



## The Church Mouse

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### September 2015 Newsletter

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8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Friday

Sunday Worship Services – 10:00 a.m.

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## **ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** **United Church of Christ**

### **WELCOMES**

### **THE REVEREND CRAIG L. COWING**

as our new Pastor.

Craig will begin with us on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

His first Sunday will be Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>  
when he and his wife, Anita Hawkins,  
will become members of RHCCUCC.

***We joyfully welcome Craig and Anita  
as they move to Rocky Hill  
and become part of our church family!!***



## A THANK-YOU FROM REV. BRENDA

Dear RHCC Friends,

I want to thank you all for the warmth and generosity with which you “sent me off” on my last Sunday with you in July. The beautiful stole brought back from the UCC General Synod, the gift for the purchase of a new pulpit robe, and the church plate are all very much appreciated....remembrances of RHCC that will mean a lot to me for many years to come. I thank you also for the additional cards, notes and gifts from so many of you, and all the other special touches that made that last Sunday a meaningful and memorable one.

I have learned over many years of ministry that it is not necessarily longevity that makes for significant connections: they can be made in short periods of time, too. Interim pastors are blessed to be in ministry with many congregations, and each experience, though brief, holds gifts, blessings, challenges and discoveries to be valued. I am grateful for the good things that our two years together put into my path, and am hopeful that the ministry we shared during that period has helped to prepare the congregation in a good way for the next chapter. I will continue to hold you in my prayers as part of my extended community of faith, wishing you the fullness of God’s blessings always. And of course I will look forward to hearing news of life at RHCC in the coming months!

Faithfully,

Brenda

*"Working for an inclusive community of love and justice doesn't mean throwing all of us with our various beliefs into a big blender so that our believing and belonging become homogenized. It means being able to celebrate difference and argue for our point of view without wanting to imprison or kill those who differ from us."*

Alan Jones, Reimagining Christianity.

## FROM THE TREASURER:

### How to Request an Expense Reimbursement

Each year, a number of you spend your own money on church related items – typically related to board or committee work - and then seek reimbursement. That's fine, as it's often the most expedient way to get things done. If you need to be reimbursed for a church expense, here's my preferred list of ways to go about it:

**Preferred approach:** Send an email to [treasurer@rhccucc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhccucc.org), and if applicable, copy your board or committee chairperson – just to keep him or her in the loop. In your email, include the amount, the payee name, and the mailing address. Typically, the amounts in these requests are modest, and if so, I really don't need a copy of your receipt. If you want to include a scanned receipt, though, that's fine. Or you can follow up by leaving a receipt in my church office mailbox. But usually, I won't need it. And if I do want it, I can always ask.

**Second choice:** Leave a written note in my church office mailbox. (If you can't get into the church office, you can leave an envelope marked to Dave Hall in the wall box just to the right of the office door.) Again, please indicate who the payment should go to, and provide a mailing address.

**Least preferred option:** Hand your request to me when you see me. But be warned, *I'll probably look annoyed if you do this* – as this is the best way to have your request lost or misplaced. Your request may go through the laundry, or get lost in the clutter on the top of my dresser at home. Regardless, if you insist on doing this, please be sure to indicate who I should pay, and provide a mailing address. Every now and then I'll find a receipt in my pocket that leaves me puzzled about who gave it to me, or what I'm supposed to do with it. You should assume that I'll forget anything you say to me when you hand it to me – because I probably will.

Regardless of how you request it, a reimbursement check is typically sent directly from Webster Bank, so if you are expecting a reimbursement and you get an envelope from Webster Bank, please don't assume it's junk mail and discard it unopened. (It's happened more than once!).

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Dave Hall, Treasurer



## **MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

We are planning our 2015-2016 men's Christian fellowship study group sessions (aka men's bible study). We need input from the men of RHCC to see if it is still feasible to continue our study group. If you are interested, would you consider the following and contact Jim Stevens, at church, or phone, 860-632-5810 or email [js8961@me.com](mailto:js8961@me.com).

- 1) Meet twice a month, Saturday morning or any other evenings?
- 2) Meet with interested men to discuss sessions format?
- 3) Attend a quarterly fellowship dinner or breakfast?  
with a guest speaker ?

We would like to start our study sessions in October if possible. Please respond asap.

Thanks be to God!

## **WIDENING THE WELCOME**



Are you interested in helping our churches to be more inclusive for those who have some kind of disability; whether it be physical, developmental, or emotional? An exciting nation wide conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ dealing with "Widening the Welcome" will be held in Hartford, Sept. 24-26. For more information and registration search for "Widening the Welcome" on your computer or call Jim Silver at 860 632-7279.



