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September Newsletter

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See details inside!!

From the Moderator:

Some of us are summer people and some are not. I love summer and am never quite ready to see it move on. On the other hand, I also love the energy of fall and the sense of renewal it brings. After taking a bit of a break in the summer, we are refreshed for the work of our upcoming church program year.

By now you should all have received the happy news from our Search Committee, that their process has led them to select our own Rev. Donna Manocchio as the candidate they are recommending to be our next Senior Pastor. This news was conveyed to the Council and unanimously affirmed by those present. I suspect many of you have had the same reaction as me to this news....one of delight. Donna has been a great blessing to our congregation in her ministry to us. Her strong faith, commitment, energy, joy and wonderful sense of humor are all great leadership qualities. I hope we have a large turnout at church on September 12th for her candidating Sunday. Immediately after that service we will have a congregational meeting to vote on issuing a call to her to be our Senior Pastor.

This fall, the Council is challenging every board and committee to take time to assess their programs and activities for next year. We are asking each board and committee to take a broad look at what we can do together toward reaching our vision, either beyond, or as part of, the day-to-day activities that we need to carry out. Each board and committee will look at our vision and try to assess what contribution or ideas they can generate to help make our vision a reality. We will share the outcome of that process later this fall and hope to find a way to include ideas from all members in that action plan.

As we move toward fall, I look forward to our own sense of renewal and recommitment as a church family.

Ruth Fitzgerald for the Council



Your Voice Has Been Heard!!

The Search Committee is delighted to inform you that we have unanimously chosen the Reverend Donna Kathryn Manocchio as our candidate for the position of Senior Pastor.

For many in the congregation, Rev. Manocchio needs no formal introduction. As our Associate Minister since 2004, we have come to know her as Donna, Pastor Donna, Associate Pastor, or Rev. Manocchio. During the past six years, she has led us in worship, worked in partnership with the Senior Pastors, and responded to the varied needs and challenges of this congregation with enthusiasm, sincerity, dedication, and spiritual guidance.

Donna will lead our worship service and preach the sermon on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Immediately after the service, there will be a special congregational meeting. There will be a report of the Search Committee, discussion of the call agreement and a vote on the recommendation to call Rev. Donna Manocchio as our new Senior Pastor. We invite and encourage all of you to attend this service and to participate in the special meeting afterward.

Candidating Weekend Planned for Donna and Her Family will Include:



Saturday, September 11 ~ 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Chapin Hall
Everyone--babies to adults--is invited to visit with Donna and her
husband, Dave Lewis, and daughters, Kathryn and Rose

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Donna will lead worship service
Sunday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

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Congregational Meeting Following Worship



Vote to call Donna as our new Senior Pastor



- September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion Sunday**
Scripture: Philemon 1-21 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
Meditation: "Love Letters"
- September 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: "Surprise! Surprise!"
- September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 The Rev. Barbara J. Libby
Sermon: "Just Do It!"
- September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-10 The Rev. Barbara J. Libby
Sermon: "Fight the Good Fight!"

Pastor Barbara Weekly Bible Study – Wednesday afternoons, beginning September 15 from 12:30 – 1:30pm in the Fiorilli Room. Pastor Barbara leads this lectionary Bible Study where we will read and examine the texts for the coming week's worship. **Book Study** – will meet September 15 and 29 at 10:00am in the Fiorilli Room. **All are welcome.** No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one from the shelf. Brown bag lunch optional.

The Choir Resumes Practice



Wednesday, September 8th



Practice will resume on
Monday, September 13th

"The more talk, the less truth; the wise measure their words."



Spirit of the living God fall afresh ...
stay fresh in our hearts
refresh our resolve to do as you would want of us

Melt us
our pettiness, open our minds to your love – heal us

Mold us
to your service to live as Christ would ask - lead us

Fill us
with humility and with your grace – inspire us

Use us
to further your message as we endeavor to strengthen our church family

Spirit of the living God be with us
Everywhere and all the time

A prayer adapted and inspired by Hymn 283 in “The New Century Hymnal”, written by David Iverson



A "Welcome Table" has been established in Chapin Hall by the Board of Deacons to provide information and conversation to any visitor or prospective new member. The table includes a WELCOME banner quilted by Deacon Stephanie Heneghan. Recently, a visitor commented that she felt a wonderful, positive spirit within our congregation. Please help us by warmly acknowledging visitors in the sanctuary and inviting newcomers downstairs to Chapin Hall.



