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September 2012 Newsletter

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**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR OUR NEW
MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Mary DeLibero

Sunday, September 9, 2012
during the 10:00 AM Service

You are all invited to join us as we give thanks to God
and welcome Mary to our church family.



“See, I am making all things new.”

—Revelation 21:5

My dear friends,

September is here! For many of us, this month heralds the end of summer and its slower schedule with vacations, extended visits with friends, evenings on the back

porch, outdoor concerts, and myriad other relaxing vacations. I have heard several church members express remorse about the return of the fall season, with its busier schedules, even as they attempt to squeeze out the last days and hours of a slower pace that marks the summer months.

The slower summer pace, however, has not been the reality at RHCC, UCC! Over the last three months, there have been major construction projects in and around the church: the town streetscape project, the heating project, and the pew project. A day hasn't gone by without the effects of these projects. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, repair folks, and church members helping out arrive on a daily basis. The sound of dump trucks, bulldozers, saws, drills, and hammers have created a unique melody around 805 Old Main Street.

As September approaches this year, our church looks different - inside and out. You'll see the effects of all the building and repair projects in the sanctuary, nursery school, offices, and hallways. The traffic pattern is different, and very soon, there will be new landscaping – from the town and from the trustees.

The building projects, however, are not just about cosmetic changes. Their purpose – our purpose – is to enable us to discover new ways to *be the church* in this day and age. Our building supports, enhances, and enables our ministry – to share the love of Jesus Christ with all people in all places. Our building provides a space that enables us to encounter the living God in worship. It provides meeting rooms for discernment of next steps in the journey of God's people in this place. It provides a place where strangers are welcomed, where children feel safe to learn and grow, where people take steps toward wholeness in mind, body, and spirit.

Whatever September brings for you this year, I pray that it will also bring you back to church. Come and see the changes that have taken place. Come worship with us. Join us in learning together about the ways of discipleship. Participate in a mission trip. Our God promises to make all things new – and that includes the heart and spirit of you and me!

Peace,

Donna



**September 2 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

Scripture: James 1:17-27

Meghan D. Young

Sermon: "Our Whole Lives"

September 9 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Installation for Music Minister, Mary DeLibero

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Sermon: "Be Open!"

September 16 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 19

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Sermon: "Sweeter than Honey"

September 23 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fund our Faith Stewardship Kick Off

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Sermon: "Running the Race"

September 30 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Heritage Sunday

Scripture: John 17:6-19

Meghan D. Young

Sermon: "I Am Sending You"



Welcome back, friends! The fall “session” at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC is in full swing. Summer vacations are behind us, our school-aged children have moved to a new grade and the exterior and interior landscapes of the church have changed.

We will have the opportunity to share Mary DeLibero’s full music ministry, our church school will begin a new curriculum and we will meet the new confirmation class. And the Deacons are organizing a work group to send to our fellow UCC church in Rupert, VT in mid-October. Seems like a lot of new things, doesn’t it? I’m tired already, just thinking about it all.

Where do you find the energy to deal with all these changes, or any changes, for that matter? I have always found it relaxing to sit and enjoy the motion and sounds of ocean surf. Others walk, cycle, paint, swim, cook or read to relax. It’s important that each one of us has a way to recharge our internal battery.

In addition to all the physical changes mentioned above, we face the greatest and ever-present challenge of becoming a trustworthy gathering of the Disciples of Christ. The full fall session is upon us. Lace up your energizing shoes, we’ll see you in church!

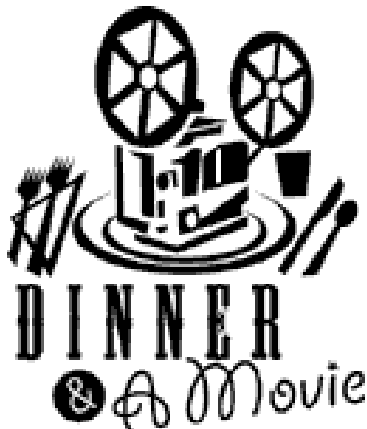
Bill Hoffman, for the Deacons

The Board of Deacons

Spiritual Welfare

Membership Vitality

Ministering



**Come Join us for Dinner and a Movie
Saturday, September 8, 2012
at 6:00 pm in Chapin Hall.**

**The film showing is
“*Atonement*”**

A Golden Globe Winner for Best Picture

A sweeping love story from the award-winning director of “Pride and Prejudice”, Joe Wright, comes a stunning, critically acclaimed epic story of love. When a young girl catches her sister in a passionate embrace with a childhood friend, her jealousy drives her to tell a lie that will irrevocably change the course of all their lives forever. Academy Award nominee, Keira Knightley and James McAvoy lead an all-star cast.

