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## July/August 2012 Newsletter

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**LET'S BECOME A GLOBAL MISSIONS CHURCH!**

**Second Hour**

**Sunday, July 1, 2012 – 11:15 AM**



Foods from the global kitchen!  
Celebrating our global history at RHCC, UCC!  
Good news stories from church members!  
Discovering new ways to be the church!

For the past year, the Global Missions subcommittee has been hard at work, looking at the ways we are connected to the world in worship, learning, service, and fellowship. They have also developed a plan that, when approved, will enable us to receive the designation of “A Global Missions Church.” Come for food, fellowship, fun, and storytelling. This second hour is for all ages.



*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices,  
my body also rests secure.  
You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy.  
-Psalm 16*

Dear friends,

Ages ago, the psalmist proclaimed God's presence enabled hearts to rejoice and bodies to rest. Psalm 16 a perfect summer psalm, isn't it? These are the months when, for many of us, a slower pace settles in, and we rejoice in the fullness of life and gifts our God has given to us. Long summer days are perfect for sunning and swimming, working in a garden, taking a picnic lunch to the park, reading a favorite book, hiking a new path, taking an early morning bike ride, exploring a museum, or finding a new favorite ice cream place. And these, too, are the days and nights for rest: in a back yard hammock , on a breezy beach, or sleeping late while on vacation.

In the summertime – like all other seasons – God's presence is with us, right alongside of us, accompanying us on all our adventures, leading us to new places, and inviting us to deeper faith.

As you make your summer plans, mark your calendars to join your church friends in rejoicing and resting. Regular Sunday 10:00 AM worship continues and includes a sermon series focusing on friendships in the Bible. There are also several 8:30 AM communion services. And as we did last summer, we will gather twice a month on Wednesday evenings for supper and service. Movies, concerts, and even a baseball game will allow us to be together with each other and in the fullness of God's presence.

Looking forward to seeing you over the summer!

Peace,  
Donna



## Summer Worship Schedule

- July 1**      **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**  
Scripture: Psalm 30      Meghan D. Young  
Sermon: “Simple Gifts”
- July 8**      **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Mark 6:1-13      The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio  
Sermon: “People Get Ready!”
- July 15**      **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scriptures: John 3:1-8      The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio  
Sermon: “Wild Goose Chase”
- July 22**      **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56      Meghan D. Young  
Sermon: “Come Away”
- July 29**      **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Selections from the Book of Ruth      Meghan D. Young  
Sermon: Week One of Sermon Series: “Ruth and Naomi”
- August 5**      **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**  
Scripture: Selections from 1 Samuel 17 and 18      The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio  
Sermon: Week Two of Sermon Series: “David and Jonathan”
- August 12**      **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scriptures: Selections from 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy      Meghan D. Young  
Sermon: Week Three of Sermon Series: “Paul and Timothy”
- August 19**      **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Exodus 1:1-18      The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio  
Sermon: Week Four of Sermon Series: “Shiprah and Puah”
- August 26**      **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-5      The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio  
Sermon: “I Am the Potter”

## **Christian Education**

### **S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner Check-in:**

#### ***Church School***

On Children's Worship Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School planned, wrote, and led worship. With a service of extravagant welcome and hospitality, we explored what it means to be welcome in the circle of God's love. We asked what it means to be lost and found by God's love, and how we can be part of that welcome. The Pre-K & Kindergarten Class', Jesus Loves Me Band (Bell Choir), shared the gift of music with "Joyful, Joyful". The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class welcomed us in many different languages, reminded us to be generous givers, and beautifully led us in prayer. The 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade class called us to worship and creatively proclaimed the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and Youth Group, led us in the prayers of the people, and also invited us to reflect and laugh with their original worship drama, "Can I Get A Witness?!" In "Can I Get A Witness?!", during a live talk show, the shepherd's staff, one of the 99 sheep, the lost coin, and the broom used to find the coin, are all interviewed, offering us a new perspective on frequently heard parables. And, during the commercial break, they introduced us all to the "God Finder 3000", a product that will help you find the God in everyone. Lastly, our 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders sent us out into the world with a beautiful benediction. Throughout the service Liz Reed-Swale, and the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School led us in song, as we shared the music we sing in chapel. There was also time to give thanks for our passionate and seemingly tireless teachers and volunteers. What a joyous spirit filled worship!

#### ***Youth Group***

Lunch Bunch had their last Youth Group night in of the church school year. We cooked dinner, relaxed, walked to the park for some kick-ball and whiffle ball competition, and had an interesting Chopped dessert competition. Lunch Bunch continues to offer us space to check-in with each other, and discuss our faith. The Youth Group has decided they will continue to meet for lunch bunch throughout the summer as well as various mission projects.

#### ***Gatherings***

Koinonia 2012, our vacation bible school for the whole church family, was a great week of intergenerational sharing and learning, as we grew together in faith and fellowship. Our theme was "Family". We explored the family stories in the Bible, from the 40 day "car trip" that was Noah's Ark, to Jesus wandering off from his parents to go to the Temple. As we explored the family stories in the bible, we also shared our own family stories, and the ways in which we are shaped and grow together as communities and individuals of faith. Telling our stories through worship, breaking bread, sharing, and learning, we experienced four nights of spirit filled faith formation!