“Hatred starts fights: but love pulls a quilt over the quarreling.”



Board of Missions

“I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.” ~ Mother Teresa

Back to school. Those words strike terror in most kids’ hearts. But this has always been one of my favorite times. As a kid, I loved going back to school. New friends to meet, new things to learn, and a new set of pencils and pens, notebooks and such – A clean slate!

We as Christians work in seasons, cycles of worship, and each year we embark on a new journey together as we learn about Christ and work through our own beliefs, doubts, and embrace the power of a risen Christ. As we work toward a world that is free of need, more just, and ecologically sound, we each move in our own way, and in our own style. We each have our own strengths and shortcomings – our own handwriting, so to speak. But with each stroke of our pens, we move closer to the end of the page, and ever nearer to our purpose. Every letter, every punctuation mark, sloppy or neat, is greatly needed. We each give what we can and when we can, and every little mark we make is combined to create a letter to the world. What will that letter say? Come help us write it together. This year looks to be a busy year for the Board for Missions, and there is much to do. Below is a list of activities we will be organizing, and we hope you will be moved to participate. As we all know, the need is great in our area, and throughout the world. As our greater church is doing work through Church World Service and Our Church’s Wider Mission (with our monetary support), we are working here closer to home to live out our mission as Christ’s followers to lend a hand to those in need.

Backpack Drive for Covenant to Care

Thanks to everyone who brought in items for the Backpack Drive. We collected a lot of really good school supplies for the backpacks, and what a wonderful gift to give a child who is entering a new school, and wanting to be ready. Having the right school supplies makes a big difference!! Thanks also to Meghan Kelly, our liaison to Covenant to Care, for organizing this event.

Hands on Hartford Day of Service – Saturday, October 16

Please see the section of this church mouse dedicated to the Day of Service, and please consider adding your name to the list of volunteers. This is our first year organizing this activity, and it should be a wonderful experience for people of all ages and abilities. Please join us!

Fall Church Fair

Look for your Board of Missions at the Fall Fair! We will be running our own booth, and spreading the word about Missions at RHCC!

Foodshare Turkey and a Twenty – Sunday, November 21

Please join us for our second annual Turkey and a Twenty Drive! Bring a frozen turkey (must be frozen and not defrosted) and twenty dollars to help Foodshare feed hungry families both during the holiday season and throughout the year. See Rich Pawlich for more information.

Project Toy Drive – Sunday, December 12

We will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to the children of women who are incarcerated in Niantic. This drive is sponsored by the Hartford Seminary and is a wonderful program that helps kids and their moms enjoy the holiday season.

Back Bay Mission Trip – September 4-11, 2011

Twelve months is a long time, but not long in planning a mission trip. Are you thinking of going to Back Bay Mission to help struggling families rebuild their homes and their lives? Are you interested in the mission of Back Bay? Please see Michael Bower, Lynne Lataille, or Pastor Donna with questions, or to add your name to the list! More information will be coming in the next few months about the trip, the cost, and how people can help. For more information about Back Bay Mission and the amazing work they do, visit www.thebackbaymission.org.

Yours in Faith and Service,
Michael H. Bower, Board for Missions Chair

Your Board for Missions are: Linda Calcagni, Bob Carberry, Dave Edwards, Diana Gengenbach, Tom Kainamura, Stephanie Kelley, Marge Murk, Secretary, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio



Currently there are still openings in both the 3 year old program: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-11:30 and the 4 year old program: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00-11:30. The major objective of the RHCCNS is to create a stimulating environment for learning socially, emotionally and intellectually, using the guidelines for developmentally appropriate practices put forth by

the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) and to enhance parental knowledge and understanding of these practices through classroom participation. For further information please contact the Church Office at 860-529-4167



Come One! Come All! It's Rally Day!



Join us for Rally Day on September 19th, as we welcome back our church school family. Eat tasty desserts and a put on your best pose in our fun family picture booth. If able, families should come with registration forms (one per child) or prepared to fill one out (*see form on next page.*)

Church School Kick-Off

The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 26th. Please note that church school now ends at 11:15 am. Please look out for more announcements regarding the kick-off, including information about a parent's meeting.



Teachers Needed!

Looking for a fun, energetic place to share your talents, while learning and exploring your faith? Do you enjoy coloring, laughing, and bringing stories to life? Well, look no further. The Christian Education Board is looking for teachers for the 2010-2011 church school-year. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Each class has at least two teachers, which allows for flexibility and opportunities to attend worship on a regular basis. If interested please contact Meghan Young at christianedrhc@rhccucc.org or 860-966-2432.