From the Moderator...

*“May God lead each of us toward a Sabbath rest,
so that our hearts might sing with renewed strength, energy and love.”*

Pastor Donna’s Sabbatical Leave Begins September 24

Pastors are called to serve a variety of ministries at the center of congregational life: preacher, teacher, spiritual guide, pastoral visitor, and friend. The responsibilities, pace and demands of parish life require our pastors’ continual attention. Even the most dedicated pastors recognize the need to replenish their own calling and creativity to regain energy and strength for their ministry.

The United Church of Christ recommends that pastors take a sabbatical leave after every four to six years of service. Pastor Donna has completed 8 years of continuous parish ministry with us. The Church Council has affirmed Donna’s request to take a sabbatical leave this fall. Donna will take 8 weeks away—6 weeks of sabbatical plus 2 weeks of her planned vacation. She will be away from September 24 through November 18. This is half of the three month sabbatical provision included in Donna’s Pastoral Call Agreement—our covenant supporting Donna’s ministry here at RHCC UCC. She might consider using the other half in 2014.

Pastor Meghan is supportive of Donna’s interest in taking sabbatical. Meghan already leads and serves the varied and diverse ministries of the congregation. I have every confidence that Meghan, and each of the church staff, will help us navigate day-to-day church life during Donna’s absence. To help Meghan, the Board of Deacons will hire a temporary supply pastor to support some of the responsibilities and ministries of our busy congregation—including some Sunday worship planning, preaching, Bible study, and visitation.

Sabbatical is a renewal period (not vacation)—an opportunity for Donna to pursue study, travel or personal renewal—all important parts of a pastor’s continued development. As part of Donna’s sabbatical planning, I have been in touch with our regional minister, Ineke Mitchell. Ineke explained that our congregation is also invited into a period of sabbatical—a time to discover and re-discover our own gifts of ministry and all the ways we serve each other and this world in the name of Jesus Christ. When Donna returns from sabbatical, she’ll have much to share with us. We will have much to share with her, too.

The Church Council met August 22. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, September 11 at 7 PM.

God bless you,

Bob Inderbitzen

rinderbitzen@cox.net

cell 860-418-9171

Global and Local Mission News

“Summer, after all, is a time when wonderful things can happen to people. For those few months you’re not required to be who everyone thinks you are. The fresh cut grass smell in the air and the chance to dive into the deep end of a pool, gives you courage you didn’t think you had. Summer just opens the door and lets you free.”—Author Unknown

As August floats by, it is time for reflection and what the summer means to all of us. The good work of our church has gone on although the attendance for services typically wanes in the summer. Now the sun sets earlier, the nights grow cooler. Those of us fortunate enough to have found a respite from our duties need to gear up for the responsibilities ahead.

In July we had a wonderful turnout for our Global Missions Sunday. Attendees learned what it means to be a Global Missions Church and several church members talked about their global missions experiences. Our Global Missions sub-committee and chairperson Meghan Montana have completed the application process and we look forward to the official designation and presentation sometime this Fall.

Special thanks go out to Kari Blaise for organizing the backpack drive, and to all who participated. Thanks also to Sarah Mosure for organizing a workday at Peter’s Retreat. Our mission work goes on all around and through us every day. Whether vacationing by the shore, or that special summer place, the call to be “Christ like” and look out for the needs of the less fortunate is an everyday awareness. As we move forward into the fall months, look for opportunities offered by missions and other boards and committees, to act out your special calling.

Neighbors in Need Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering will be collected on October 7, 2012. This is a special mission offering of the UCC. 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. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network this ministry 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). There are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM.

