

**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



October 13, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us for fellowship time after worship. **The Welcome Table** in Chapin Hall offers information about the church and members who can answer your questions. **Hearing devices** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available downstairs in Room 4.

Please include your full address, phone number and email as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your nametags. All announcements should be written down and given to the ushers or pastor prior to worship. **If you have a prayer request you would like read aloud for today's prayers**, please fill out one of the prayer cards found in the friendship registration pads (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.



~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

David N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Pulling

Leader: We come to experience the living God.

People: As weary travelers, we come to rest.

Leader: As empty jars, we come to be filled.

People: As wounded warriors, we come to heal and be reassigned.

Leader: As kindling, we come to be set ablaze.

ALL: Whatever our hope, may God do holy work in us.

*HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

NCH 459

**please rise in body or in spirit;*

Bold denotes unison response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, you are indeed the source of many blessings.

We sense you on a clear night with a full moon, in jobs completed well, in the affection of a pet and a child's smile, in a favorite hymn and a friend's prayer. We do struggle at times with sleepless nights, chronic illness, and family squabbles. Strengthen us in those ups and downs. May this worship steady our moods and focus our thoughts on your mercies. May your Son help us and be a steady presence, as we pray the prayer he taught us,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first system of musical notation is for the vocal line. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "Re - mem - ber me," are written below the notes. The melody continues with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a half note G5. The lyrics "re - mem - ber me," are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

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MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You” by John Corrado



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.
We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring
hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

Bob Chilcott

The Choir with Liz Reed-Swale, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 90 and 91

NCH 680-682

II Corinthians 4:7-18

SERMON

“A Safe Home on a Troubled Highway”

Rev. John Afman

*HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

NCH 525

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Solo

“Arioso”

J.S. Bach

Dave Hall, cello

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

JOYS & CONCERNS



BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in G Minor”

J.S. Bach

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. John Afman

LITURGIST

Randy Pulling

USHERS

Kim Burghoff and Wendy Ware

GREETER

Joan Tennyson

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*Today's altar flowers are given in
Loving Memory of Harriet Cutter
by Hilaire Leavitt*



The Tower is lighted this week in Memory of shipmates who lost their lives during the torpedoing of the U.S.S. Houston CL81 during WWII, Oct 14-16, 1944, by John Sword.

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship



HERITAGE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20, 2019

On Sunday, October 20th, we will honor our 50+ year members during worship at 10 a.m. A special reception for all in attendance will be held after the service in Chapin Hall, where RHCC historical memorabilia will be on display and cake and refreshments will be served. (If you are a 'Heritage Member' you were sent an invitation to a private breakfast to be held at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor before Worship.)

Join us as we celebrate our 50-year members, and our long history as RHCC!

For more information, contact Judy Graham at: 860-502-7446.



Come to the Country Fair!
Saturday, October 19
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Rocky Hill Congregational Church



**Shopping, Silent Auction, Food, Crafts,
Kid's Costume Parade, Face Painting by Catalina**

Featured Shops:

**Holiday Shop, White Elephant, Kid's Corner
Jewelry Shop, Farmer's Market, Sew Country
Snack Shack, Bake Shop, Something Different
Haunted House**



Tea Room (opens at 11:00 am)
Silent Auction (closes at 1:00 pm)



Start your holiday shopping at the Fair!



CHILI COOK OFF!!

There will be a People's Choice Award for the homemade chili that is being entered in our Chili Cook Off at the Country Fair!!!

Anyone will be able to taste ALL the chili's for a nominal fee of \$5. You will receive a ticket for a Free Chili Dog or Cup of Chili from the Snack Booth!! All tasters will have to judge the chili by checking off a Comment Sheet and adding remarks if needed.

Child Caregiver Position Available: The RHCC Council is looking to fill the position of permanent Child Caregiver in the nursery that has been ably held by Liz Pulling for the past two years. We want to thank Liz for her dedication to this position and would like to find someone to fill her shoes. Hours are Sunday morning from 9:45am to 11:15 am with the assist of a weekly volunteer and stipend is \$25.00 per week. If you are interested or know someone who would be right for this job, contact Marsha Hoffman or the church office.





Drug Awareness Program Presented by: Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Elk's Lodge#2308 Parents, may attend with their children and youth to hear from leading experts on addiction and recovery. This event is free and open to the public. Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00pm. Rocky Hill Community Center – Room 1. 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill. Call Paul Celucci at 860-416-0662 for information.



2019 Hurricane Relief – Outreach & Witness Ministry Team

Outreach and Witness is collecting donations through the end of October to support Church World Service's (CWS) response to the damage from Hurricane Dorian. The hurricane has devastated communities in North Carolina and the Bahamas. CWS is anticipating mid and long-term recovery efforts in the Bahamas. They were able to respond to immediate needs in North Carolina by providing emergency supplies and they plan to continue with long term recovery efforts. The emergency supply buckets, collected and assembled by our congregation earlier this year, helped to replenish needed supplies to respond to Hurricane Dorian and other disasters. Our collection this month will assist with ongoing mid and long-term disaster recovery efforts.

If you would like to make a donation, please specify "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line of the check. Donations may be mailed to Rocky Hill Congregational Church 805 Old Main St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Donations may also be made online <https://www.rockyhillucc.org/donate>. Please select "contribute online" and specify "Hurricane Relief".

Outreach and Witness also plans to host our annual CWS Disaster Relief Bucket drive and assembly again early next year to help to replenish clean up supplies so they are available when urgently needed. More details to follow!

RHCC Golf Tournament

This year's fall RHCC golf tournament was held Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Wethersfield Country Club. (27) golfers tackled the challenging course, which was in immaculate shape. Since our tournament date was so late this year, we used a shotgun start (simultaneous start for all groups), which seemed to work out well. Four of the seven groups had rounds of even par or better. The group of Randy Pulling, Doug Hall, Gary Dumas and Joel Feehan posted the winning score of 8 under par. Look for the trophy and the winning scorecard in the church's first floor hallway! We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to play such a wonderful golf course and the hospitality of our host and RHCC UCC member, Todd Doten. Todd and the Wethersfield Country Club have hosted our tournament every year since 2011 and we owe them our thanks.



SCRIP-SURE



What is it? Scrip-sure is a **fundraising program** for our church, which allows the regular shopping we do at a variety of retailers to generate income for the church. How? Participating retailers sell gift certificates or gift cards to our church at a discount. Church members buy the certificates for full face value and redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! The retailers get our business, and our church gets a regular source of revenue that involves nothing other than what we would all be doing anyway – shopping/spending at grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants, gas stations, and many other businesses, including online retailers.

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning.

Here is a partial list of cards typically available:

- Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **Oct. 20** (with delivery on October 27). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and "Covenant-to-Care for Children" through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries (food pantry) or other retail stores (CC). For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries or clothing.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 13

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:15am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

October 14

7:00pm Women's AA

October 15

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

October 16

Noon SET UP FOR THE FAIR
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

October 17

SET UP FOR THE FAIR
7:30pm Men's AA

October 18

SET UP FOR THE FAIR

October 19

9:00am – 2:00pm COUNTRY FAIR!

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Wednesday

Choir Room

Thursday

Firehouse

Friday

Saturday



14	Brian Wilcock
15	Peter Graham
16	Lisa Benson
17	Lisa Gilbert
17	Jillian Maynard
17	John Molina
18	Mary Dean

COME TO THE FAIR!
 Food, Crafts, Face Painting
 Kid's Costume Parade
Tea Room
Silent Auction
 Shopping:
 Holiday Shop
 Farmer's Market
 White Elephant
 Jewelry Shop
 Sew Country
 Something Different
 Haunted House
 Snack Shack, Bake Shop



We now have an Instagram page! You can find us at RHCCUCC.
Please share this info with your loved ones; Instagram can be a great way to let the community know what our church is doing.
Check in on Facebook! WiFi password is "BeOurGuest"!!



Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday – Closed

Open and Affirming Statement

Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is a unifying and strengthening force within our Christian Faith,

We, the members of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children into God's covenantal community. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us.

Approved by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

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