Lunch Bunch Gear-Up



Join us on Sunday, October 3rd, from 11:30 AM – 1PM for our first lunch bunch of the year. We will discuss the youth group's exciting plans and events for the year. Parents are requested to join us for the first 15 minutes. Lunch Bunch/Youth Group is open to all youth, 6th grade through 12th grade. See you there!



S.P.I.R.I.T.

Church School Registration Form 2010-2011

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Grade for 2010-2011: _____

Baptism date: *(if applicable)* _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian Name: _____

Address: *(if different)* _____

Phone: *(if different)* _____

Family Email Address: _____

Child's Special interests and activities: _____

Any allergies or medical conditions to be aware of: _____

Do they have siblings that attend church school? Yes No

Names and ages: _____

Emergency contact during church school hour:

I will be in the church building

Other: _____

Would you be willing to volunteer if Christian Education program needs the following:

Teaching Substitute Teaching

Assisting the teacher Leading a workshop

Youth Group Team Mission Projects

Child Care Event planning

Chaperone Donation of supplies

Arts/Drama/Music Assistance

What of your talents would you wish to share: _____

Is there is any other information that would assist us in working with your children? _____



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

From the Stewardship Committee

September is here. Many vacations are over, schools & colleges are getting underway, and Fall calendar dates are beginning to fill up. And so is the calendar for RHCC.

As the pledged amounts and donations were received during July and August, quiet and prayerful “thank yous” were expressed. The ongoing financial support made it possible to meet monthly obligations such as summer worship services, children’s programs, the work of our Pastors and other ministry-related activities. All such necessary programs and activities need to continue – and new programs introduced and implemented.

The “climb” to meet our total budgeted goals for 2010-2011 has been slow and steady. As of mid-August, the proposed Benevolence Budget has reached \$45,807.00 (97%) of its goal. But meeting the pledge goal for the Local Operating Budget still needs serious attention. It currently stands at \$232,480.00 or 86% of being achieved.

Together, as a congregation, we have met fiscal challenges in the past. Let’s reflect on our faith and hope that we can erase the \$39,000 shortfall, close the gap and earn an A+ for attaining 100% of the overall goal.

If you put aside the pledge form sent in April, now is the time to make that pledge designation. We will delight in each and every “quick leap ahead” received.

For early pledgers, in case you wished you had opted to participate in the electronic transfer (EFT) of pledge funds you can still do so. You can even increase your pledged amount if you so wish. Go to the website: www.rhccucc.org or pick up an EFT form in Chapin Hall.

We hope your Summer Sabbath was a time of rest, renewed energy, and reflection.

During the coming days and weeks, we hope you will be mindful of three G’s of Stewardship – *Giving – Generosity – Gratitude*.

Faithfully,

The Stewardship Committee: Hilaire Leavitt, Louise Butts (co-chairs); Al Diaz, William Bartley, Brian Silkowski; Deb Copes (Financial Secretary)

“Truth lasts; lies are here today, gone tomorrow.”

RHCC COUNTRY FAIR – October 30, 2010

The Country Fair is the single biggest fund-raiser for the church, bringing in over \$14,000 last year. We hope to surpass that number this year with your support.

Everyone in the congregation can help in some way – through donations of your time, talents and treasures. This year we are asking for your help with the following:

1. We need a TEAM to manage the Country Store Booth. This is one of our most popular booths, selling everything from homemade puddings and apple pies, to cheese and homemade soup mixes.
2. Steve Ware and the Trustees are running the Tag Sale Booth again this year. They are looking for help sorting and pricing items the week before the fair. They need donations of kitchen items, glassware, etc.
3. Marsha Hoffman is looking for help with the Roast Beef Dinner – this includes people for setting up; servers for the dinner; and clean up. She also needs help with pie baking and will have more information to follow as to dates and times for this activity.
4. Neal Cox and Steve Smith are looking for donations for the Tool Booth – this includes hand tools, electronic and photographic equipment.
5. Hilaire Leavitt is looking for furniture for the Arts & Antiques Booth – please contact her **in advance** with anything you may wish to donate.
6. Phyllis Wilkey & Joan Diaz are looking for donations of women's, men's and children's jewelry, as well as pocketbooks and dress scarves.
7. We are exploring opening a new booth this year "The Toy Shop". We are looking for donations of children's gently-used toys, games and puzzles.
8. Deb Copes & Company needs your help with the Silent Auction. They need volunteers to work at the auction room on fair day. Their wish list includes getting Goods & Services donated from church members, or friends of the church, to be sold at the auction. They also need baskets, packaging materials, ribbons and bows.
9. Mary Dean is looking for donations of birdseed, peanut butter and cans of Crisco shortening for her suet cake recipes. Please get these donations to her by October 1st. Birdy elves need to start early!