Since last month, your generosity has helped the following:

- Inyana League for Rwandan Children - \$1,000
- Tuition Payment for our student, Clemence Byukusenge - \$2,000



Your Board of Missions Members

David Bell - Treasurer, Michael Bower, Linda Calcagni – Chair, Bob Carberry, Jim Day, Cindy Hunt, Thomas Kainamura, Meghan Montana – Vice-chair, Kari-McCaw-Blaise – Secretary, Sarah Mosure.

Choir Rehearsals to Begin in September

Our new Minister of Music, Mary DeLibero, has scheduled the first choir rehearsals for the new program year.

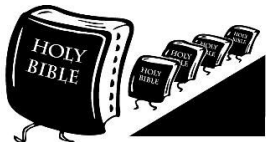
The Choir Resumes Practice



Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30pm



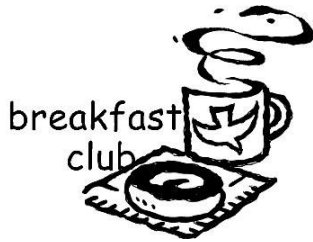
Practice will resume on
Monday, September 10th at 7:30pm



Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30 PM in Fiorilli Room

Each week, we gather to read and explore the Scriptures to be used in an upcoming worship service. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your favorite translation or pick one up from the shelf. Brown bag lunch is optional.



Breakfast Club

Tuesday, September 11 at 8:30 AM

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

Theology on Tap

Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 PM

Chuck's Steakhouse

Are you interested in sharing questions and experiences about God and God's presence in your life? If so, come and join with other church members and friends in the "back room" of the Chuck's Steakhouse. We discuss a different topic each month, so join us whenever you can. Bring a friend and see you at Chuck's!

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

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Fiorilli Room

Join with other women to explore the women of the Bible. Come and pray, read, talk, laugh, and eat together!



As August draws to a close, our September calendars are getting filled in quickly! This is especially evident here at RHCC, UCC. Committees and boards are planning programs and activities for the fall months and beyond. Each activity or event requires some sort of financial experience or commitment – whether a one-to-one connection (as in *A Stewardship Story*) or total church-related happenings (as in the physical changes we see taking place in the sanctuary, the youth room make over, and the heating system upgrade).

Because the Local Budget’s projected goal for the coming 2012-2013 year was not met, your Stewardship Committee has been working on a plan to address this concern. We, as a congregation, depend on each person’s pledge of financial support – whether small or large – to help us plan ahead to insure that our church-wide ministry is sufficiently funded and continues to reflect our faith commitments. You will be hearing more about this plan in the weeks to come.

With prayerful faith, ... your Stewardship Committee

A Stewardship Story

She was delighted to be asked, and said “YES!” without hesitation when the pastor inquired if she would like to write the unison prayer for an upcoming Sunday service. She really enjoyed writing, and writing prayers for worship came easily to her. She packed her bag: Bible, pencil, and notebook, and her mom dropped her off at the church one summer afternoon. She and the pastor had a snack together, and then began talking about the Scripture lesson for the day, and for the theme of the worship. It was about friendship, and they talked about the blessings – and sometimes the burdens – of friendship. The unison prayer was a prayer of confession, and they discussed the meaning of sin, confession, and forgiveness. Both she and the pastor each received a new insight from their time together. She then wrote a prayer, a prayer that was said by the entire congregation during worship. Her gift was given and received, and many were abundantly blessed.

Your financial contributions and pledges to the church enable this ministry and faith formation to continue and flourish at RHCC, UCC!



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| 01 Marge Murk | 15 Gail Walker |
| 02 Michael Fitzgerald | Tony Lupacchino |
| 03 Carolyn Taylor | John Doll |
| Tom Fulda | Ben Bishop |
| Phyllis Wilkey | 17 Neal Jensen |
| Bob Inderbitzen | Phyllis Carlo |
| 04 Liz Pulling | Donna Manocchio |
| John Corvo | 18 Val Calcagni |
| 06 Richard Starr | 19 Lori Benito |
| Bill White | Jared Friday |
| Dorothy Bartley | 22 Gayle McGowan |
| 07 Nicole Chamberland | Nathan Pipke |
| Anne White | 23 Steven Sudell |
| 08 Scott Janes | 24 Michele Jokl |
| Mollie Engel | Christina Peterson |
| 09 Eleanor Maynard | 25 Al Diaz |
| Tom Schreier | Charles Kunzelman |
| Mckayla Stewart | 26 Diane Bengston |
| Joey Aseltine | 27 Ryan Chamberlain |
| 10 Eleanor Mahar | Emily White |
| Lisa Corvo | 28 James Ussery |
| Stephen Cardello | Kirsten Timrud |
| 11 Amy Wiknik | 29 Justin Knight |
| Katherine Flynn | Eric Jokl |
| 12 James Rolfe | 30 Evelyn Danforth |