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming**

There will be limited S.P.I.R.I.T. programming throughout summer. We will be offering programming for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> graders during church on several Sundays. Through fun activities and engaging fellowship we will focus on the “Fruit of the Spirit”.

There will also be fun fellowship events, from meet ups to baseball games, for the RHCC, UCC, church family. And, stay tuned for some exciting youth mission projects.

**Here’s What’s Happening This Summer...**

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Sunday Programming:** *For Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders during the 10 AM Service.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>
Sunday, July 8	Fruit of the Spirit: Love
Sunday, July 22	Fruit of the Spirit: Honesty
Sunday, August 12	Fruit of the Spirit: Generosity
Sunday, August 26	Fruit of the Spirit: Responsibility

*\*Families are encouraged to join us for worship throughout the summer.*

*Special children’s programs will be provided.*

**S.P.R.I.T. Summer Fun & Fellowship Events:** *ALL age events for the RHCC, UCC, family!*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fellowship Gatherings</b>
Friday, July 20	<b>MEET UP @ Movies in the Park at Dusk – 8:30 PM</b> <i>Veterans Memorial Amphitheater (Back of Elm Ridge Park)</i> Join us for Puss in Boots (rated PG), under the stars. Bring your picnic blanket and favorite movie snack. Gather early starting at 7:30 PM for fellowship and games.
Thursday, August 2	<b>MEET UP @ Rocky Hill Summer Concert Series – 6:30 PM</b> <i>Veterans Memorial Amphitheater (Back of Elm Ridge Park)</i> Join us at the Rocky Hill Summer Concert series for Orange Crush, New England’s premier 80’s tribute dance band.
Sunday, August 12	<b>Rock Cats Baseball Faith &amp; Family Day – 1:35 PM</b> Spend the afternoon at the ballpark cheering on the New Britain Rock Cats with RHCC, UCC! Tickets are \$8. Kids get to run the bases after the game. <i>Sign-up in Chapin Hall or email <a href="mailto:Meghan@rhccucc.edu">Meghan@rhccucc.edu</a> to purchase your tickets.</i>

## Youth Group Calendar: July & August

Activity	Information
Lunch Bunch (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>h</sup> Grade)	Lunch Bunch will meet throughout the summer, for faith discussion and fellowship, from 11:30 AM – 1 PM.
Mission Projects	Youth Group will meet throughout the summer for various service projects in the greater Hartford area. Stay tuned for more details.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee ([RHCCchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com)) for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Volunteers** – If you are interested in helping with any of our summer programming, whether it be teaching, baking, sharing a craft, telling a story, sharing music, assisting with the nursery, being a safe church volunteer, coordinating, or setting up, please email Meghan at [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org).



### **A Community of Faith Formation at RHCC, UCC**

Faith formation can and does happen at worship, coffee hour, committee and council meetings, choir practices, church school, bible studies, quilting, car rides, meals, work, stores, parks, morning, night, and every moment and place of our day. We are formed in our faith by living the life we have been given and welcoming the God that is in our midst. We are formed by interactions where two or three are gathered. We are formed in intergenerational gatherings, and events, and places where the ordinary becomes holy.

This past month the Board for Faith Formation has continued to read several articles about faith formation as the *life-long work of the entire community*. Many of the articles recently have focused on the power of intergenerational faith formation, and what we can learn from each other, something we had the joy to experience at Koinonia 2012, our VBS for the whole church family.

We also had a great hope filled meeting with the Board for Deacons, to discuss worship as faith formation. We reflected on the places at RHCC where faith formation is alive and thriving, and the places where we can nurture growth. We look forward to building on the visioning we shared for faith formation, and cultivating in this community of faith.

In Faith,

The Board for Faith Formation

Brian Donahue, Caryn Doten, David Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Judy Milles,  
Marjie Sheathelm, Sherry Silkowski, Kristy Solie, Sue Speers



Summertime is upon us, school is out and families are going on vacations they have planned for months. Our church shifts gears in the summertime – most of the boards and committees don't plan meetings in July or August, the church office's hours are reduced and many other biweekly or monthly activities are suspended for the summer. Yet the ministries of the church continue. Worship services are planned and shared, communion is served, shut-ins and hospitalized members are visited and baptisms and memorial services are celebrated. The opportunity to meet and share the Good News with your church family at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, UCC is available in full measure in the summertime, too.

Plan to join your fellow church members in worship often this summer. Donna and Meghan will be presenting a sermon series entitled "Friends of God and Friends of Each Other", highlighting several well-known (Ruth and Naomi, Paul and Timothy) and not as well-known saints of the Bible (David and Jonathan, Shiprah and Puah). Learn their stories and decide which of these persons' lives you would most like to emulate. See if you can recognize traits and habits of these famous biblical persons in your fellow church members, your friends, or within yourself. And experience the very act of gathering as the Body of Christ.