Please contact Jim Stevens or Phyllis Wilkey if you want to help with the fair this year.

(more from the fair committee on next page)

Anything and everything you can do to help make the fair a success is greatly appreciated. The Fair Committee and Booth Chairs want to thank you in advance for your contributions.

The Fair Committee

Jim Stevens, Co-Chair

Phyllis Wilkey, Co-Chair

Bob Simmons

Elaine Somes

Neal Cox

Nancy Flynn, Treasurer

Marsha Hoffman, Consultant

Annie Hokans-Doll

Lynn McKenna

Candy Smith

Mary Dean

A WIN – WIN – WIN SITUATION!!!

Dear Ann Slanders:

My wife is constantly bugging me with her "Honey-do" list about projects around the house and yard. I have many important things to do, i.e. golf, swimming, taking the kids to the beach, ball games, etc. I would like to have someone else do these projects for me, but I have all the tools necessary to do the jobs, so my wife expects me to do them all. How can I get out of this difficult situation?

Signed, Hen-Pecked Hubby

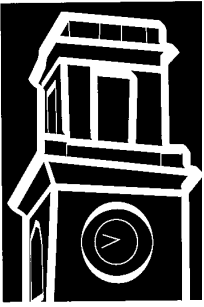
Dear HPH:

Your problems are over! I have the solution. The Rocky Hill Congregational Church is having a wonderful church fair on October 30th. At the fair there will be a tool booth where you can buy all kinds of tools, electronic items and photographic equipment. All you have to do is take all your tools and donate them to the tool booth. Now you can have all your projects done by outside help because you have no tools. This way you win having no jobs to do, the church wins having tools to sell, and the kids win having Dad back to go places with them. I hope all your problems are solved this easily.

Ann Slanders

P.S. – Items for the tool booth may be dropped off at the church. For pick-ups call Neal Cox at 860 563-4143.

*“When you are kind to others, you help yourself,
When you are cruel to others, you hurt yourself.”*



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



September

2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			1 9:00am Quilters 11:00am Community Mtg 12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn 6:00pm Yoga with Pam
5 "Scrip-Sure" Order Deadline Today	6 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	7 11:00am Community Mtg 7:00pm Boards/ Committees	8 9:00am Quilters 11:00am Community Mtg 12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
12 10:00am Candidating Sunday w/ voting meeting to follow then coffee in Chapin Hall Scrip Pickup	13 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	14 8:30am Breakfast Club 7:00pm Council	15 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 11:00am Community Mtg 12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
19 RALLY SUNDAY 11:20am Music Committee Mtg	20 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	21 10:30am Genesis Healthcare Svc	22 9:00am Quilters 9:00am CT Ministry Mtg 12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 7:30pm Adult Choir
26 HERITAGE SUNDAY "Scrip-Sure" Order Deadline Today	27 5:30pm Yoga with Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	28	29 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Book Study 12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Yoga with Pam 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	Meghan Young	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
2 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 10:00am RHCCNS Greeting 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	3 11:00am Community Mtg	4 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 12:00pm Community Event
9 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Fair Meeting 8:00pm Men's AA	10	11 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 3:00pm Ice Cream Social
16 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 11:00am Community Mtg 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Theology on Tap 8:00pm Men's AA	17 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	18 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 11:00pm Wedding
23 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Women of the Bible 8:00pm Men's AA	24	25 8:30am Yoga with Lynn
30 8:30am Yoga with Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA		



Movie Night is canceled for September, but please join us on October 9th.