### **Smoke Detectors:**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I met with Captain Helene Lynch, Special Services Unit of the Hartford Fire Department, and Becky Johnson, Senior Director, Emergency Services of the American Red Cross. It was decided to concentrate on the Clay-Arsenal area and a smaller portion of the upper Albany district to install smoke detectors in homes and apartments. The residents also will be educated on other fire prevention and life safety tips. This event will be held on September 11 to coincide with the anniversary of September 11, 2001.

### **Adventures in the City:**

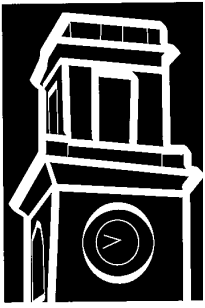
Because we decided to change our focus, the number of children we served at the Milner School on Vine Street was seventy five. Some of the subjects that the children participated in were story letters, introduction to karate, arts, African arts, nutrition and mad science. The children went on a field trip to Auerfarm in Bloomfield and were actively involved in the National Night Out Program.

### **Emergency Action:**

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> there was a two alarm fire across the street from the Christian Activities Council office on Vine Street. Thankfully, no one was injured but many lost their possessions and were displaced. The American Red Cross in the city of Hartford provided short term assistance of shelter and fast food. Fortunately, our Executive Director, Cori Mackey, and staff took control of the situation and followed up with the city of Hartford to give proper aid to those families. Cori Mackey attended a city council meeting to convey her concerns about providing long term assistance for those in need.

Prayerfully,

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio  
Delegate



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



**CHILD**  
**care**  
 Provided

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1  7:00pm Hearing Voices	2  5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline 6:00pm Kaplan 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> @Mary's
<b>6</b> 10:00am <b>Worship</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Communion</b>  4:00pm Tamil Sangam	<b>7</b> Labor Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  7:00pm Women's AA	<b>8</b>  7:00pm <b>Boards/Committees</b> 7:00pm Hearing Voices	<b>9</b> 9:00am <b>Breakfast Club</b>  5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline 6:00pm Kaplan 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00am <b>Worship</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> <b>New members join</b>  4:00pm Tamil Sangam	<b>14</b>  7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm <b>Bell Choir</b>	<b>15</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  11:00am Retired Clergy 7:00pm <b>Council</b> 7:00pm Hearing Voices	<b>16</b>  5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline 6:00pm Kaplan 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00am <b>Worship</b>  4:00pm Tamil Sangam	<b>21</b>  7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm <b>Bell Choir</b>	<b>22</b>  6:00pm Community Mtg 7:00pm Hearing Voices	<b>23</b>  5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00am <b>Worship</b> 12:30pm Golf Outing  4:00pm Tamil Sangam	<b>28</b> <b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>  7:00pm Women's AA 7:30pm <b>Bell Choir</b>	<b>29</b>  7:00pm Hearing Voices	<b>30</b>  5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline 6:00pm Kaplan 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>




Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**DON'T FORGET THE ROCKY HILL FOOD BANK**  
 Food insecurity does not take a vacation in the summer months.



# 2015



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b>  7:30pm Men's AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Yoga W/Lynn
<b>10</b>  7:30pm Men's AA	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 9:00am Yoga W/Lynn
<b>17</b>  7:30pm Men's AA	<b>18</b> 9:00am CT Conference Training	<b>19</b> 9:00am Yoga W/Lynn 9:00am CT Conference Training 10:00am Kaplan
<b>24</b>  7:30pm Men's AA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00am Yoga W/Lynn 10:00am Kaplan

## TWO WAYS TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES

### 1. Light the Tower

1. For a \$10.00 donation the names of your loved ones will be noted in the bulletin. The tower will be lit in their honor or memory for one week.

### 2. Dedicate Sunday

#### Alter Flowers

You may bring flowers (purchased or self arranged) or you may order from a florist.

Call Kathy Mosure 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287 so that delivery can be assured. You may leave the flowers after service for shut ins or you may take them with you.