Bill Hoffman, for the Deacons

*The Board of Deacons*  
*Spiritual Welfare*

*Membership Vitality*

*Ministering*

## Mission News for July/August

### PERSEVERANCE

The 1828 edition of Webster's American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines perseverance as:

1. *Persistence in anything undertaken; continued pursuit or prosecution of any business or enterprise begun; applied alike to good or evil.*

- *Perseverance keeps honor bright.*
- *Patience and perseverance overcome the greatest difficulties.*

2. *In theology, continuance in a state of grace to a state of glory; sometimes called final perseverance.*

Although the word perseverance is in the Bible, it often uses various other words and analogies to explain the concept of perseverance. Some synonyms for perseverance are: diligence, endurance, persistence, steadfastness, waiting and sometimes even patience.

**Romans 5:2-5** *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

**Perseverance** is a very strong word, which has a lot of meaning lately, especially to our Board for Missions. Spring was filled with many obligations, projects, and meetings, culminating in a retreat on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It's also been a trying period of transition moving into the new fiscal year, with transitioning leadership and many activities in close succession. Happily, the Board has "persevered" through this period and hopefully achieved a feeling of strength and unity. We move forward in optimistic anticipation of the year before us. May you find the strength to persevere through your difficulties, whatever they may be, and "keep your honor bright!"

Have a blessed summer,

Linda Calcagni, Missions Chair

## UPDATES

### **Mission Board Retreat, June 16<sup>th</sup>:**

On Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, your Board for Missions members participated in a daylong retreat of reflection and discernment. We discussed the meaning of prayer and “missions,” and how to apply the practices in everyday life. Also discussed was the strong connection between local and global missions, which we are called to address and bring to the congregation. Moving forward, may we be mindful that we all have the capacity to serve as missionaries, in many aspects of our daily life.

### ***Inyana League for Rwandan Children and Youth:***

Please be sure to visit our Mission Bulletin Board for information about our scholarship recipient in Rwanda. Her name is Clemence Byukusenge; she is 23 years old and is fluent in four languages. As we receive more information about Clemence we will certainly share it with you.

**Mission Trips:** Over the summer, the Board of Deacons is working on projects to benefit the Rupert Congregational Church in Vermont. This is one of churches that sustained heavy fire damage right before the holidays. One project involves a trip for folks who'd like some hands-on experience in their rebuilding process. The Board for Missions supports the Diaconate in this effort and encourages participation. Be sure to check the newsletter and stay tuned for forthcoming information.

**Youth Mission News:** There is a youth mission project planned for August for Peter's Retreat. See the Youth Section for more information.

**Looking Forward:** Next Fall and winter will be filled with Mission activities. You don't need to wait for the September Newsletter to find out what will be happening. We will post activities to the Church website as the plans are firmed up. Just go to rhccucc.org and click on the “Missions” tab.

### Since last month, ***your generosity has helped the following:***

Building Abrahamic Partnerships Program at Hartford Seminary - \$500

Strengthen the Church Offering - \$408

Your Board For 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.



... **Stewards – one and all...**

..... a unique investment!

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the worship service was led entirely by many of the children and youth of our church. Their intent, dedication, and creativity were a joy to witness. They were led, guided, and supported by our Pastors and by dedicated parents and church school teachers. What if a couple of the *Jesus Loves Me Band* players were so inspired they practiced and expanded their talents over the years and became members of our adult Bell Choir? Or several of the older youth experienced a new personal depth of understanding worship from a different perspective not as a listener sitting in a pew, but actively participating as a leader of a worship service?

These are just two examples of ministry in action at RHCC, UCC. We can see, hear, and interact with people around us. But we do not always know about the multiple behind-the-scenes people (those who provide guidance, support, knowledge, share time and talents); or the provision of basic materials (necessary books, teaching materials, classroom space, Chapel worship center), building maintenance, etc. that are required to make such things happen!

We are blessed with a congregation, a building, a sense of togetherness and fellowship that allow us to create an environment of welcome, warmth, and worship. However, reality does persist in all our lives and today our society requires the financial support necessary to ensure that we continue our work toward who we want to become as the church of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have a budget that reflects a 3-fold statement: one of Gratitude, one of Hope, one of Ministry. The budget is like a blueprint - it reflects an investment in our future.

As you know, our budget is divided into two sections - Benevolence and Local Operating. The 2012-13 proposed budget for Benevolence (Missions) is being met. But the Local Operating budget (what we need for the day-to-day, month-to-month resources) has not been met. Our projected goal was voted upon to provide the financial support we need as an investment or assurance that the ministry--both seen and unseen--continues.

The Stewardship Committee will be working with the Council to address and with your help solve this problem. We are most grateful for all pledges so graciously received to date and we are hopefully waiting for those pledges and donations yet to find their way to the offering plate or church mailbox. Reflect on what is special or unique to you about the ministry and ongoing life at our church and invest a monetary share in gratitude.