**Richard and Thelma
Somes**
were married on
September 6, 1947

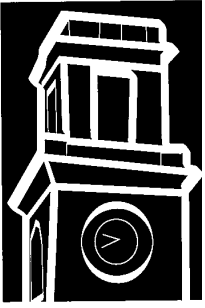
**Gordon and Audrey
Titcomb**
were married on
September 7, 1946

**Jay and Ruth
Jensen**
were married on
September 10, 1971

Dave and Bobbie Hawkins
were married on
September 24, 1960

Bill and Susan White
were married on
September 25, 1965

**Angelo and Kimberly
Rutigliano**
were married on
September 26, 1970



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



CHILD
care
 Provided



2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 Scrip Pick Up	3 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	4 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Board/ Committee Mtgs	5 12:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
9 MARY'S INSTALLATION SERVICE	10 2:00pm The Lodge Svc 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:30pm Bell Choir	11 8:30am Breakfast Club 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Council	12 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Community Event 7:30pm Adult Choir
16 RALLY DAY	17 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	18 9:00am Quilters	19 12:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
23 FUND OUR FAITH STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF Golf Outing	24 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm Bell Choir	25 9:00am Quilters	26 9:00am Community Meeting 12:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir
30 HERITAGE SUNDAY Scrip Deadline 10:00am Baptism			

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

Donna Manocchio, Senior Pastor	202	Mary DeLibero, Minister of Music	207
Meghan Young, Acting Director CE	204	Thomas Munger, Custodian	205
Acting Assoc. Pastor		RHCCNS (Nursery School)	208
Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201		

Look for These Upcoming Announcements in September Bulletins!!

International Guest from Missions
 Golf Outing on September 23 (more information in bulletins)
 CT Conference Annual Meeting – October 19-20
 Country Fair and Roast Beef Dinner – October 27

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
6 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	7	8 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 9:00am Faith Formation Retreat 6:00pm Dinner/Movie
13 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Theology on Tap 8:00pm Men's AA	14	15 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 6:00pm Pasta Dinner Rupert Cong'l Church Fundraiser
20 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Fair Mtg 7:00pm Women of the Bible 8:00pm Men's AA	21	22 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
27 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	28	29 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn

**“SCRIP-SURE”
 Order Schedule**
 Scrip delivery is
 September 2

Scrip deadline is
 September 30

*“See our October
 newsletter for how
 YOU can help the
 church out financially
 without spending a
 dime extra. (Hint: it’s
 all about scrip sales)
 More to come.”*

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

We spent the summer learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, exploring what it means to be family at Koinonia 2012 – an intergenerational Bible study, and being together in fellowship at movies in the park, town concerts, and Rock Cat baseball games. The Youth group came together for a service project at Peter’s Retreat. And volunteers have been hard at work making over the youth room.

After a great summer of learning and fellowship, S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School is back! This September we are beginning the second year of our curriculum, “Come Join The Circle”. Each unit (4-5 weeks), we will explore a Bible story through food, fun and games, community projects, arts, storytelling, music, and more. The theme of our curriculum this year is all about growing in faith as we are formed into disciples. This year we’re very excited to announce that we will also be offering intergenerational learning opportunities for each of our curriculum units. Stay tuned for this fun new faith formation series!

Youth group will start back up in October, but we’re looking forward to many fun outings, creatively worshipping together and continuing the service projects we started this summer, and getting more involved in our community.

Join us for **Rally Day on September 16th**, as we introduce our curriculum for the year, play games, and welcome each other back. *Don’t forget to bring your registration forms.* Then join us for the **first day of Church School on September 23rd**, as we kick off the first unit of the year: “Communities of Peace”.