“SCRIP-SURE”
Order Schedule
Scrip deadline is September 5 for pickup on September 12

Scrip order deadline is September 26 for pickup on October 3





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| 01 Marge Murk | 15 Gail Walker |
| 02 Michael Fitzgerald | Tony Lupacchino |
| 03 Ed Matthias | John Doll |
| Carolyn Taylor | Benjamin Bishop |
| Tom Fulda | 17 Neal Jensen |
| Phyllis Wilkey | Phyllis Carlo |
| Bob Inderbitzen | Donna Manocchio |
| 04 Liz Pulling | 18 Val Calcagni |
| John Corvo | 19 Lori Benito |
| 06 Ray Papineau | Jared Friday |
| Richard Starr | 21 Adam Hummel |
| William White | 22 Gayle McGowan |
| Dot Bartley | Nathan Pipke |
| 08 Scott Janes | 23 Steven Sudell |
| Mollie Engel | 24 Michele Jokl |
| 09 Eleanor Maynard | Christina Peterson |
| Tom Schreier | 25 Al Diaz |
| McKayla Stewart | Charles Kunzelman |
| 10 Eleanor Mahar | 26 Diane Bengston |
| Lisa Corvo | 28 James Ussery, Jr. |
| 11 Dorothy Gillett | Kirsten Timrud |
| Amy Wiknik | George Moore, III |
| Katherine Flynn | Justin Knight |
| 12 James Rolfe | Eric Jokl |
| 13 Ryan Moore | 30 Evelyn Danforth |



**Richard 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

William and Susan White
were married on
September 25, 1965

Alan and Ida Cunningham
were married on
September 27, 1958

From the Flower Committee

Starting the end of last month, a card is now being inserted in each floral arrangement used in worship, whether they are taken home by the donor or brought to someone who is ill, home bound or in a health care facility. The wording on the card is very meaningful:



These flowers have been to church. They have heard the hymns that have been sung, the prayers that have been offered, and the sermon that has been preached.

Now, with their silent message of hope, they come to you with our love and best wishes.

*Rocky Hill Congregational Church
United Church of Christ*

Thanks to Gail Tine, Donna and Carol Harvey for all of their help in bringing this lovely addition to our weekly floral arrangements.

Joan Diaz, Floral Committee



Flower Chart in Chapin Hall

The 2010 flower chart is posted in Chapin Hall. **We have many vacant spots.** If you would like to reserve your flower Sunday, please call one of the committee members listed below. Thank you!—Joan Diaz, chair

The Flower Committee

January/February—Denise Carberry, 860 563-8311
March/April—Cindy Bennett, 860 721-6535
May/June—Betty McKinney, 860 529-2023
July/August—Pat Gordon, 860 665-1205
September/October—Joan Diaz, 860 613-2889
November/December—Lois Stevens, 860 632-5810

*“Without good direction, people lose their way;
The more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.”*

Saturday, October 16th - Day of Service Hands on Hartford

On Saturday, October 16, we will partner with **Hands on Hartford** for a Day of Service. This is an opportunity for our church members (and friends) to participate in a church-wide, hands-on, day-long event (8AM to 2PM) that will include many ways to help our local neighbors. A list of potential projects is listed below with some activities taking place at our church, and others will take place on-site in the Hartford area. We will need volunteers of all ages and abilities to sign up and pledge one day of service to help our local neighbors. Can you help? Look for a sign up board in Chapin Hall as we would like to target at least 50 volunteers. Complete the sign-up form and let us know which activity you would like to participate in. It's that simple!! And it will make a difference! **The deadline to sign-up is September 20, 2010.**

We will also be responsible for our own meals (i.e. boxed lunches) for the day, however we plan to provide breakfast in Chapin Hall that morning. RHCC is responsible for any materials we need to accomplish any of the projects we undertake, so we will take that into consideration as we plan the list of projects.

All projects will be organized as intergenerational events, incorporating a mix of individuals and ages. Family members are encouraged to volunteer together as a team. Below is the list of projects with items with an "*" being marked as appropriate for young children (6-14):

1. Preparing and cooking a meal for soup kitchen distribution*
2. Collecting items and assembling care packs for any of the following:
 - Homeless individuals and families; needy seniors; low-income students*
3. Organizing games/activities/special desserts with seniors at a low income residential complex*
4. Cleaning, painting and/or repair projects at an HIV/AIDS residence
5. Cleanup at a city park or historic cemetery
6. Cleanup and planting at a neighborhood school or service agency*
7. Repairs and renovations at a service agency or home repair organization

See next page for more...

