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Join us for Potluck Dinner and a Movie Saturday, July 10 & August 14 at 6:30pm in Chapin Hall Feature Film in July: "The Men Who Stare At Goats"

In this comedic look at real events that are almost too bizarre to believe, reporter Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor) discovers an experimental top-secret wing of the U. S. military called The New Earth Army, trained to change the ways wars are fought through New Age psychic powers. In search of his next big story, Wilton tracks down Lyn Cassidy (George Clooney), a shadowy figure who claims to be a member of this legion of "Warrior Monks" with unparalleled psychic powers who can read the enemy's thoughts, pass through walls and even kill a goat simply by staring at it. Marshall Fine of *the Huffington Post* says this wild comedy is a delicious and funny trip through the powers of the mind and the powers of suggestion.

Feature Film in August: "Evening"

An all-star cast of some of the greatest actresses of our time - including Vanessa Redgrave, Meryl Streep, Toni Collette, Claire Danes, Natasha Richardson and Glenn Close- come together in this passionate and heartwarming story. As Ann (Redgrave) reflects on one beautiful and life-changing weekend with the one true love of her life, her daughters (Collette and Richardson) come to their own understanding about the power of the past and the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters, family and the loves of their lives.



*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven...”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

A Message From
Pastor Barbara As we enter the summer season Ecclesiastes reminds us that there are seasons for everything...

We know that many of you will take portions of this summer season to rest, to recreate, to vacation, to “veg out”, and to change the pace of your life for awhile... Each of your pastors will also take some vacation time, so we do understand! Of course we hope that worship somewhere will continue to be part of your summer activity. Try out some other worship opportunities in the communities where you vacation this summer and come back and share them with us. Discover and experience what other communities of faith “do” in their setting... If you are around of course we hope to see you here on Sundays. The root word of “liturgy” means “the work of the people.” We can’t “do worship” without you all! Good worship is that special work that we all share together.

Come as you are – no need to dress up for summer Sundays! Bring your children and your guests along with you and share this experience together! Your pastors will offer a Message for All Ages each Sunday and special Children’s Programming – called Summer Fun for Children – will be offered on the following Sundays: July 18, July 25, August 8 & August 22. (Look for more details.) Childcare for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) is available each week in the Nursery.

After more than 15 months among you as your interim I am aware that the Search Committee has made considerable progress and will continue moving ahead in their process over the summer months. I am excited for the Search Committee as they prepare to consider candidates for the position of Senior Pastor here at Rocky Hill Congregational Church. We look forward to hearing from them and will continue to hold them in our prayers as they move through their discernment process. With God’s help everything appears to be moving in the right direction. I trust that God will direct the right person here to this church in His good time.

May you have a blessed summer and may there be time for all you care about!

Yours in Faith,
Interim Pastor Barbara J. Libby

Pastor Barbara Weekly Bible Study and Book Study will resume in the fall. More to come in the September newsletter.



“A Royal Invitation: Kings and Queens in the Hebrew Bible”

Barbara and Donna will preach a series during the month of July focusing on the rich history and powerful personalities of royalty. Through their stories – including both high and low moments – we are invited to deeper reflection, renewal, and faith.

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| July 4 | Fourteenth in Ordinary Time / Communion Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 30 and other passages Pastor Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “King David: The Lord’s Anointed” |
| July 11 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Esther 4:9-17 Pastor Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “Queen Esther: “For Such a Time as This” In Chapin Hall |
| July 18 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Judges 4 and 5 (selected verses) Pastor Barbara J. Libby
Sermon: “Queen Deborah: A Judge and a Leader” |
| July 25 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: 1 Kings 3:3-14 Pastor Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: King Solomon: “A Wise and Discerning Heart” |
| August 1 | Fourteenth in Ordinary Time / Communion Sunday
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 Meghan Young, CE Director
Sermon: “Whose Will They Be?” |
| August 8 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Pastor Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “Heroes of Hope” |
| August 15 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Pastor Donna K. Manocchio
Sermon: “The Face of Jesus” In Chapin Hall |
| August 22 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Pastor Barbara J. Libby
Sermon: “What Do We See?” |
| August 29 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13 Pastor Barbara J. Libby
Hebrews 13:1-16
Sermon: “Turning and Returning” In Chapin Hall |

“To everything there is a season”



...and so we saunter into summer and all that God's beauty and bounty bring to our lives; fields of corn and wheat as nourishment, vitamin-rich, native vegetables and lily varieties that continue to proclaim Christ's Spirit lives among us. The rain provides water for farmers to irrigate entire fields for others of us to sustain a flower pot on our front stoop. Occasionally, the heat becomes oppressive but in a day or two the breezes blow in and we are revived.