With prayerful thanksgiving

The Stewardship Committee: Bill Bartley, Al Diaz, Michele Jokl, Dave Sageman, Barry Wilcock, Louise Butts (Chair)

## From the Moderator...

*“Our church is a special place—where members and friends support each other and the ever-growing ministries of this faith community.”*

On some evenings after work, Michael and I walk from our home on Riverview Road to the church. More recently, it has been an opportunity to follow the progress of the streetscape project—to see all of the construction going-on around the church, and to see the town center change. The church stands tall in the midst of all of that chaos. It makes me wonder what others might be thinking: “What a beautiful old church?”

When the roads, sidewalks and landscaping are completed, our church home will be more fully united with the town center campus. But when people walk or drive by the church, I hope they do NOT see this building as a monument or as an ornament of the town center. Rather, I hope they’ll recognize us as the members and friends of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. I hope they’ll come to know this gathering place--where we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we work, we learn, we reach out to one another and to the world with the life-transforming truth of God's redeeming love.

As strangers discover this church at the center, may they also know our invitation:

...WALK IN OUR GARDEN and hear the whispers of our saints who know God’s love,

...COME INSIDE, you are welcome here.

God bless you,

Bob Inderbitzen

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**Summary of Special Meeting.** Church members attending the Special Meeting following worship on Sunday, June 10, voted in favor of recommendations to improve accessibility of the Sanctuary. The proposal passed 67 to 13 in favor of the recommendations which are intended to create a more accessible worship space for people who use wheelchairs and anyone requiring greater assistance with mobility. A period of discussion came before the vote—during which members were invited to speak about the recommendations. There were a variety of comments in favor and in opposition to the proposal, and some alternative suggestions were made. All of the conversation was guided by love for this church and faith community. The Trustees will oversee the project which is expected to begin sometime during the summer. The project will include the following items:

- **Removing the ‘amen pews’ on the right-side of the sanctuary** (as you are facing the pulpit). Doing so will create a flexible, open seating area nearest the exit closest to the elevator. High quality upholstered wooden chairs will be obtained for this space.
- **Removing the first 2 front rows of pews on both sides of the sanctuary.** Doing so will eliminate the narrow pathways across the front of the sanctuary and around the communion table.

Thanks to Lynne Lataille (Board of Trustees) and Stephanie Heneghan (Board of Deacons) for their help with developing and advancing this plan. Their planning has been guided by a common vision: to be a faith community of extravagant welcome, accessible to all who desire to worship here.

**The Church Council met on June 12.** The Council heard reports and updates from Pastors Donna Manocchio and Meghan Young, Marsha Hoffman (Clerk), Louise Butts (Stewardship Committee), Lynne Lataille (Trustees), Caryn Doten (the Board for Faith Formation), and Linda Calcagni (Missions). The Council also received a progress update from the Music Ministry Search Committee.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, August 22, following the “Supper and Service” summer programming event.



Happy Birthday!

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|--------|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| July 1 | Russell Sheathelm      | 16 | Doug Robbins          |
| 3      | Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio |    | Jocelyn Harvey        |
|        | Maxwell Rowe           |    | Anne Vazquez          |
| 4      | Nita Madden-Estra      |    | Maley Hunt            |
|        | Anthony Marcucci       | 17 | Brandon Knight        |
| 5      | Frank Vann             | 18 | Barbara Graves        |
|        | Adella Buswell         |    | Kari Funk             |
|        | Fidie Lane             |    | Donovan Alferi        |
|        | Janice Rousseau        | 19 | Amy Cooke             |
|        | Thomas Reed-Swale      |    | Lynn McKenna          |
| 7      | Rusty Miller-Rich      | 20 | Trevor Charamut       |
|        | Ray Gagnon             | 21 | Francis DiRenzo, Jr.  |
|        | Brian Geddes           | 23 | Mark Gengenbach       |
|        | Patience Coleman       | 24 | Jean Palmer           |
| 8      | Glen Schultz           |    | Janet Hansen          |
|        | Amy MacNeil            | 26 | Audrey Titcomb        |
|        | Thomas Rolfe           |    | Bill Pirre, Jr.       |
| 9      | Nancy Wilcock          | 27 | Albert Griswold III   |
| 10     | Ruth Jensen            |    | Christopher Mason     |
|        | Sean Mullins           | 28 | Jeremy Ross           |
| 12     | Paul LaPorte           |    | Christopher Yorgensen |
| 15     | Dave Sageman           | 30 | Mark Biglow           |
|        | Heather Lizotte        |    | Jaclyn Elliot         |
|        | Terry Wine             |    | Chris Palazzolo       |
|        | Emily DiMartino        |    | Sarah McGowan         |
|        | Scott DiMartino, Jr.   | 31 | Laurie Tuohey         |
|        |                        |    | Eric Jensen           |
|        |                        |    | Douglas Graham        |