POTENTIAL SERVICE SITES:

▪ **Home Teams:**

1. Cooking for MANNA Community Meals [6-10]:
 - *Preparing a meal at RHCC for freezer or immediate use at the soup kitchen*
2. Care Packs [5-10]:
 - *Collecting items and organizing care packs for any of several possible groups (e.g., food for student backpack program, summer activities backpacks, personal care kits for the homeless, needy seniors, etc.)*
Note: This task could also be accomplished at a work site in Hartford

▪ **Travel Teams:**

1. MANNA Senior Community Café [8-10]
 - *Organizing games/activities/special dessert with seniors at Smith Tower and Betty Knox Center*
2. Peter's Retreat and/or Tabor House [10-20]
 - *Cleaning, painting, and repair projects at HIV/AIDS residence*
3. Knox Parks (Local Park) or CT Gravestone Network [10-20]
 - *Clean up a local park; clean and re-mount gravestones in historic cemetery*
4. Hartford Elementary Schools [10-20]
 - *Working to clean up and landscape school grounds*
5. Repair and Renovation [10-15]
 - *Working with a local service agency or housing organization on a half-day repair/renovation project*

*“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;
Those who help others are helped.”*



Please make changes in your church directory

Myrtle Furman
The Lodge at Coldspring
50 Coldspring Rd Unit 107
Rocky Hill CT 06067
860 563-4783

Bruce and Diana Gengenbach
75 Hockanum Blvd #
Vernon CT 06066
860 454-8187

Jean Palmer
Summit Place Apt 131
8505 Flying Cloud Dr.
Eden Prairie MN 55344
952 995-1056

Will Kanute
823 Glacier Way
Southington, CT 06489-3483



Fred Nashold, grieving the death of his sister

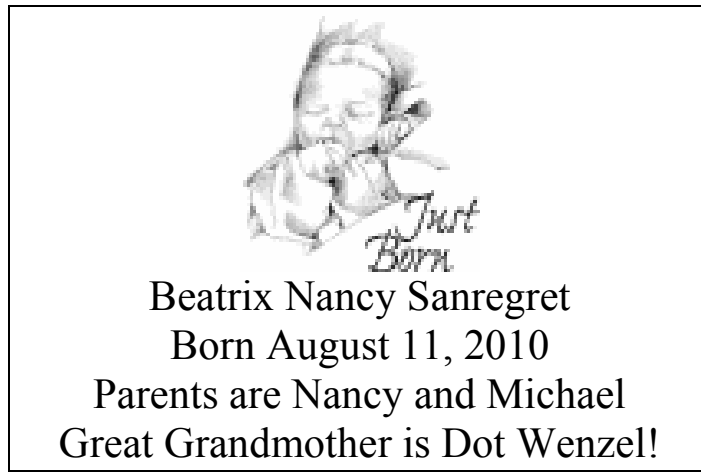


IF YOU LIKE TO BOWL – PLEASE JOIN US!

Our RHCC 2010-2011 Bowling Season begins in October 2010 and goes thru April 2011. We are looking for full time bowlers (every week), part-time bowlers (we will try to accommodate an every other week or part time schedule with another bowler for you), and we are looking for folks to be on our substitute bowler list. Please contact Joan and/or Jim Ross if you would like to join us in any of these capacities! We have a lot of fun and don't expect anyone to be too serious about their ability.

The league meets on Monday nights at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike from October thru April. Bowling Starts at 7:00pm and costs \$12.00 a week which includes 3 strings of bowling and league dues. Joan and/or Jim can be contacted via e-mail at JJJROSS@GMAIL.COM or via phone at 860-563-5397 for more information or to sign up for the league now!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING – Sunday, September 26th, Chapin Hall 5:30 p.m. Catered dinner and fellowship. Cost \$10 pp. Appetizers, main dish and dessert will be served. Please sign up in Chapin Hall, and email or call Cheryl Hummel with any questions at cherylhummel@ymail.com or 860-508-2070.



Fellow RHCC family members,

As most of you know, the Council has been asked to consider allowing the use of alcohol in Chapin Hall. After some consideration, we chose to do a preliminary survey of the congregation, to see if this rather complicated issue had sufficient support to merit further, in-depth study.

One hundred thirteen (113) responses have been recorded. A clear, though not overwhelming lopsided, majority of those responses were "No."

Accordingly, Council does not intend to further study the matter at this time, and Chapin Hall will remain "dry."

Respectfully,

Tom Rolfe

At-Large Council Representative



Our mother, Myrtle Furman, and her family would like to thank all who sent cards, visited, prayed, and called her while she was in the hospital and rehab. She is now at The Lodge in Rocky Hill with the same home phone number, 860 563-4783. Thanks so much for your care and concern. Please keep in touch with her!—The Furmans

*“Better a bread crust shared in love
than a slab of prime rib served in hate.”*

“THE BREAKFAST CLUB”

Tuesdays at 8:30 AM

September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 7

TIM HORTON’S

Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill

Come join the club! Meet with others for coffee and conversation (or a full breakfast of you ‘d like!) and discussion about life, current events, church, and the way of faith. Bring your thoughts, questions – and a friend or two. Call the office, or email Donna (associate@rhccucc.org), or arrive at Tim Horton’s!

