

**Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
Established 1727
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



August 29, 2010

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M**

**The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us in Chapin Hall 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 and large-print bulletins are available for worship – ask an usher. Nursery care is always available downstairs in Room 4.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Barbara J. Libby

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship pads. Thanks to everyone who wears a name tag and helps our ministry of hospitality. All announcements should be written down and given to the pastor prior to worship.

PRELUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

by Alice Jordan

II. Reverie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Donna K. Manocchio

One: *We have gathered here this morning to worship God.*

Many: **We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.**

One: *We have come to open ourselves to the power of God’s presence in our midst.*

Many: **We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives.**

One: *We have come to ask God to help in our learning and in our growing.*

All: **Let us worship God, the one who is the source of every blessing.**

* HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Pilgrim Hymnal #20

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

O God, we use calendars extensively to set our schedules, to remember special events, and to mark the passing of time. We ask that you help us to use our calendars as instruments of spiritual growth. Remind us that a busy schedule is more oppressive than impressive if it crowds out occasions of prayer and reflection. Teach us to regard each dawn as the beginning of a holy day and to identify every deed as an opportunity for serving you. Inspire us to rejoice in the expanse of time as we live within it and look ahead to its promised never-ending. Giver of our daily bread, Eternal God, we extend to you our gratitude and praise. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray and with the words he teaches us to say together we pray,

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.

*GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Pastor Barbara J. Libby

A READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 13:1-16

ANTHEM

“How Firm a Foundation”

setting by Craig Courtney

SERMON

“Turning and Returning”

Pastor Barbara J. Libby

* HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

New Century Hymnal #407

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

A - - men,
A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are 'A - - men,' on the first line, and 'A - men, a - men, a - - - men.' on the second line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

OFFERING INVITATION

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Partita on “Foundation”

by Alice Jordan

III. Fantasy

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -

The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two staves, both with a treble clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the top staff, and the bass line is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;' on the first line, and 'Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -' on the second line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Pilgrim Hymnal #218

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita on "Foundation"

by Alice Jordan

1. Jubilee

*(*Please rise in body and in spirit)*

GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY

Inreach

USHERS

Tom and Liz Reed-Swale,
Meghan Kelly, Jay Montana, Bill Hoffman

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Grandma by Midge and John Sword.

The tower is lit this week in memory of Paul Tine, Sr. and Michael Tine by Gail, Natalie and Paul Tine, Jr.

NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Scripture: Philemon 1-21

Meditation: "Love Letters"

Pastor Donna K. Manocchio

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, September 12, 2010 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Senior Pastor Search Committee to call the Reverend Donna K. Manocchio as our new Senior Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ 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 in us.

Voted in by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Barbara J. Libby barblibby@rhccucc.org

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio associate@rhccucc.org

Acting Director of Christian Education: Meghan Davis Young christianed@rhccucc.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend Arthur C. Weil

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THIS WEEK AT RHCC
AUGUST 29, SUNDAY

11:00am **Nominating Committee** Fiorilli Room
 1:35pm **Rock Cat Baseball**



Birthdays
This
Week!

AUGUST 30, MONDAY

5:30pm Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
 7:00pm Women's AA Room 23

29 Larry Gilbert
 Shannon Madsen
 31 Lily Hill

SEPTEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Quilters** Room 6
 6:00pm Yoga with Pam Chapin Hall
 12:00pm Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
 7:30pm **Choir** Choir Room

Barry Wilcock
 Kathryn Knight
 Doug Elliot
 Sydney Scheirey
 Sept 1 Marge Murk

SEPTEMBER 2, THURSDAY

8:30am Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
 10:00am **RHCCNS Meet & Greet in Chapel**
 5:30pm TOPS Chapin Hall
 8:00pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

2 Michael Fitzgerald
 3 Ed Matthias
 Carolyn Taylor
 Tom Fulda
 Phyllis Wilkey
 Bob Inderbitzen
 Samantha LaBar

SEPTEMBER 4, SATURDAY

8:30am Yoga w/Lynn Chapin Hall
 12:00pm Community Event Chapin Hall

4 Liz Pulling
 John Corvo

Starting with the last Sunday of this month, August 29, we will be inserting a card in each floral arrangement, whether they are taken home by the donor or brought to someone who is ill, home bound or in a health care facility. The wording on the card is very meaningful as follows:



These flowers have been to church. They have heard the hymns that have been sung, the prayers that have been offered, and the sermon that has been preached.

Now, with their silent message of hope, they come to you with our love and best wishes.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Thanks to Gail Tine, Donna and Carol Harvey for all of their help in bringing this lovely addition to our weekly floral arrangements.

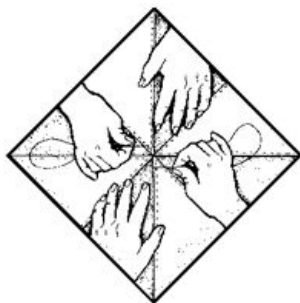
Joan Diaz, Floral Committee

SCRIP-SURE: As previously announced, the deadline for Scrip orders has been moved back to next week, September 5 – with delivery on September 12. However, some extra cards are available today for Big Y, Stop & Shop, and West Side Market. See Gail Hall (in Chapin Hall) if you want some.



CALLING ALL BOWLERS!!! – There is a sign-up sheet in Chapin Hall for Bowling. We'd like to have 20 full-time bowlers. Folks can sign-up for one of the remaining team slots or as a sub. If you can work it out with a partner, we also can have two people share one team spot and bowl every other week or split the season like in Todd Doten and Kim Batterson Biglow. Todd bowls the first half of the season and then Kim bowls the 2nd half when his job gets busy with the tax season. Its lots of fun!

QUILT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK IN CHAPIN HALL
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!



The quilt is almost finished and is just beautiful. Quilt tickets will be available on Sunday, September 5th. It would be a BIG HELP if the members of the congregation would be willing help sell them. It would be even better if each family would purchase a book of 10 tickets for \$10 and sell another book to family or friends. We have 1500 tickets and if we all get involved as a church family we can help the quilters sell out. If you are a church member who would like to help out with the fair in some small way but do not have the time, here is your chance to help! Someone will be in Chapin Hall next week signing out books of 10. Thank you in advance for your willingness to say "YES!"