**Arthur and Alice Weil**  
were married on  
**July 8, 1944**

**Arthur and Marge Murk**  
were married on  
**July 20, 1963**

**STAFF  
VACATIONS**




**Meghan will be away:**  
July 2-15, August 17-22

**Carol will be away:**  
July 2-6

**Donna will be away:**  
July 22-29, August 8-12



# July 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>1</b> 10:00am <b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b> <b>2nd hour Global Missions</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 6:00pm <b>PRC Mtg</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Yoga with Lynn	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00am <b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b> <b>Open Road Band</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00pm <b>The Lodge Svc</b> 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 6:30pm <b>Global Visitor</b> 7:00pm <b>RHCCNS Mtg</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>10</b> 8:30am <b>Breakfast Club</b> 6:00pm Yoga w/Lynn	<b>11</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 5:30pm <b>Supper &amp; Service</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30am <b>Communion Service in Chapel</b> 10:00am <b>Worship/Baptism</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Yoga w/Lynn	<b>18</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 6:00pm <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am <b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Yoga w/Lynn	<b>25</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 5:30pm <b>Supper &amp; Service</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30am <b>Communion Service in Chapel</b> 10:00am <b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Yoga w/Lynn	 <b>AUGUST 2012</b>

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## STAY IN THE LOOP!

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



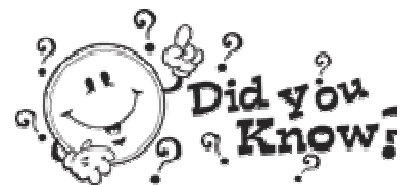
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Read Sermons  
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Listen to Music,  
Read Worship  
Bulletins,  
and much, much  
more!

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	<b>6</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
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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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| August 1 | Jeannette Doane   | 16 | Jacob Madsen  |
| 2        | Lynne Lataille<br>Kathy Mosure<br>Taylor Ryan                             | 17 | Joyce Toft<br>Denise Carberry<br>Molly Morgan                                       |
| 3        | Jennifer Kelley   | 18 | Thelma Backe  |
| 4        | Ryan Pipke  | 19 | Bill Bartley  |
| 7        | Linda Tokarski<br>Noah Dion   | 20 | Laura Pawlich   |
| 8        | Betty Mooney<br>David Peisach<br>David Rodriguez                          | 23 | Emily McKenna   |
| 11       | Julia Pickett   | 24 | David Edwards<br>Thompson Hunt  |
| 12       | Deb Copes<br>Kim Robbins<br>Madeline Cardello                             | 25 | Lee Shippy  |
| 13       | Jean Holmes<br>Steph Heneghan<br>Kim Walker<br>Gary King<br>Taylor McLean | 26 | Michael Bower   |
| 14       | Jim Stevens<br>Carol Baran<br>Rhody Triblets                              | 27 | Cindy Lupacchino<br>Michael Scribano<br>Vanessa Sue Bighinatti<br>Persephone Blaise |
| 15       | Tia Sheathelm   | 28 | Charles Vassilopoulos<br>Paul Tine, Jr.   |
| 16       | Val Scribano  | 29 | Larry Gilbert<br>Shannon Madsen   |
|          |   | 31 | Lily Hill<br>Barry Wilcock<br>Kathryn Knight<br>Doug Elliot                         |



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

**Dick and Sue Starr**  
were married on  
**August 31, 1957**



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 bring some goodies for everyone to enjoy after service and to pour coffee and juice. The Inreach Committee provides the coffee and juice, but asks that the volunteers bring half & half for coffee (as well as help out with snacks).

Please sign up in Chapin Hall - 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

**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	Will Kanute, Dir. of Music	207
Meghan Young, Acting Director CE	204	Thomas Munger, Custodian	205
Acting Assoc. Pastor		Kate Hellmuth, RHCCNS	208
Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201		

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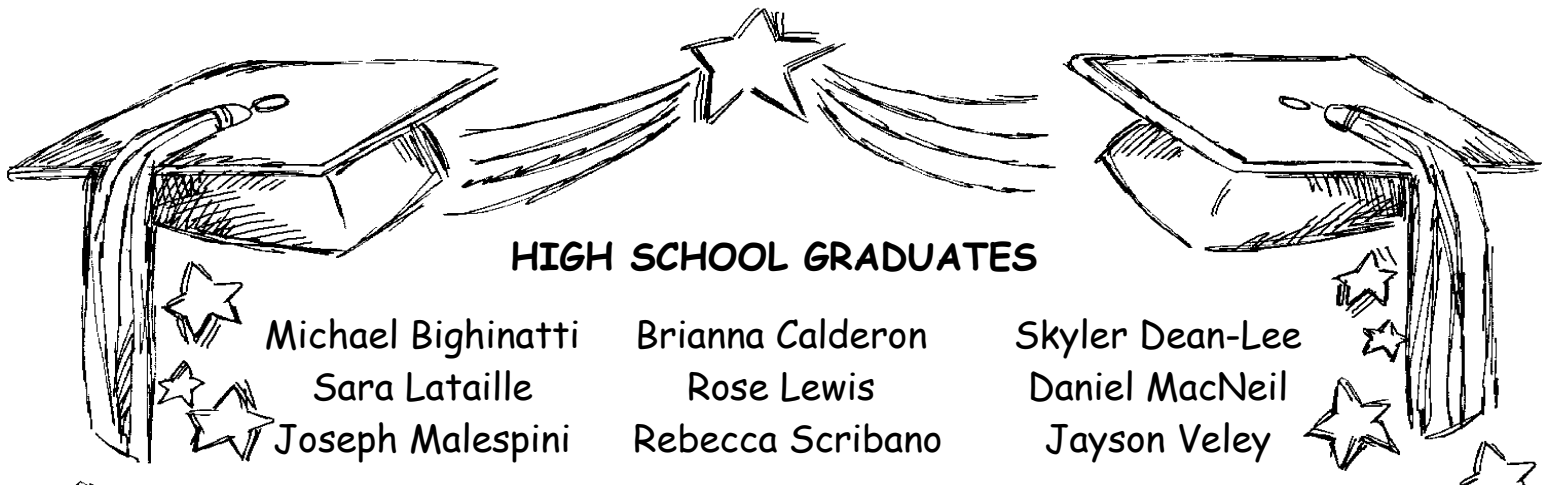
Office Hours 8am-2pm – Monday– Thursday / 8am-noon Friday