Women of the Bible Scripture Study

(formerly “Bad Girls of the Bible”)

Once-a-month Thursdays, 7:00 PM in the Fiorilli Room

Join with other women to explore the stories of women in our Scriptures. As we seek to understand the meaning of God’s word and work in our lives and in our world. Come and pray, read, talk, laugh, and eat together!

We begin this September with an exploration of the women in Jesus’ genealogy as listed in the gospel of Matthew: Bathsheba, Rahab, Ruth, and Tamar. The selected passages are available at church two Sundays prior to meeting.

Thursday, September 23	Bathsheba
Thursday, October 21	Rahab
Thursday, November 18	Ruth
Thursday, January 20	Tamar

Theology on Tap

Thursdays at 7:00 PM

September 16, October 14,

November 11, December 9

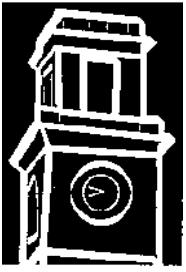
Wood-N-Tap

12 Townline Road, Rocky Hill

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 Wood-N-Tap restaurant. We discuss a different topic each month, so join us whenever you can. Bring a friend and see you at the Tap!

Contact Donna (associate@rhccucc.org or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions, want to suggest a topic, or can join us for a gathering.

TOWER LIGHTING



Light the Tower! This is a special way to honor or memorialize your loved ones. The tower lights are on overnight and add to the electric bill. Your contribution of \$10 helps defray the cost. The names of your loved ones will be noted in the bulletin. While Chapin Hall renovations are being done the sign up list will be posted in the Fiorilli Room or you can email me at office@rhccucc.org or call the church office at 529-4167 and I will write it on the signup sheet.

A story from your Global Ministries

“For I am sure that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus”—Romans 8:38, 39

This Kairos Moment

The Palestinian Christian community, with roots dating back to earliest Christianity, now numbers less than two percent of the population in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. But the community prominently offers a non-violent witness for justice and peace. Last December in Bethlehem, Palestinian Christians launched “A Moment of Truth.” They called it a “Kairos” document, the word in early Greek meaning “opportunity” or critical moment in time, and meant to allude to the crucial South African Kairos document which in 1985 prompted debate about Apartheid worldwide. The Kairos document states that “... Love is seeing the face of God in every human being. Every person is my brother or my sister. However, seeing the face of God in everyone does not mean accepting evil or aggression on their part. Rather, this love seeks to correct the evil and stop the aggression.” The believer in nonviolence has deep faith in the future. Palestinian Christians write, “Our hope remains strong” based on the expectation in faith of a better future. “In the absence of hope, we cry out our cry of hope... We believe in God, good and just [and that God’s goodness] will finally triumph.... We will see here ‘a new land’ and ‘a new human being’, capable of rising up in the spirit to love each one of his or her brothers and sisters.” We pray, for hope, patience, and steadfastness and a time for repentance. Though their numbers are few, their message is great and important, in a land in urgent need of love.

Peter Makari is Global Ministries Area Executive for the Middle East and Europe.

You will find the Kairos document, action resources and updates at:

<http://globalministries.org/mee/kairos/>You make the difference...

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ. www.globalministries.org

SCRIP-SURE Update

If you forgot to place your scrip order at the end of August, it may not be too late! The August ordering deadline has been postponed until Labor Day weekend. Order forms can be turned in at church through Sunday, September 5, and emailed orders can be submitted as late as Labor Day (Monday) – since the actual order won't be placed until Tuesday morning, Sept. 7.

If you do submit your order via email (treasurer@rhccucc.org), you should always receive a reply, confirming receipt. That won't always happen instantaneously (it's a manual process) – but usually within 24 hours, and certainly before the absolute deadline. If you wish, you can also pay for scrip online using the new “Donate Online” button.

Through the beginning of August, cumulative scrip profits now exceed \$4,700. That's exciting, although our pace has slowed during the summer – probably due to vacations. Some regular scrip “customers” have missed the last several ordering periods. Hopefully, everyone can get back in practice, as recurring purchases are the most powerful sources of income. Approximately 50 members (or families) have ordered at least once. Nine of those families have placed an order in every one of the first eight monthly periods. Another 20 have ordered at least half of the time. But just think how much could be raised if all 50 families ordered every month? **And how about the rest of you?** There are still more than 40 regular church attendees who have yet to participate at all. In an environment when funding our church budget is so challenging, we need to tap as many alternative sources of income as possible. This opportunity is so powerful, yet so painless. Please consider doing your part.