Join The S.P.I.R.I.T. Circle!

Rally Day 2012

September 16th, 2012

Join us for Rally Day, as we “kick-off” a year of spirit raising worship, faith formation, and S.P.I.R.I.T. programming. **Come join the sacred circle of God’s all-inclusive, never ending love** as

we **discover** and **celebrate** our **faith**. Join us as we begin a new year focusing on discover who we are as disciples.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for August. 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.

COME JOIN THE WORK TEAM TO VERMONT! OCTOBER 12-14, 2012



Church members will be traveling to Vermont to work on several projects at the Rupert Congregational Church, UCC. This is an ongoing project of the Deacons and Board for Missions that began in December of 2011, when the Christmas offering was given to the church to help them recover from the devastating floods.

We will go up to Vermont on Friday, stay over at the home of a church member, work all day Saturday, and join the church for worship on Sunday morning. We are also able to welcome folks just for Saturday if you cannot stay over.

- **What type of projects will we do?**
Painting, landscaping, some more complex repairs.
- **Who can be part of this work team?**
Anyone who has the desire to serve; people of all skill levels are welcome.
- **How much does it cost?**
Because the church is providing housing and most meals, we are happy to say there is no cost to attend the trip. The deacons and missions are also sponsoring a PASTA SUPPER to raise money for the trip. Each person might want to bring a small amount of money for incidentals. Rupert is a very rural area, and there really is not much except the church and farms.
- **What if I have questions? How do I sign up?**
For questions or sign up, contact Judy Graham at 860-992-9443 or judithgraham05@yahoo.com.

Please sign up by September 30 so we can tell the church how many folks to expect. There will be a brief organizing meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00 PM.



The family and friends of

Margaret Stickels who died on June 8
Myrtle Furman who died July 9
Frances Pavlak who died on August 6

Bob Tangarone who died on June 14
Louise Risley who died August 1
Dorothy Gillet who died on August 21.



I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the boards and committees, choirs and congregation at large for a wonderful send-off. As you might have noticed, I was truly overwhelmed by all the good-wishes, and the many thoughtful, funny, touching and oh so generous gifts bestowed on me. My apologies for all the tears but that's just me and there is nothing to be done about it! I promise to visit often and ask that y'all keep me in your

prayers, as y'all shall be in mine. God bless!

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My address is: 3400 Welborn #123, Dallas TX 75219-5206

Home Phone – (214) 377-7497 and Cell Phone – (860) 614-7176



From Joan Tennyson

My sister and I are back from our visit to the Cheyenne River Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota. I thank everyone who contributed to the children's summer camp, especially Missions, who gave \$200 for equipment and sponsorships.

We took a full trunk load of books, crafts, and sports equipment, all of which was gratefully received by the children and camp coordinator, Carol Mann.

We were able to meet with Jay Cook, a tribal council member who talked with us about the need for the young people to expand themselves to go out from the reservation and learn about other people and what opportunities are open to them. As he said, "The children are their future."



We Need Bowlers! All levels welcome!

Our 2012-2013 bowling season will be starting October 1st. We are looking for full time bowlers (friends and family are welcome). If you want to be a part time bowler, we will try to match you up with another part time person. We also need substitute bowlers. There will be a sign-up sheet in

Chapin Hall. Please sign up by Sept. 16th so we can make up teams. *This is great fun – try it, you'll like it!* The league meets on Monday nights, 7:00PM, at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. The price is \$13 for three strings. If you have questions call Tim Dostie at 860-563-5663 or Michele Jokl at 860-798-9342 or email Tim modelworks@sbcglobal.net or Michele mjokl@joklfamily.com

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation means affirmation of faith. It is an acknowledgment by both the individual and the faith community of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The rite of confirmation is celebrated in worship as a community, both in response to and in anticipation of the work of God in the life of a believer.

Confirmation is open to all 9th and 10th graders who are interested in exploring who they are and what their faith means to them. Confirmation is a year of intentional faith formation that takes place through learning, discovering, and discerning within our faith community. At the end of that year, each Confirmand has the opportunity to make the choice to affirm their faith and join the membership of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC. Participation in confirmation means regular attendance in Sunday worship, acolyte responsibilities, participating in the life of the church, organizing a mission project, engaging with mentors, and attending class twice a month.

Confirmation classes will begin this October. If you would like more information about being part of the Confirmation class, please contact Meghan Young at

Meghan@rhccucc.org.



Reverend Steinle's Transition – It is now official. – Reverend Ed Ayala will be Acting Director of the Christian Activities Council through 2013. The Board of Directors, Council Delegate, and the entire staff will be moving forward to ensure the people in need will be ministered to in the utmost professional manner.

Reverend Don Steinle will be honored for his outstanding dedication to empowering the people of need for over 30 years on Friday, October 26, 2012 at the Hartford Hilton Hotel. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit CAC programs. Because of Rocky Hill Congregational Church's devotion to the CAC, I would urge as many members as possible to attend this most worthy honor of Rev. Steinle.

Reverend Damaris Whitaker will be stepping down from the CAC. She has been appointed as the Senior Pastor of Center Church, First Church of Christ in Hartford, effective September 1, 2012. Damaris has been an exemplary employee at the CAC. She was involved in Universal Health Care, Adventure's in the City, and many, many other programs sponsored by the CAC. She will be missed by everyone. I know she will be an outstanding Senior Pastor and advocate for the poor and needy people in Greater Hartford.

Adventures in the City, under the direction of Rev. Ayala and his staff, is still the best summer educational program in the city, after 25 years of existence. The theme this year was "Health Is Life." The children were taught nutritional values, exercise and other health initiatives. The children were also instructed in math, reading and science. New this year were two art camps for children in grades 2-5.

Recently, Rev. Ed Ayala, Rev. Damaris Whittaker and our President-Elect Rev. Mark Diters and I attended the closing ceremonies at the Milner School. The children and youth performed African dances, martial arts, and displayed drawings and science exhibits. It was a pleasure to see the excitement on the faces of the children and their parents. I can assure all of you that our \$3500 contribution to the Adventures in the City program is money well spent and forming a foundation for the future leaders of the Hartford area.

Excellence in Housing Counseling – Our very own, Tori Hamilton was nationally recognized as a leader in homeownership counseling by the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NISHEC) at their five year commemoration event. The NISHEC promotes competency, skills, training, operational knowledge, code of ethics and conduct by housing counselors.

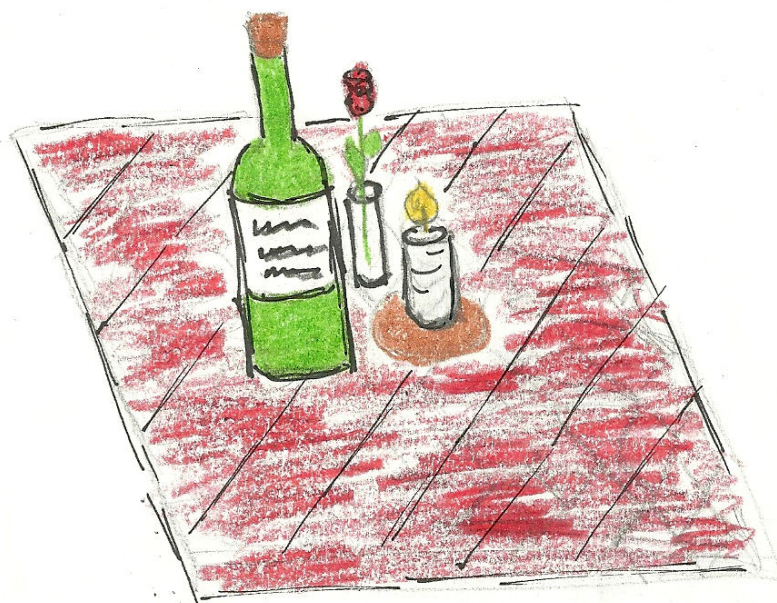
Ms. Hamilton was one of three counselors recognized out of a group of 2000 counselors at the event sponsored by Neighborworks in New Orleans. She has been a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Specialist at Christian Activities Council since 2004.

God Bless,
Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio
Delegate and member of the Board of Directors

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A SPAGHETTI DINNER

SAT SEPT. 15, 2012 6:00pm



HOSTED BY DIACONATE & MISSIONS

TO BENEFIT OUR WORK PROJECT

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH OF RUPERT, UT.

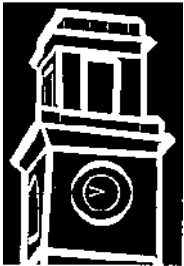
TICKETS - \$10.00 - ADULTS

\$7.00 - CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

\$25.00 - MAX PER FAMILY



The annual golf outing this year will be at Wethersfield Country Club on September 23. Please check your bulletins in the upcoming weeks for information on times and cost. You can contact Tim Dostie at (860) 563-5663 or Bill Hoffman at (860) 563-1367 for more information.



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. 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.—Carol Harvey

The Inreach Committee is looking for Greeters and Hospitality Servers.

If you would like an opportunity to help out on a Sunday morning and do a little socializing at the same time, please volunteer to help the Inreach Committee with greeting and hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet in Chapin Hall for your convenience.

Greeters are asked to arrive around by 9:30 am, prior to service on Sunday morning to welcome church goers as they come in the door.

Folks who volunteer for coffee hour are asked to pour coffee and juice.

Please sign up in Chapin Hall (or approach any Inreach member) and an Inreach member will contact you to confirm your commitment and follow-up with specifics. We appreciate your help and look forward to working with you!

Ruth Jensen, Jackie Little, Nancy Harlow, Nancy Rolfe, Lynn McKenna, Joan Ross, Sue Monaghan, Denise Carberry, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Jennifer Courtemanche, Joan Tennyson

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be back on regular hours on September 3rd.

Hours are:

8:00am – 2:00pm Monday-Thursday and 8:00am 'til noon on Friday



Tax Relief Application Filing Deadline for Elderly/Disabled Renters (Renters Rebate) – The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department announces the deadline for filing tax relief applications for elderly/disabled renters is 9/14/12. This is the renters rebate program. Eligible applicants can receive an annual financial assistance payment from the State of Connecticut. The applicant must be 65 years of age by the end of calendar year 2011 or totally disabled. Applicants must be renters and reside in Rocky Hill.

The 2011 income limit for one person is \$32,300 and \$39,500 for two persons. Proof of all income for 2011 is required. Also, proof of rent and utility payments is required for 2011. Applicants may call Human Services at 860-258-2799 or 258-2724 to make an appointment. Outreach applications to an applicant's residence can be done.



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.

Covenant Village of Cromwell Benefit Event – “It’s a Wonderful World” – Sunday, October 7 at 5pm at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. A social hour with raffle and auctions will be held prior to dinner. Riverboat Ramblers will present a program after dinner of New Orleans-style jazz, swing, island rhythms and classic Broadway tunes. Tickets are \$50 for the fun-filled evening. For tickets or information, call Janet Carlson at Covenant Village (860) 754-3025. Reservation deadline is October 3rd.

Yoga classes offered in Chapin Hall

Yoga Offered by Core Power, LLC – Experience the dynamic flow and challenge of yoga which builds strength, balance and flexibility for an overall fit and healthy body. Classes are for all-levels with options for everyone! This class meets: Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, and Saturday mornings in from 8:30-9:15am. Contact Lynn MacDonald 860-550-4660 to register – Please bring water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

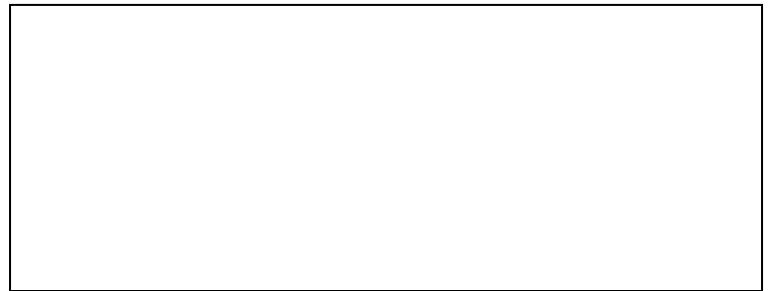
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Come join us for a Special Sunday!
10:00 a.m. Service

Honoring 50+ Year Members
Food, Fun, & Fellowship in Chapin Hall
Guided tours of Church.

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