**SIGN UP IN Chapin Hall**

## BREAKFAST CLUB NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

Join us at Bob's Café every **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month at **9:00am.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01 Marge Murk  
02 Michael Fitzgerald  
03 Carolyn Taylor  
Tom Fulda  
Phyllis Wilkey  
Bob Inderbitzen  
04 Liz Pulling  
John Corvo  
06 Richard Starr  
Dorothy Bartley  
08 Mollie Engel  
09 Tom Schreier  
10 Eleanor Mahar  
Lisa Corvo  
11 Katherine Flynn



12 James Rolfe  
15 Gail Walker  
Ilona Laporte  
John Doll  
17 Phyllis Carlo  
19 Lori Benito  
22 Gayle McGowan  
23 Steven Sudell  
24 Michele Jokl  
Christina Peterson  
25 Al Diaz  
26 Diane Bengston  
27 Ellie Maher  
28 James Ussery  
29 Eric Jokl  
30 Evelyn Danforth



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



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

**Dave and Bobbie Hawkins**  
were married on  
**September 24, 1960**



# 2015 COUNTRY FAIR

It takes all of us to have a successful fair and dinner!



**OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**



**9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

It takes all of us to have a successful fair and dinner.

**Do you want to help out in a booth? Can you donate to a booth?**

**Farmers Market & Bake Shoppe** – Ruth Jensen - Looking for small empty jars or a few filled with jelly or jam. Baked goods.

**Sew Country** – Nancy Rolfe - looking for material, yarn, crochet kits, etc.

**Snack Shack** – Jeanne Goff & family- Looking for hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, soda, water, chips

**Candy Shoppe** – Candy Smith – Looking for fudge of various flavors

**Mainly Media** – Elaine Somes – videos, cds & cd & dvd players in good condition



**Watch your Sunday Bulletins for more to come...**

We are putting a **suggestion box** in Chapin Hall all summer. If you have an idea for a booth or want to suggest something you want to see, let us know. You can remain anonymous!



Remember and Pass It On



**COUNTRY FAIR DINNER & QUILT RAFFLE  
NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

**LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PIE MAKING AND SIGN UP**

**THANKS FROM YOUR FAIR COMMITTEE**



## SCRIP-SURE: Quarterly Update

For the first three months of the fiscal year (May-July), scrip sales of \$67,000 produced a church profit of just over \$4,600. That works out to a 17% increase over the same period in the prior year!

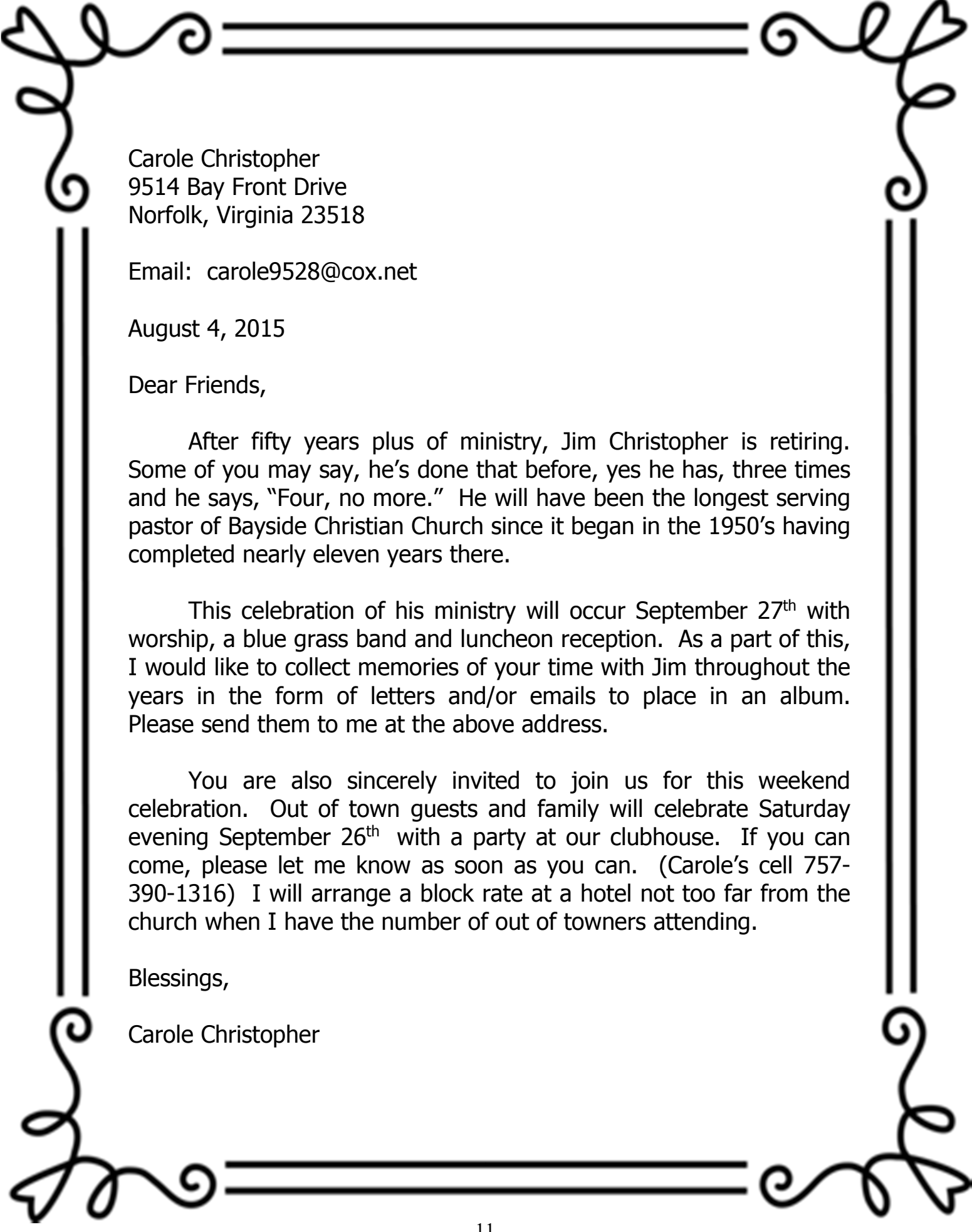
Scrip continues to be sold every Sunday in Chapin Hall following the morning worship service. Our typical inventory includes cards from about 35 retailers, so there is always a variety to choose from. Cards not in inventory can be ordered at the end of each month, with delivery on the following Sunday. The next ordering deadlines are August 30 (delivery Sept 6) and September 27 (delivery Oct 4). Orders can be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall, or emailed to [treasurer@rhccucc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhccucc.org).

See the church web site and/or the weekly bulletin for more information on our Scrip-Sure program and the variety of retailers offered. Thanks to all for your continued support of this vital fundraising program.

Dave Hall, Treasurer



"The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering of the UCC supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. It is collected on the first Sunday in October. This year it will be collected on Sunday October 4, 2015."



Carole Christopher  
9514 Bay Front Drive  
Norfolk, Virginia 23518

Email: [carole9528@cox.net](mailto:carole9528@cox.net)

August 4, 2015

Dear Friends,

After fifty years plus of ministry, Jim Christopher is retiring. Some of you may say, he's done that before, yes he has, three times and he says, "Four, no more." He will have been the longest serving pastor of Bayside Christian Church since it began in the 1950's having completed nearly eleven years there.

This celebration of his ministry will occur September 27<sup>th</sup> with worship, a blue grass band and luncheon reception. As a part of this, I would like to collect memories of your time with Jim throughout the years in the form of letters and/or emails to place in an album. Please send them to me at the above address.

You are also sincerely invited to join us for this weekend celebration. Out of town guests and family will celebrate Saturday evening September 26<sup>th</sup> with a party at our clubhouse. If you can come, please let me know as soon as you can. (Carole's cell 757-390-1316) I will arrange a block rate at a hotel not too far from the church when I have the number of out of towners attending.

Blessings,

Carole Christopher

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**Telephone # 860 529-4167**

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**Mailed August 25, 2015**



Jesus didn't turn people away. Neither do we.

The United Church of Christ:

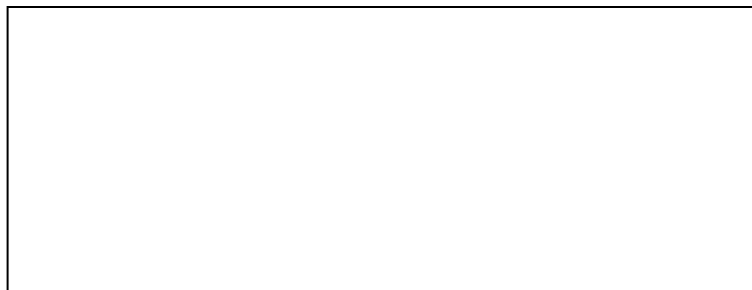
No matter who you are,

Or where you are on life's journey...

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## **RHCC Golf Tournament -- Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2015 at the Wethersfield Country Club. We are planning for up to (8) foursomes and tee times will start about noon. Details of cost and tournament format will be available shortly.

A sign-up sheet will be available in Chapin Hall in September, or you can contact Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot. Don't miss out on this fun event!