Our most popular cards have been for local groceries (notably Big Y, West Side Market, Stop & Shop) and drugstore/pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens). While many have bought cards in \$100 denominations (remember, unused balances remain on the cards), denominations as low as \$25 are available for most retailers, and some shops (e.g., Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Wendy's) offer cards for as little as \$10. See the church web site for a link to an updated listing of retailers, or pick up a list in Chapin Hall.

Dave Hall, Treasurer

Save the Date!!



HOMECOMING/HERITAGE SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Come join us for a Special Sunday!
10:00 a.m. Service

Honoring 50+ Year Members and
Food, Fun, & Fellowship in Chapin Hall
More information to follow

For transportation call the church office at 860-529-4167



How about a little equal-exchange for some bunny 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/bag, Tea at \$3/box, Hot Cocoa Mix at \$5/can

For more information about the UCC Coffee Project: www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project



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.



Operation Fuel, Inc.

WE'RE ALL PART OF THE OPERATION.

Fuel Bank Assistance Available Beginning August 2nd

Operation Fuel has two current programs for providing energy assistance, both of which could be very helpful in resolving utility shut-offs and setting up long-term payment agreements. To find a local fuel bank, contact 2-1-1 or Operation Fuel at 860-243-2345.

Operation Fuel supplements Connecticut's regular winter heating energy assistance program which may open early for applications but is not likely to provide benefits before November 1 -- the state plan has not yet been adopted so we don't know the final program rules for the upcoming winter.

All Fuels Program, open from August 2nd through Oct. 31st:

To be eligible, household income must be less than 200% of the federal poverty level (\$1,805/mo. for one person; \$3,052/mo. for three people). It must be at least one year since the household got help from Operation Fuel. The benefit is \$300.

If assistance sought is for a gas or electric bill, the household must have made at least four payments to the utility within the past 12 months, including one during the moratorium (Nov. 1 to May1) – it doesn't matter how much was paid, only that 4 payments were made.

Lastly, the household has to document an emergency, such as:

- the applicant either collects or has exhausted unemployment benefits; or
- the health of someone in the household is threatened, for example:
- utility service is needed to refrigerate medications or baby formula;
- utility service is needed to operate medical equipment;
- utility service is needed for air conditioning when there is a medical condition like asthma that requires air conditioning; or
- oil is needed to heat water and there is a health risk if there is no hot water.

Gas and Electric Utility Program for families with a pregnant woman or child 18 years or under in the household, open from August 2nd through Sept. 30th:

To be eligible, household income must be less than 75% of the state median income (\$4,320/mo. for two people; \$6,353/mo. for four people). The benefit is \$500, which must be used for utility bills that are less than 30 days old or as a credit for future bills. Citizens and certain documented immigrants may be provided benefits.

CT Interfaith Power and Light

PO Box 270147

West Hartford, CT 06127

Contact Name: Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener, 860-231-8554



COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRESS RELEASES

TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED RENTERS (Rent Rebate) – The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will accept applications for tax relief for elderly and/or disabled renters starting May 17, 2010 until September 15, 2010. Town residents must make an appointment to file an application in the Human Services office. Residents who are 65 or older (by end of calendar year 2010) or are totally disabled and rent must be under the income limits to qualify. Residents who qualify will receive a financial rebate from the State of Connecticut. The income limit is \$32,300 per year for one person and \$39,500 for two people. Applicants must bring documented proof of income, rent and utility/heating payments for all of calendar year 2009. Please call 860-258-2799 or 860-258-2724 to make an appointment.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN – The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will be distributing school backpacks and supplies to needy children who reside in the Town of Rocky Hill after August 20, 2010. Families should demonstrate their financial condition in order to receive these free backpacks and supplies. Backpacks & supplies will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Please call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724 if you need more information.

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. 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! This class meets: Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday lunchtime from 12:00-12:45pm, Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:30am and Saturday mornings in from 8:30-9:30am. Contact Lynn MacDonald 860-550-4660 to register – Water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

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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.

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, September 12, 2010 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Senior Pastor Search Committee to call the Reverend Donna K. Manocchio as our new Senior Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk