtg 7:30pm Baby Quilters	16 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 6:30pm Book Discussion 7:30pm Adult Choir
20 1ST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30am 2nd Hour with Bob Henderson 2:00pm New Member Orientation	21 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	22	23 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 6:30pm Book Study 7:00pm Drum Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir
27 HERITAGE HOMECOMING HONORING 50-YR MEMBER Orchestra playing in worship	28 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	29 4:00pm Hfd Assoc Mtg	30 9:00am Quilters 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 6:30pm Book Study 7:00pm Drum Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir

VOICE MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

If you call the church and the Voice Mail answers, you do not have to listen to the entire message. Anytime during the message you can have the call transferred directly to the person you are trying to reach by simply keying in the following numbers:

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

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 Will Kanute, Director of Music



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	4	5 8:00am Yoga with Lynn 9:15am Yoga with Lynn
10 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 4:00pm Hfd Assoc Mtg 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	11	12 8:00am Yoga with Lynn 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 6:30pm Dinner/Movie
17 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 10:00am Mapleview Service 5:30pm TOPS 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:00pm Fair Mtg 8:00pm Men's AA	18	19 8:00am Yoga with Lynn 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 4:00pm Wedding 6:00pm Pot Luck Supper and Event
24 9:15am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	25	26 8:00am Yoga with Lynn 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Yoga with Lynn

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Georgiana Wilson
 who died on
June 20, 2009

Helen Calvo
 who died on
July 2, 2009

Robert Hunter
 who died on
July 8, 2009

Priscilla Janes
 who died on
August 5, 2009



I want to express my sincere gratitude for the thoughtful cards and support received during bob's hospital stay and upon his passing. I know that Bob would appreciate your kind gestures. He attended RHCC for over 50 years and had many cherished friendships. Thank you all so much for your sympathy and friendship during this difficult time.

Dot Hunter and family



Happy Birthday!

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Marge Murk | 17 | Priscilla Janes |
| 2 | Michael Fitzgerald | | Evelyn Boske |
| | Steven Day | | Neal Jensen |
| 3 | Ed Matthias | | Phyllis Carlo |
| | Carolyn Taylor | | Donna Manocchio |
| | Tom Fulda | 18 | Val Calcagni |
| | Phyllis Wilkey | 19 | Lori Benito |
| | Bob Inderbitzen | | Jared Friday |
| | Samantha LaBar | 21 | Adam Hummel |
| 4 | Liz Pulling | 22 | Helen Griswold |
| 6 | Raymond Papineau | | Gayle McGowan |
| | Richard Starr | | Nathan Pipke |
| | Bill White | 23 | Steven Sudell |
| | Dorothy Bartley | | Sarah Biglow |
| 7 | Anne White | 24 | Michele Jokl |
| 8 | Scott Janes | | Christina Peterson |
| | Mollie Engel | 25 | Al Diaz |
| 9 | Eleanor Maynard | 26 | Diane Bengston |
| | Tom Schreier | 28 | James Ussery, Jr. |
| 10 | Eleanor Mahar | | Kirsten Timrud |
| | Lisa Corvo | 29 | George Moore, III |
| | Ron Alger | | Justin Knight |
| | Paige Kromas | | Eric Jokl |
| 11 | Dorothy Gillet | 30 | Evelyn Danforth |
| | Amy Wiknik | | |
| | Brittainee Davis | | |
| | Katherine Flynn | | |
| 12 | Jim Rolfe | | |
| 13 | Ryan Moore | | |
| 15 | Ilona Laporte | | |
| | Gail Walker | | |
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| | John Doll | | |
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Dick and Thelma Somes
were married on
September 6, 1947

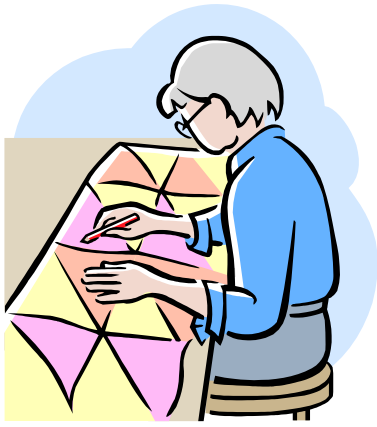
**Gordon and Audrey
Titcomb**
were married on
September 7, 1946

**Bob and Louise
Tangarone**
were married on
September 21, 1946

Bill and Susan White
were married on
September 25, 1965

Al and Liz Cunningham
were married on
September 27, 1958

Congratulations!



The Quilters Corner

The Quilters worked very hard this summer to make sure the quilt was completed for the raffle at the Country Fair in October. It is just beautiful! It is hand stitched and the pattern they chose to quilt is intricate and beautiful. It would be wonderful if they can count on your support to purchase raffle tickets or even a whole book to support the church fair and most of all as a way of saying to the

quilters, 'we appreciate you'. You can help them by signing out a book. They sell for \$1 each or \$10 for a book of ten tickets. You can pick up a book in the church office during the week or see one of the quilters on Sunday morning in Chapin Hall.



Musical Notes

from the **Music Committee**

The Music Committee will be hosting a concert on Sunday, October 4 at 6 pm featuring the music of the Hot Cat Jazz Band. Led by Ross Tucker, this highly energetic and talented group has played at our church several times in the past, both in worship and in special concert. Please join us for an evening of the only exclusively American style of music. A free will offering will be taken, and light refreshments will be served afterward in Chapin Hall. For more information about the band, you may check their website at <http://www.hotcatjazz.com/>.

Your Pastors are planning a "Hymn Festival Sunday" for one of the services in October. This service will feature stories about some of our congregation's favorite hymns. We already have a list of favorites that members have submitted over the years, but we want to make sure that no one is left out. If you have some favorites that you would like to be considered for this service, please leave the slip below in the Music Committee mailbox in the church office.



Name: _____

My favorite hymns:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Recently, Rev. Don Steinle and the CAC were featured in two great articles concerning our Housing Ventures. They appeared in Boston's Federal Reserve Book's Magazine and the Hartford Courant.

At our Annual Meeting in June, Donna was re-elected as a Delegate-at-Large, and I, as a Delegate and member of the Board of Directors.

The Board and Council delegates adopted our five to ten year Goals and Strategies as follows:

1. Improving the lives of the poor and downtrodden in Greater Hartford
2. Remove systemic barriers to housing, health care, education, and employment in the Greater Hartford region.
3. Community stabilization and neighborhood revitalization.
4. Expand and fortify CAC's reputation for leadership in urban ministries.
5. Build sustainable organization capacity.

God Bless,

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio



RHCCNS - Fall 2009 Nursery School Openings

Our nursery school still has openings in the 4 year old class for next year. Our 3's class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the 4's class is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Both programs run from 9:00 AM – 11:30am. If you know someone interested in finding a quality preschool program, please invite them

to drop by and visit us. Please help us spread the word throughout the community. Your recommendation of our long standing program is our best advertising! Applications are available in the hallway outside the classroom.

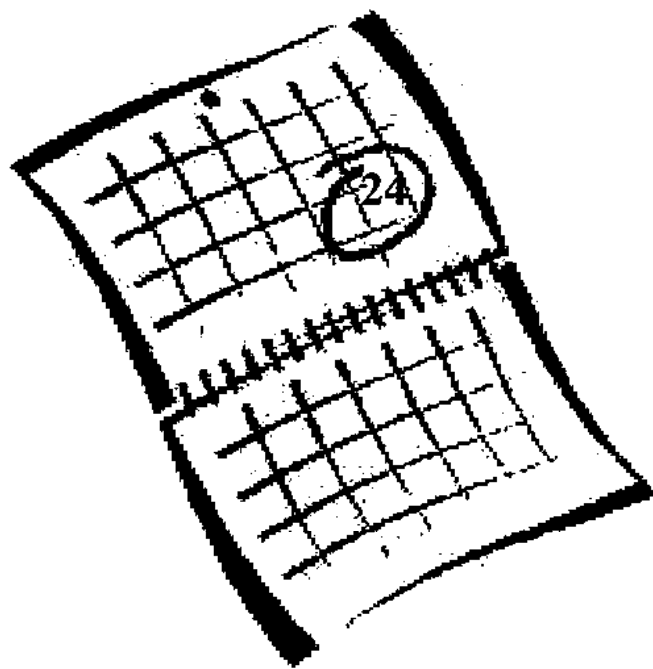
Countdown to the Country Fair!

Saturday, October 24th

The fair is only weeks away!! We are bringing back all our popular booths, and opening a new booth this year.

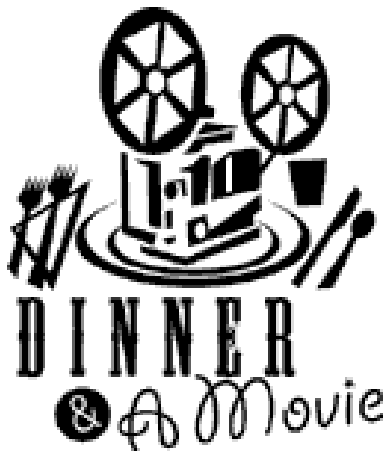
Donations Needed

- **Our Book booth is “Open and Affirming”**
We welcome hardcover, paperback, fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books, but please no legal, medical or text books. (Contact - Bob Hamilton)
- **Our Silent Auction is in need of goods and services from church members to be sold at the auction;** as well as baskets, packing materials, ribbons & bows. We are looking for a volunteer that knows calligraphy and any volunteers able to work at the silent auction room on the day of the fair. (Contact – Deb Copes)
- **Our Indoor Tag Sale will be happy to accept donations of silverware, glassware, pots and pans, holiday decorations etc..** (Contact – Tim Dostie)
- **Our Jewelry booth is looking for women’s, men’s and children’s jewelry, as well as scarves.** (Contact Phyllis Wilkey or Joan Diaz)
- **Our tool booth could use tools, and cameras.** (Contact - Neal Cox or Steve Smith)
- **The Bird’s Nest could use birdseed, birdfeeders, and birdseed containers.** (Contact – Mary Dean)



Be on the look out for the Quilt Raffle tickets. We will be selling them in the weeks leading up to the fair – take a chance on winning a beautiful quilt!!

Join us for the Roast Beef Dinner at night—tickets on sale soon!



Come for Dinner and a Movie!

**Saturday, in Chapin Hall
September 19 at 6:30 pm**

Pot Luck Dinner

Followed by this popular independent
film from 2002

“Bend It Like Beckham”



A proper Indian girl shouldn't be spending her time playing soccer. That's what Jess's family thinks, anyway. An ardent fan of British soccer sensation David Beckham, Jess (Parminder K. Nagra) wants nothing more than to be on the field. And she has the talent to boot. But her parents want her to be just like her sister Pinky, who cooks chapati like a pro and wants a traditional Indian wedding. A sweet sports comedy with plenty of heart.

This is rated PG-13, so we invite all interested young people to come and enjoy!

A Reminder from your Pastors: If possible please alert us in advance when you are going into the hospital. If a sudden or unexpected hospitalization occurs to someone from the church please let us know! Your phone call is invaluable to us as we try to reach out to those who may need us. Remember please, hospitals no longer call or advise us of a church member's presence in a hospital facility.



SAVING GREEN/GOING GREEN

In an attempt to save postage and office supplies the Board of Trustees is asking members, who are able, to receive church correspondences via E-mail or on the church website. Items will also be available for pick up at the church office. Please contact Carol in the office with your E-mail address or let her know if you are interested in picking items up.—Todd Doten



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. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Kim Batterson Biglow.



The Saturday Men's Bible Study Group will resume again on September 12. As always they are 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.



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)

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Global Warming

Church is a deep experience. It is not confined to a building or Sunday morning. It does not depend on fancy clothes, a sacred Text in our hands, or high grades in confirmation. In fact it does not depend on you or me.

Known or unknown it is.

Underneath the day to day, church exists as a sacred village, known to some but evident in all areas our lives.

It is not confined to a denominational or religious name, or to a creed or a particular land.

Church brings a warming to the entire globe, where conversations become campfire chats, where meetings become gatherings at the water hole, where passages of time find their needed ceremony, and where tears, music, dreams, and whines become prayers.

Children are brought to the world by their parents but are raised by all of us, through the stories we share and the examples we show.

Our planet is a sacred village where almost 7,000, 000, 000 live who share human life in a vast assortment of wonderful similarities and challenging differences.

To be consciously part of the sacred village requires us to treat ourselves and all our brothers and sisters across the globe, and on our street, with warmth and respect knowing that we depend on each other in order to live.

God whispers to every one of us around the world and hopes we hear, or will try again when we don't.

The sacred village church was in the beginning and will be until the end, underneath our lives, holding together the whole world, warmly and deeply.

—Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson, Director, Pastoral Counseling Center, Inc.
He can be reached at Rob444@Cox.net or (860-659-0183)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food Bank – September 6 Please continue your efforts in offering the donation of non-perishable food items, laundry detergent and baby items on the first Sunday of each month. We thank Bill McKinney for his prompt response in delivering our donations.

BABY CRIB NEEDED! The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is seeking a donation of a baby's crib for a needy expectant mother. This Rocky Hill citizen is without financial means to purchase a crib. The donated baby's crib can be used, but must meet current safety standards and be in good condition. Please call Human Services at 258-2799.

Support Our Local Farmers! **A Farmer's Market** will take place from now until October 22nd EVERY Thursday (rain or shine) from 4pm – 7pm at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center Grounds, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield CT.

Covenant Village will hold their "autumn Gala" on Sunday, October 11 at 5pm at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Silent Auction and social hour will be held prior to dinner. GLAD will present a program after dinner of contemporary Christian music; this group places a strong emphasis on complex vocals with classical and jazz overtones. Tickets are \$60 for the evening. For tickets or information, call Janet Carlson at (860) 754-3045. Reservation deadline October 6th.

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

Yoga classes offered in Chapin Hall

Yoga with Pam – Quiet the mind, increase flexibility, reduce stress and promote health and wellness. Wednesday evenings at 6:00-7:30pm with Pamela Clark, R.N. The fee is \$12 or \$80 for 8 classes. Beginner and advanced beginner students welcome! Gift certificates available.

Yoga Offered by Core Power, LLC – Experience the dynamic flow and challenge of yoga which builds strength, balance and flexibility for an overall fit and healthy body. Classes are for all-levels with options for everyone! The new Fall schedule is: Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, Thursdays mornings from 9:15-10:15am and Saturday mornings in from 8:00-9:00am (Yin Therapeutic Yoga) and 9:15-10:15am (All Level Yoga). The drop-in fee is \$10.00 or 10 class cards for \$60.00 or 5 class cards for \$35.00 – Lynn MacDonald / Please contact 860-550-4660 to register – Water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

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No matter who you are,
Or where you are on life's journey...
You're welcome here.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
September 15**



Are You Ready To Bowl?

The Rocky Hill Congregational Family Bowling league starts its fourth year on Monday, October 5th. We meet each Monday at 7:00 from October until the end of April. The cost is \$12 per week. We range in age from early 20's to early 80's. If you don't want to commit for the whole year, become a substitute. All skill levels are

welcome. Are you interested in joining? Give me a call at 874-9298 or let Carol know in the office.

Mark Biglow