**The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio, Senior Pastor**

**Meghan Young, Acting Associate Pastor and Christian Education Director**

**The Reverend Arthur C. Weil, Minister Emeritus**

**Will Kanute, Director of Music**



**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Michael Bighinatti

Brianna Calderon

Skyler Dean-Lee

Sara Lataille

Rose Lewis

Daniel MacNeil

Joseph Malespini

Rebecca Scribano

Jayson Veley

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Skyler Dean-Lee

Adams

Wheaton College

Melody Hall

General

Hofstra University

Maley Hunt

General

The George Washington University

Rose Lewis

General

Boston University

Meghan Wilcock

General

Roanoke College

**Brianna Calderon** will be attending the University of New Hampshire.



CONGRATULATIONS  
COLLEGE GRADUATES!

**Sarah Biglow** graduated from **New England School of Law** with a **Juris Doctorate**.

**Matthew Fulda** graduated from **Bren School at University of California** with a **Masters of Science in Environmental Science and Management**.

**Diana Hellyar** graduated from **St. Joseph's College** with a **Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics** and will be interning at **Plainville Southington Department of Health**.

**Kathryn Lewis** graduated from **Lebanon Valley College** with a **Bachelor of Arts in Religion** and will be working at **Travelers Insurance Company**.

Summer Sermon Series

# Friends of God and Friends of Each Other: Friendships in the Bible

*The book of Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible recounts that “in every generation, wisdom passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God.” (Wisdom 7:27) In the biblical text, Wisdom makes friends of God, and shared experiences and hopes make men and women friends of each other. During this sermon series, pastors Donna and Meghan focus on four sets of friendships in the bible, and the ways our friendships can lead us to deeper faith and discipleship.*



## Worship Together:

Sunday, July 29th ~ Ruth and Naomi

Sunday, August 5th ~ David and Jonathan

Sunday, August 12th ~ Paul and Timothy

Sunday, August 19th ~ Shiprah and Puah

**Bring a friend to church with you for one or all  
of these Sundays!**

Summer Worship @ RHCC  
**Sunday Early Morning  
Communion Service**

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!**

*A half hour service with song, silence, a short message and the sharing of bread and cup.*

(Please note: there will also be a 10:00 AM Service)



**8:30 AM**  
**Sunday, July 15**  
**Sunday, July 29**  
**Sunday, August 19**

Summer Worship @ RHCC  
**Supper & Service**

*Gather in Chapin Hall for a potluck supper (bring your favorite item!), fellowship, and a time to give thanks and praise to God.*

**ALL generations are invited!**



**Join us from 5:30 PM—7:00 PM on:**

Wednesday, July 11th

Wednesday, July 25th

Wednesday, August 8th

Wednesday, August 22nd

*Sign-Up in Chapin Hall or email [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org)*

## News from your Fair Committee

Summertime – heading to the beach, napping in a hammock, reading a book sipping lemonade....or....daydreaming about what you could donate this year to the church fair; when your thoughts turn to the latter, we have some suggestions for you.

RHCC Country Fair, Saturday, October 27th. We are happy to welcome back the following booths – The Farmers Market, Jewelry Boutique, Kitchen Shop, Holiday House, The Tea Room, Quilt Raffle, Electronics & Tools, a Diner, the Silent Auction and the Roast Beef Dinner. We will be having a Bake Shop and Candy Shop this year and Liz Reed-Swale is developing a new "spa-like" booth.

We will be looking for everything from laptops, iPods, tablets, digital cameras, tools; glassware, dishware, pots and pans, utensils, table linens; men's, women's and children's jewelry, as well as fashion scarves and pocketbooks.

The Silent Auction is looking for gift cards (please think of us when you're ordering Scrip-sure), gift baskets, donations of goods and services.

Our Bake Shop and Candy Shop would love to see the bakers and cooks in the congregation bring them their pies and breads, fudge and candies.

Please contact any of our fair committee members if you are interested in donating items or interested in participating with the fair booths – we are always in need of volunteers and will extend an extravagant welcome to you!

Phyllis Wilkey – Chair, Polly Pagnucco, Deb Copes, Candy Smith, Neal Cox, Elaine Somes, Lynn McKenna, Jim Stevens, Don Pagnucco, Nancy Flynn, Treasurer, Marsha Hoffman, Consultant



### **How About a Nice Hot Cup of Justice? United Church of Christ Coffee Project**

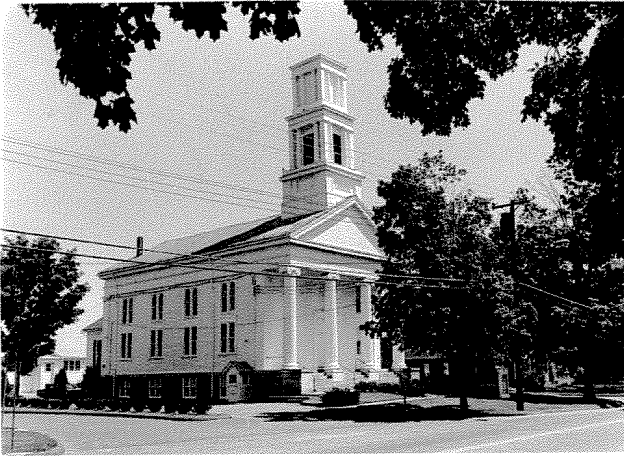
The coffee we serve after church and at all church events is purchased through the UCC Coffee Project. The UCC Coffee Project is a partnership of the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) and Equal Exchange.

The Inreach Committee has designated the third Sunday of each month as "Fair Trade Coffee Sunday." On these Sunday's we ask that you consider donating a dollar or two to help subsidize the cost of the coffee we serve. Additionally, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will be available for order or purchase. For more information about the UCC Coffee Project: [www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project](http://www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project)

## Good Bye and Good Luck!

On Sunday, June 24, we bid farewell to church organist and choir director, Will Kanute. During worship, we gave thanks to God for Will's gifts and graces among us, and participated in a ritual of release from ministry. At a reception in Chapin Hall, we ate, laughed, and presented Will with gifts to help him enjoy his new life in Dallas. Blessings to you, Will!





# Somers Congregational United Church of Christ

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The Rev. Dr. Barry Cass, Pastor

June 18, 2012

To our Sisters and Brothers at Rocky Hill Church -

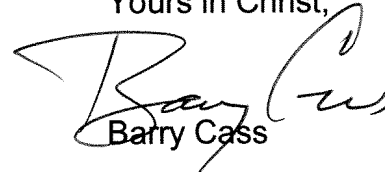
Please accept my gratitude, on behalf of all the members and friends of the Somers Church, for your kind and generous gift. As you can imagine the fire we sustained on January 1 left us all stunned and reeling, but we have felt the support and care of the members of your church and others who have reached out to us in the weeks and months since.

It is hard for me to believe that it has been nearly six months since our church building was taken away. The days have been full of meetings with people from our insurance company, our architects, construction manager and organ builder. We continue to work from an office trailer in our parking lot. Through the generosity of the Board of Directors of the Johnson Memorial Medical Center in Stafford Springs, we will worship and have Sunday school in the Community Education Building at Johnson Memorial Hospital for as long as we are out of our building. This has been a real blessing.

As a congregation we have discovered a strength we had not realized we possessed. Members and friends of the church have pulled together. Differences that seemed so important six months ago do not matter anymore. The loss of the tangible church has helped us rely more on faith and the intangible church. It has been a time of growth and insight in many ways. I guess that is the good God is working through this very unpleasant experience.

Your kind words and gift have helped us also realize how important it is to be a part of the wider community and the larger church. Thank you again for your prayers and generosity.

Yours in Christ,



Barry Cass

# HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION! FOOD COLLECTIONS IN JULY AND AUGUST For Rocky Hill and Rupert, VT



Hunger and food insecurity are problems, here in Rocky Hill and around the country. This summer, you are invited to respond to this need for both people in our community and in Rupert, Vermont. You will remember that the Deacons' Christmas Fund was sent to our covenantal partner, Rupert Congregational Church to help them recover from the devastating floods of last summer. The deacons continue to be in relationship with the Rupert Church, and are supporting them in their efforts to provide lunches to children and families during the summer.

Here's a list of suggested items to bring in during the summer months. These were suggested by folks who run the programs in Rupert and Rocky Hill.

RUPERT: Crunchy Granola bars or individually wrapped cookies (ONLY these items, please for Rupert)

**\*Donations for Rupert must be dropped off by JULY 29** and can be dropped in the decorated box in Chapin Hall

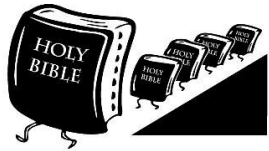
ROCKY HILL: Cereal, Juice Boxes, Paper Goods (towels and toilet)



The following books were donated to the church library by Bob and Jean Hamilton. Feel free to sign them out and enjoy them!

Stretching Lessons  
Putting the Amazing Back in Grace  
On That Night  
Readings for Meditation and Reflection  
Three Gospels  
The Hidden Face of God  
Adam God's Beloved  
The Inner Voice of Love  
Show Me the Way  
The Alphabet of Grace  
On the road with the Archangel  
Women Pray  
Listening for God (Volume 2)

Sue Bender  
Ann Weems  
Elizabeth Yates  
C.S. Lewis  
Reynold Price  
Richard Elliott Friedman  
Henri J. M. Nouwen  
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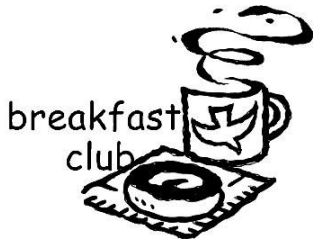


**Pastor's Bible Study**

**Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study**

Meet in the Fiorilli Room every Wednesday at 12:30PM. 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 of the Bible or pick one up from the shelf. Brown bag lunch is optional.



**Breakfast Club**

**Tuesday, July 10 and August 14 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, July 12 and August 9 at 7:00 PM AT 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](mailto:donna@rhccucc.org) or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions, want to suggest a topic, or can join us for a gathering.



**Join Us for Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie**

**Saturday, August 11, 2012**

**6:00 pm in Chapin Hall.**

**The film showing is "Gigantic"**

Get ready to laugh with this romantic comedy that's anything but normal starring Paul Dano, Zooey Deschanel, John Goodman and Zach Galifianakis. Mattress salesman, Brian, gets swept up in a romance with the lovely but misguided Happy when she comes into his store one day and falls asleep on one of the beds. To win her over, he must compete with her bear of a father, an art collecting loudmouth with a bad back and deep pockets. *Gigantic* is a funny, surreal, love story about the anxiety that comes when two people with crazy families collide unexpectedly and fall for each other. – **Hope to see you all there!**

## **Community Events**

**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.

**Yoga Offered by Core Power, LLC** – The new name is Rocky Hill Yoga & More, LLC, formerly, Core Power, LLC. Gentle Yoga Mondays 5:30-6:30pm and Saturdays 8:30am (a variety of yoga). Check [www.rhillyoga.com](http://www.rhillyoga.com) for more information! **Lynn MacDonald, Registered Yoga Teacher/Personal Trainer Owner, Rocky Hill Yoga & More** – [www.rhillyoga.com](http://www.rhillyoga.com)

**The 18th annual Tabor House GIANT Tag Sale/Auction/Bake Sale** dates are Thursday July 12th, 5-8pm Wine/Cheese and Early Shopping, \$10 admission; Friday 13th, noon-8pm, \$1.00 admission; Saturday 14th, 9am-3pm, free admission. Location is the ground level of the chapel, Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph, 27 Park Road, West Hartford. The entrance is off Prospect Avenue across from Wendy's, with parking on site or on Park Rd. This award -winning event has become a Connecticut tradition to benefit formerly homeless men living with HIV/AIDS who now live at Tabor House. The proceeds from the event also benefit the under served population of the inner city. Donations of gently used household items (no books, clothes or large furniture) may be dropped off on site, Monday through Wednesday, 7/09-7/11, 8:30am-3pm. For more information view Facebook: Tabor Tag Sale and Auction or contact David Dyson at [dtodyson@comcast.net](mailto:dtodyson@comcast.net)

### **Rocky Hill Human Services Notices**

#### **Food Pantry Donations Needed**

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is in need of donations for our food pantry which is maintained for needy residents. Our food pantry has a variety of non-perishable food items are available for qualified residents. Donations from various churches, community groups and individuals provide the supply for the pantry. Our supply at this time is very low. If you are interested in more information or would like to donate to the food pantry please drop off donations at the address below or call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724. Please be aware the expiration dates on donations as we can not take any donations that are expired. Examples of items needed: tuna, beef stew, canned fruit, rice, potatoes, cereal, soup, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & sauce, paper goods, sanitary items, diapers, etc.

#### **Foodshare Fresh Vegetables & Fruits Distribution**

Foodshare Inc. will be distributing fresh fruits & vegetables to financially disadvantaged citizens on 6/22/12, 7/6/12, 7/20/12, 8/3/12, 8/17/12 & 8/31/12 at Elm Ridge Park on 376 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. The distribution will be from 1:30 – 2:00 pm. A mobile Foodshare truck will be parked in Elm Ridge Park. The food distribution is to individuals & families in need. The distribution will be conducted by volunteers from the Oasis Christian Church. Questions should be directed to Oasis Church at 860-259-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999. The Town of Rocky Hill will allow Elm Ridge Park to be used for the distribution.

#### **Telephone Reassurance Volunteer Needed**

The Town of Rocky Hill Human services Department is seeking a volunteer to make weekday phone calls to elderly/disabled residents to check on their safety and welfare. The service is called Telephone Reassurance. Phone calls are placed between 9:00 – 9:30 am Monday thru Friday, and it takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Inquiries can be directed to the Human Services Department at 860-258-2799 or 2724.

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