Many credit their love of our New England region with the ever changing seasons. Yet we sometimes resist change – inevitable as it in our lives.

We know of changes in the coming church year, some we anticipate with excitement many make us uncomfortable and we may question. Let us keep our hearts open to the growth of our church community and help the roots take hold of the nourishment God's love brings us.

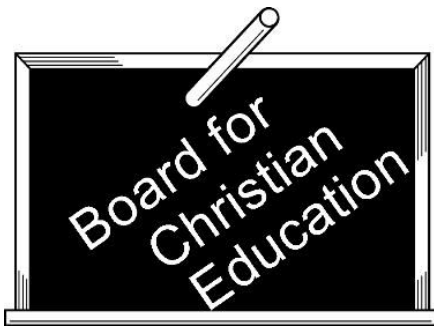


LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

The RHCC Senior Pastor Search Committee has been extremely busy. On May 23rd we shared our Church Profile with the congregation in a second hour event after church. On June 3rd we shared the Church Profile with the Church Council where they gave their feedback to the Search Committee and we have reflected on those suggestions. We have also set up a sub-committee to develop the compensation package for our Senior Pastor.

Additionally, our Church Profile was sent to The Rev. Ineke Mitchell, Regional Conference Minister for North Central Region, United Church of Christ, for her review and signature. The Profile will be completed by the end of June and your Search Committee has unanimously agreed to work throughout the summer to look for our new Senior Pastor.

Please continue to put your suggestions in our suggestion box that is located in the Narthex and help us to become the Church that you would like us to be!



1. Welcome Back

The Board for Christian Education is happy to announce that Meghan Young has agreed to return for a second year as our Acting Director of Christian Education. Thank you to her for a great first year!

2. Summer Fun for Children Theme – The Spirit of the Seas

Join us for 4 Sundays this summer to explore bible stories that make us think of *The Spirit of the Seas*.

July 18-Noah's Ark-Part 1

July 25-Noah's Ark-Part 2

Aug. 8-Jonah and the Whale

Aug. 22-Moses and the Parting of the Seas

Bible stories and activities, crafts and snacks will be provided. The program is designed for children K-3. All children are welcome. Most days Summer Fun will meet Chapin Hall.

- If you or your older child is willing to help please call Liz Pulling at 860-632-7673.
- Baby and toddler childcare will still be available each Sunday this summer!

Other Important Dates for Children:

- **July 11-Southern Gospel Music will be presented during Worship for the whole family.**
- **August 1-Meghan Young will be preaching.**
- **September 19-Rally Sunday-The official start to our Sunday School year.**

3. Teacher Recruitment

Teachers are needed for the 2010-2011 Sunday School year. If you are interested in working with a dedicated group of adults and older youths and have 1 or more weekend(s) a month to nourish the spiritual life of our church's children, please call Nancy Wilcock at 860-563-9865 to volunteer. Thanks in advance for considering assisting the church in this way.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

From the Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Message ... As we reflect on recent Stewardship and other church activities, we thought this message was appropriate for us all.

Sabbath Time

"I lift up my eyes to the hills..."—Psalm 121

When you read this message, I hope to be having some Sabbath and renewal time in the mountains of New Hampshire. I know that my help does not come from pine-covered hills, but from the God who made heaven and earth. Still it helps to get away even for just a week to a place of beauty and rest. I hope you have the chance to go somewhere you find restful, even if it is your own backyard. Perhaps the most violated of the Ten Commandments is the one about taking Sabbath time; God tried to establish a society where one of the basic rules was that no created being, not even a servant, should work all the time. We need to take time simply to, as an old Confession puts it, remember that our "chief end" is to praise and enjoy God.

In your Sabbath, whether a day off or a vacation, give of your mental capital, your spiritual energy, to listen for God this summer. Time for reflection, for wonder, for honest questions, for waiting on the Spirit all are gifts to ourselves, to God, and ultimately to our faith communities. This kind of time makes us whole, so that we can work with God to bring wholeness to the world. Give God time this summer. Oh, and don't forget to send in your pledge, too!

Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.

God is still speaking,



From the



In an attempt to save paper and postage, starting on 7/1/2010, I will be switching from paper communications to e-mail communications for anyone that has provided the church office their e-mail address. If you would prefer to continue to receive mail through the USPS from me, please let me know. You can call me (860-257-1099) or e-mail me at finsec@gmail.com. Thanks so much and enjoy your summer.

Deb Copes



Helping our Neighbors

In June, our church youth crafted a beautiful Children's Sunday service focused on our global village, and what that village looks like in relation to food, shelter, clean water, and security.

Board of Missions There were some surprising statistics about the need that is out there, and the kids delivered them with a real sense of understanding. They asked us to "Look at our neighbor." I was impressed with their connection to the story they were telling, and what it means for them, the owners of our future village. I was also impressed to hear that they had been taking up a collection for the entire school year, and planned to give that money to Rocky Hill Human Services and to Gulf Coast Relief. A beautiful example of faith in action!!

As Christians, one of the most important elements of our faith is the call to love and serve our neighbors. Your Board for Missions is always looking for ways to do this in our community and abroad, in both financial and physical ways, so that church members can help out our neighbors when they can, and how they can.

A Day of Service

On **Saturday, October 16**, we will partner with **Hands On Hartford** for a **Day of Service**. This is an opportunity for our church members to participate in a church-wide, hands-on, day-long event that will include many ways to help our local neighbors. Projects could include building projects, assembling care packages, cooking and cleaning, painting, and many other things. Some activities will take 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 with a list of activities that will be available to us. Sign your name under the activity you would like to participate in. It's that simple!! And it will make a difference!

We will also be responsible for our own meals for the day. We will need breakfast in Chapin Hall that morning, and some boxed lunches to go out with volunteers. 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.

Back to School

Some kids in our local area are going back to school in September to a school they already know, to see friends they have known forever. Some kids are going to a new school and meeting new friends, due to relocation because of foster care placement. Some of these kids need school supplies. Please help out by bringing in items for our backpack drive. More information is available in this church mouse, or by contacting Meghan Kelly.

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

Where did your money go in June?

Cromwell Children's Home	\$ 250
Rocky Hill Youth Program (Project Graduation)	\$ 500
Hartford Seminary 250 Club	\$ 250

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



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.



Caring for Kids Clothing and Backpack Drive!

Summer is here and before we know it a new school year will be fast approaching! With this in mind, the church is sponsoring a clothing and backpack drive! Clothing donations will benefit the Loaves and Fishes Organization in Hartford (<http://loavesfishesministries.org/>), who are in great need of children's clothing – they currently have NONE for their clients! The backpacks will go to our Covenant to Care Families to help the children start off the new school year on a positive note and help them want to stay in school. Any children's clothing, infant to size 12 in new or gently used and in good condition is appreciated (please no adult clothing at this time). The backpack items can be any new school supplies such as backpacks, books, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, scissors, rulers, and whatever else you can think of! You may drop off items to the church and put them into the small office next to the Senior Minister's office. You may also wait and bring your items to worship on **Sunday August 15th**, when we will dedicate our contributions. If you have any questions or would like more details, please contact Meghan Kelly at 203-640-2386 or me.kelly@snet.net (for backpacks) or Gail Tine at gtine@cox.net (for children's clothing). Enjoy this wonderful summer season with your friends and families!

A Story from Global Ministries

July 2010: Tenacious Hope

Written by Jeffrey Mensendiek

"I will not let you go until you bless me." (Gen. 32:26)

Every Wednesday at noon, Mrs. E is there. She sits in front of the Japanese embassy in Seoul, Korea with her friends to ask the Japanese government to apologize for its past treatment of Korean women as sex slaves during the Asia Pacific War. Mrs. E is elderly, as are her friends. Many of the so-called "comfort women" have passed away. Mrs. E hopes that justice will be done before she meets her grave. She is surrounded by a crowd of civilians who support her struggle. Over the loud speaker a statement is read, a song is sung, a prayer is given. The window blinds of the Japanese embassy are shut. Stone faced guards and secret police make sure there is no outright confrontation. This peaceful sit-in has continued for seventeen years.

In December 2009, religious leaders from around the world, gathered for the Second Conference on Article Nine and Peace in Asia. There were various Buddhist, Christian and Muslim denominations represented. There was great meaning when we gathered in Seoul, because we were all made aware of the realities of the Cold War which still divide the Korean peninsula. East Asia has not been able to move beyond the dualisms of the Cold War era. What we witnessed was a wall; a remnant from the Cold War. The wall is invisible, but no less as real as the wall being built in Israel.

Part of our program was to join the sit-in, and pray alongside these women who were victimized by war. We were all moved by the experience. I was reminded of the story of Jacob who wrestled all night with the angel of God. Jacob refused to let the angel go until he received a blessing. Mrs. E is one of those Jacobs of our time. I see in her a faith that refuses to let go, trusting that God is a God of love and blessing for all.

Let us pray for the tenacity of Mrs. E and others that their belief in the possibility of justice becomes our call for the enactment of justice.

Jeffrey Mensendiek serves as a Global Ministries missionary with the Council on Cooperative Mission, and as director of the Gakusei (Student) Center in Sendai Japan.

Parish Care Opportunities

In 2008, a parish care group was organized to help respond to needs made known to the ministers and Board of Deacons. These individuals help visit homebound or sick friends, provide rides to Sunday worship and church events, cook and share meals, and make neighborly visits and phone calls.

Are you willing and able to help? Or do you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit, phone call, ride, or meal? Please fill out the form below and leave it in the Board of Deacons mailbox in the Church Office. Or, contact...

Deb Copes, 860-257-1099, email deb.copes@gmail.com

Bob Inderbitzen, 860-257-1294, email bobmike@cox.net

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Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Interest (Circle)

☐ Visitation (homebound, sick)

☐ Transportation

☐ Neighborly Visits

☐ Provide a Meal(s)

☐ Phone Calls

Availability:

Mon _____ Tues _____ Wed _____ Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun _____

Hours: _____

Could you or someone you know use any of these services? (All names kept confidential)

	Visit	Transportation	Neighborly Visit
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Have you remembered
Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ
in your estate planning?
There are many ways that your gifts can assure a bright future
for our church!
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July Birthdays

1	Russell Sheathelm	Anne Vazquez
3	Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio	Maley Hunt
	Maxwell Rowe	18 Barbara Graves
4	Nita Madden-Estra	Kari Funk
	Anthony Marcucci	19 Amy Cooke
5	Frank Vann	Lynn McKenna
	Del Buswell	
	Janice Rousseau	20 Trevor Charamut
	Tom Reed-Swale	21 Francis DiRenzo, Jr.
7	Rusty Miller-Rich	23 Mark Gengenbach
	Barbara Moore	24 Jean Palmer
	Ray Gagnon	Janet Hansen
	Brian Geddes	26 Audrey Titcomb
	Patience Coleman	Bill Pirre, Jr.
8	Glen Schultz	27 Albert Griswold, III
	Amy MacNeil	Merri-Lynn Moore
	Tom Rolfe	C J Mason
9	Nancy Wilcock	28 Christopher Yorgensen
10	Ruth Jensen	Jeremy Ross
	Sean Mullins	30 Mark Biglow
12	Paul Laporte	Chris Palazzolo
	Scott Benson	Jaclyn Elliot
15	Dave Sageman	Sarah McGowan
	Heather Lizotte	31 Nanci Harvey
	Eddie Wine	Laurie Tuohey
	Scott DiMartino	Eric Jensen
	Emily DiMartino	Douglas Graham
16	Doug Robbins	
	Jocelyn Harvey	



Arthur and Alice Weil
were married on
July 8, 1944

Arthur and Marge
Murk
were married on
July 20, 1963



We are Mary and Gardner Cahoon and we were members of The Rocky Hill Congregational Church for 30 years beginning in 1952. I have attained the age of 89 and Mary will be 86 in September. Mary served on the Board of Deaconess and I served as Treasurer for about 4 years in the 1960's. (I took over from Irv Millen and

was replaced by Milton Moore.) Perhaps there are still some members who will remember us. Our current address is:

50 SW Creekside Lane Apt U
Chehalis, WA 98532.

Our email address is: gamaca@comcast.net.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.



July 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4 10:00am Worship Scrip Order Pickup	5 Office Closed 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	6	7 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Yoga with Pam
11 10:00am Worship in Chapin Hall	12 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA	13 Rock Cat Deadline for Tickets	14 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Yoga with Pam
18 10:00am Worship and Summer Fun	19 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	20 8:30am Breakfast Club	21 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Yoga with Pam 7:00pm Theology on Tap
25 10:00am Worship and Summer Fun	26 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	27 10:30am Genesis Service	28 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Yoga with Pam



AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 10:00am Worship Scrip Order Deadline	2 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	3	4 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga with Pam
8 10:00am Summer Fun Scrip Order Pickup	9 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg 7:00pm Women's AA	10	11 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga with Pam
15 10:00am Worship Backpack Dedication	16 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	17	18 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga with Pam
22 10:00am Summer Fun	23 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm RHCCNS Orient 7:00pm Women's AA	24	25 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Yoga with Pam
29 10:00am Worship in Chapin Hall 1:35pm Rock Cats	30 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	31	

STAY IN THE LOOP!

During the summer months when you can't make it to church why don't you:



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You can:

Read Sermons
Look at pictures
Read Newsletters,
Listen to Music,
Read Worship
Bulletins,
and much, much
more!



That Rocky Hill
Congregational
church is on



Sign up and you too
will be notified of
various events and
sent pictures when
they get taken and
generally be
"in the know!"

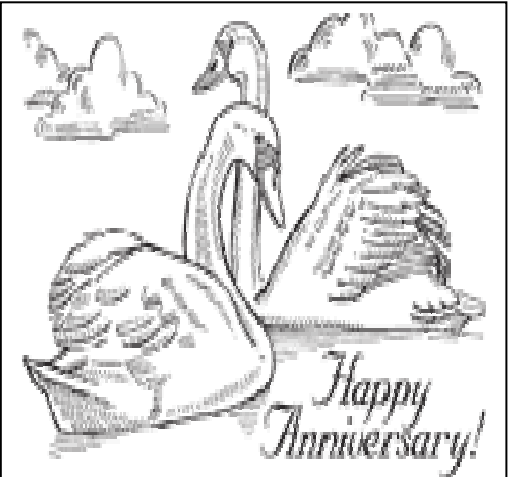
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29 9:30am Yoga w/Lynn 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm Bad Girls of Bible 8:00pm Men's AA	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn

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August Birthdays

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| 1 Jeannette Doane | 17 Joyce Toft |
| 2 Lynne Lataille | Denise Carberry |
| Kathy Mosure | Brandon Knight |
| Taylor Ryan | Molly Morgan |
| 3 Jennifer Kelley | 18 Thelma Backe |
| Robert Durgin | 19 Bill Bartley |
| 4 Ryan Pipke | 20 Wayne Pierson |
| 7 Linda Tokarski | Laura Pawlich |
| Noah Dion | 23 Emily McKenna |
| 8 Betty Mooney | 24 David Edwards |
| David Peisach | Thompson Hunt |
| 10 Kelly Moore | 25 Lee Shippy |
| 11 Julia Pickett | 26 Earl King Jr. |
| 12 Deb copes | Michael Bower |
| Kimberly Robbins | 27 Cynthia Lupacchino |
| 13 Jean Holmes | Michael Scribano |
| Stephanie Heneghan | Vanessa Sue Bighinatti |
| Kim Walker | 28 Charles Vassilopoulos |
| Gary King | Paul Tine Jr. |
| Taylor McLean | 29 Larry Gilbert |
| 14 Jim Stevens | Shannon Madsen |
| Carol Baran | 31 Lily Hill |
| Rhody Triblets | Barry Wilcock |
| 15 Tia Sheathelm | Kathryn Knight |
| 16 Val Scribano | Doug Elliot |
| Jacob Madsen | Sydney Scheirey |



**David and Nancy
Edwards**
were married on
August 21, 1955

Dick and Sue Starr
were married on
August 31, 1957

Congratulations!

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Will Kanute, Director of Music

“THE BREAKFAST CLUB”

With Associate Pastor Donna

Tuesday, July 20th

8:30 AM - Tim Horton's, Rocky Hill

Come join other church members for breakfast - or just coffee - and conversation about life, church, and the way of faith. Please note the change of location! Call the office or email me (associate@rhccucc.org) if you'd like to join us - or come to Tim Horton's on the 20th!

GOD IS....

listening

everywhere

awesome

unexpected

all things

always working

the good in everyone

These are some of the responses given at the first gathering of “**THEOLOGY ON TAP**” on June 16th. Ten of us gathered at the Wood-N-Tap and shared our experiences and our questions about God. We have more we want to talk about - and hope others will join us! Contact Donna (associate@rhccucc.org or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions or want to join us in July and August. Bring a friend and see you at the Tap!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, July 21

Wednesday, August 25

Wood-N-Tap, Town Line Road, Rocky Hill

7:00 PM

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Thursday, July 29

7:00 PM - Fiorilli Room

A Women's Bible Study focusing on the stories of women in the Scripture. In July, we'll focus on **LOT'S WIFE**, whose narrative is found in Genesis 19:1-26. Copies of the text are available outside the church office.

FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE

RHCC Country Fair, Saturday, October 30th, 2010

Your Fair Committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's fair, with your support we hope to have as great a success as last year! We are asking the congregation for help with the following:

*Tag Sale Booth Chairperson needed

*Country Store Chairperson needed

*Arts & Antiques Booth is looking for furniture donations – Hilaire Leavitt **MUST** know in advance what you wish to donate. The booth has had great luck with furniture. Please contact her at (860) 529-3814

*Holiday House Booth is looking for **white** skates and wooden sleds. Contact Lynn McKenna.

*It's also never too early to start checking your attics and closets for jewelry, and tag sale items,

Please contact a committee member, as soon as possible, if you wish to participate in this year's fair.

Jim Stevens, co-chair
Phyllis Wilkey, co-chair
Bob Simmons

Elaine Somes
Annie Hokans-Doll
Mary Dean

Candy Smith
Marsha Hoffman, consultant

Did you take the survey?

We hope to soon complete and report on the survey that we presented at the Annual Meeting on June 6th with regard to whether or not the congregation wants the Council to discuss the possibility of being able to serve alcohol in Chapin Hall. This issue was raised by several and the Council decided to conduct a survey as to whether or not we should even take the next step of discussing and assessing and getting more input on this issue. More later on the results of the survey. If you have not yet participated, please get a form from the church office and return it to the office by July 15th.



On behalf of Inreach and the Council, we'd like to issue a huge **"thanks"** to everyone who donated books, baked goodies, sorted, sold, set-up, cleaned up, purchased or otherwise assisted at our combined Book Sale/Bake Sale fundraiser. We cleared close to \$1800 from our June 12th event. We couldn't have done it without all the joyful and extravagant generosity of time, talent and treasure from all who participated in this fundraiser.

From the Moderator:

During a break at a recent business meeting in Vermont, I was privy to a conversation during which a historic preservationist announced that she was spending the next two days at a retreat on "church redundancy". I found this very interesting and asked a few questions. Apparently church redundancy is a big issue, as smaller churches combine to try to stay alive and extra church buildings—many of which are historic structures—are either left to crumble or are put on the market. One church was trying to sell its valuable stained glass window to try to get funds they desperately needed for building repairs. At least one denomination has an active church redundancy ministry to cope with this situation and with declining congregations.

This whole conversation gave me a wonderful "view from the outside" on our own church family. Sometimes we tend to see ourselves only in terms of "what used to be" or in terms of our current worries or needs. But when we are given an opportunity to take a broader look, we see that our "localized" view of ourselves can be skewed by our own limited vision. When we step back, we can see that we have an active and energetic church family, engaged in many different activities. We have a wonderful group of young families and talented children and youth who are establishing a growing connection with their church family. We may not always be adapting as fast as we'd like, but we are actively trying to embrace the conditions of a changing world. We have one of the largest churches in the region, and one which is recognized as a generous church in terms of our missions giving. We have a fabulous building, which is in great shape. Not only are we not looking at the agonizing choices that some churches face, but we have been able to continually improve our building and meeting space, as evidenced by our recent Chapin Hall renovation and the fact that we have essentially paid off that debt. Wow!!! Instead of focusing on what seem to be our shortcomings, which is easy to do on occasion, it is nice to be able to celebrate and adopt a spirit of great gratitude for what we do have and the joyful generosity of all our parishioners who contribute their time, talent and treasure to the vitality of our church family.

The Council as a whole is challenging every board and committee to take that broader view in looking at our programs and activities for next year. The Council is asking each board and committee to take a broad look at what they can do to help us work together toward reaching our vision, in addition to carrying out the day-to-day activities that are needed to keep us operating. 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.

A few other notes:

- Who could not be impressed with the wonderful job our children and youth did conducting our worship service on Children's Sunday!! Everyone was delightful, and the youth were particularly impressive—not only did they give a message (with lots of great congregation participation), but they also handled (very well) the joys and concerns and other worship activity. Well done to Meghan, our teachers and all our children and youth. And thanks to all parents, too, for all the support and for sharing your children with the rest of us.
- Now that our book sale/bake sale is over (with successful result) we are gearing up for additional fundraisers to help us have the funds we need to do all that we want to do and be all that we want to be as a church. Many thanks to Elaine Somes for volunteering to coordinate our booth at the Lions Carnival weekend, which is September 16-18. She will be looking for many volunteers to staff the booth. Other fundraising ideas are in the works. In the meantime, please remember to use 'scrip' when possible—it is a wonderfully “painless” source of funds for us.
- The Search Committee has done a great job of putting together our church profile. We look forward to hearing more as they take the next steps toward identifying a candidate to be our next Senior Pastor.

As we move into summer and a time of “kicking back” I hope that we can all use this as a period of reflection and gratitude for God's generosity to us.

Ruth Fitzgerald for the Council



Our church's web site www.rhccucc.org is always interesting and up-to-date thanks to our Webmaster, Dave Hall.

Did you miss a Sunday worship service? You can always find the weekly Sunday worship bulletin on the site as well as the pastor's sermons.

Each month's *Mouse* is also on the site and includes all issues for the past year, as well as Annual Reports, the latest copy of the church by-laws, and more. You may also hear music from a variety of special services and even some regular Sunday presentations. And don't miss the photo galleries on the site!

We are also on Facebook – just become a “friend” and you too will receive updates as often as they occur...

Not sure if something specific is on the site, or where to find it? Then use the site's search window in the upper right hand corner. There are hundreds of pages, hundreds of recordings, and thousands of photos. Chances are good that you'll find what you're looking for.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Joshua Bell
Ben Bellizzi

George Day
Steven Durgin

Will Knight
Rebecca-Lee Molina

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Valeri Calcagni graduated **cum laude** from **Nichol's College** in **Dudley MA** on **May 8, 2010** with a **BSBA in Business Management**. She is employed by the **Newport Mansion Society**.

Adam Carberry graduated from **Tufts University** with a **Doctorate in Engineering Education** and will be working at **Arizona State University** as a **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**.

Mark Carberry graduated from **Tufts University** with a **Master's in Education Studies** and will be working at **St. Mary's College** in **Moraga CA** as the **Assistant Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track & Field Coach**.

Cynthia Hunt graduated from **Central Connecticut State College** with a **6th year degree** and a **4.0 average!**

2010-2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Vanessa Bighinatti	General	UMASS Amherst
Abigail Charamut	General	University of New Hampshire
George Day	General	Rochester Institute of Technology
Julie Fell	General	Syracuse University
Jillian Fulda	General	University of Rhode Island
Melody Hall	General	Hofstra University
Maley Hunt	General	George Washington University
Kathryn Lewis	General	Lebanon Valley College
Rebecca-Lee Molina	General	Central Connecticut State University
Ellen Scully	General	Colorado College
Meghan Wilcock	Adams	Roanoke College

Steven Durgin graduated from **Wethersfield High School** and will be attending **Trinity International University** in **Deerfield IL**. He will be majoring in **Worship Ministry**, with a minor in **Music Ministry**. He received scholarships from **Trinity**, **Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church** and **Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars**.

CHURCH ORCHESTRA RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

The RHCC Orchestra is an intergenerational ensemble that performs during worship services two or three times each year. We have a varied range of instrumentation, and could easily accommodate any orchestral instrument – string, woodwind, brass, or percussion. In general, members should be capable of playing at a middle school level of competence. Some of our recent performances are recorded and available on the church web site.

Are you a student who plays an instrument? Or are you an adult who used to play, and still has an instrument “mothballed” in a closet? We make an attempt to provide parts for each member that is appropriate to his or her individual level of capability, thereby allowing everyone to make a positive contribution and to enjoy a positive experience. Due mostly to high school graduations, we have lost some members over the past several years, and now need to add some new members to fill out our sound (and the front of the church).

If you are interested in joining – even on a trial basis – please contact Dave Hall at orchestra@rhccucc.org. Please don't be intimidated! Rehearsals will begin in September, and are held on selected Sundays after morning worship, from 11:30-12:30. If you (or your child) have been thinking about this, or lurking in the background waiting to be asked – consider yourself asked!

Dave Hall, Director

SCRIP-SURE: SUMMER SCHEDULE

Scrip will continue to be available during the summer, but the ordering schedule for July and August will be shifted back a week. Here is the complete summer schedule:

Month	Order deadline	Delivery date
June	June 27	July 4
July	August 1	August 8
August	September 5	September 12

In addition to the regular monthly orders, \$100 cards for Big Y, West Side Market, and Stop & Shop may be available on other Sundays, assuming someone is available to handle the distribution. Check the morning bulletin each Sunday for updated information.

In May, the church earned more than \$800 on scrip sales. Let's see if we can continue that pace during the summer months. You're all going to continue to buy groceries during the summer, right?

Dave Hall

treasurer@rhccucc.org



RHCCNS Seeks New Head Teacher/Director

The Cooperative Nursery School has a strong history here in Rocky Hill and dates back more than fifty years at the church. Head Teacher/Director, Judy Tatem, has just announced her retirement from her sixteen year leadership at the Nursery School. We are all very grateful indeed for Judy's many wonderful and creative years

of service and want to wish her well as she moves on to a new chapter in her life. The Nursery School Committee seeks candidates to fill the Head Teacher/Director position. If you know anyone who might be interested or have ideas or suggestions please contact Chair of the Committee and longtime church member, Julie Dostie, at 5 Silo Drive, Rocky Hill, CT. 06067 or phone her at 860-563-5663 or email her at Jrdostie@aol.com.

There are openings for the fall in both the 3 year old program (Tuesday/Thursday 9-11:30 am) and the 4 year old program (Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-11:30 am). For further information call the church office at 860-529-4167. Church members do receive a discounted tuition rate for the Co-op.



How about a little equal-exchange for someone 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 - \$6.25/bag Tea - \$3/box Hot Cocoa Mix \$5/can

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



**Food
Collection**

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.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church Family Day at New Britain Stadium

Catch the fun & Excitement of Rock Cats Baseball
Sunday, August 29, 2010 @ 1:35pm
Gates Open 12:05pm

Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins)
Vs.
Baysox (Baltimore Orioles)

FAITH & FAMILY DAY!
POST-GAME CONCERT!
KIDS RUN THE BASE AFTER THE GAME!

Come Spend a Day at the Ballpark with Friends and Family from
Rocky Hill Congregational Church!

All Orders must be received by:
August 13, 2009

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Reserved Seats	\$5.00 X	_____	= _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return your form to the church office with cash or check made payable to Rocky Hill Congregational Church.
Please note "Rock Cats Tickets" on envelope front.

Questions? Please contact Donna Manocchio at associate@rhccucc.org or (860) 529-4167



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER BABYSITTERS TRAINING COURSE OFFERED Rocky Hill Youth Services will be offering A Babysitting Course to Rocky Hill Students in grades 6-10. Students interested in attending should register as soon as possible as space is limited to 10 students. Cost is \$20. Classes will run Tuesday & Thursday, August 10th & August 12th. Class will take place from 10:30 AM-12:00pm. Students will learn the fundamentals of Basic First Aid and Emergency Skills, Safety Issues, Age Appropriate games and activities, Caring for infants, toddlers, and young children and how to interview for Babysitting jobs. All students completing the course will be awarded a certificate of completion and be eligible to register with the Youth Service Employment Referral Service. To register, call Lynne Goodwin at Rocky Hill Youth Services between 9am and 4pm at 258-2752. Classes will be filled on a first-come first -serve basis.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY The Town of Rocky Hill's Municipal Agent for the Elderly is available to Rocky Hill residents 60 years of age and older to help them qualify for local, state, and federal assistance programs. Income/asset eligible seniors can qualify for assistance programs that may improve their quality of life and benefit them financially. Some examples are food stamps, Medicaid, energy assistance, and assistance with Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-pays. The Municipal Agent for the Elderly has the ability to anonymously input a resident's income and asset information into a computer program to access all assistance benefits the resident may receive. Please call Denise Sanderson, Municipal Agent at 860-258-2786.

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.

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, Thursdays mornings from 9:30-10:30am and Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00am (Yin Therapeutic Yoga). Contact Lynn MacDonald 860-550-4660 to register – Water bottle, yoga mat, and a friend!!

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