

Our Session		
CLASS of 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Steve Jewett <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Shawnee Wakeman <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Glenn Jones <i>Finance & Administration</i>
Nancy Thomas <i>Worship</i>	Marie Morrison <i>Worship</i>	Scott Jones <i>Worship</i>
Candice Shepard <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Ben Schneider <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Reggie Hunnicutt <i>Congregational Connections</i>
Jim Rockel <i>Building & Grounds</i>	Billy Carriker <i>Building & Grounds</i>	Jim Pharr <i>Building and Grounds</i>
Dave Mowery <i>Christian Education</i>	Thomas Heavey <i>Christian Education</i>	Kathy Dulin <i>Christian Education</i>

Congregational Connections meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm
 Building and Grounds meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm
 The Worship Team meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm
 Christian Education meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00am
 Finance meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm



Here's what's happening at RRPC in the coming months!!

- Aug. 18 - Introduction to Honey Bees Class
- Aug. 26 - CE Sunday and Ice Cream Social
- Sept. 9 - September Meeting
- Oct. 6 - Yard Sale
- Oct. 13 - Fall Festival and Brunswick Stew

Keep this list handy and watch for updates! We are always adding new and exciting events!!

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Summer Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30 to 4:00 and Friday 8:30 to 12:30



Morning Worship
Sunday, August 19, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

(Let us prepare our hearts for worship • Please silence your cell phones)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

James Ide

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you. Lord, hear my voice.

All: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

One: If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

All: But with you there is forgiveness, that we might serve you with reverence.

One: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in God's word I put my hope.

All: Israel, put your hope in the Lord and in God's unfailing love.

One: Out of the depths I cry to you.

All: Lord, hear my voice.

† HYMN #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† LITANY OF CONFESSION (inspired by Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2/ written by Moira Laidlaw)

One: Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers we are called to be people shaped by your ethical and selfless life one that is so much at odds with accepted lifestyles of today. We confess how easy it is to be drawn into these worldly lifestyles and we need your constant help to make our behavior consistent with yours.

Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful—

All: inform us with your Spirit so that we speak the truth—your truth—at all times.

(silence)

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One: Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control -

All: direct us with your Spirit that we might handle our anger responsibly.

(silence)

One: Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity -

All: mold us with your Spirit so that all our dealings are carried out honestly and ethically.

(silence)

One: Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand -

All: instruct us with your Spirit so that our words truly bring grace to those who hear.

(silence)

One: Renew us with your Spirit

All: so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain.

(silence)

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me

Fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Time of Silent Confession

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

One: Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us exchange a word of peace with our neighbors and remain standing for our Response to Forgiveness

† RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Ruth Mills, friend of Vance & Brenda Horton; Keith Long, son of Darlene Chase; Buddy Holson, friend of Jimmy Stafford and Mary Litteral; Gerald Jones, father of Deb Carter; Jeannette Lefler, sister of Dale Ritchie; John Rankin; Will Harris, nephew of Cyndi Conway (battling leukemia); Julia Wainwright, friend of Alice Williams; Jim Avery, friend of Cyndi Conway; Roman Shepard; Michelle Pena Clark, daughter-in-law of Jerry and Linda Clark; Ann Glosson; Phyllis Griffin; Teresa Faw, family of Alice Williams; Kay Jenkins, friend of Jerry Clark; Neil Cochran; Amber Ritter, co-worker of Deb Carter; Harley and Teresa Veal, friends of Janet Little; Margaret Hale; Bob D’Ameilo, friend of Laura Milliken; Anna Melvin; Shorty McCachren; Mandy Ide; Lavada Freeman; Pat McDonald; Marie Hildreth; Bob Boswell, father of Dori Swaringen; Wes and Ree Abernathy; Benita Schirtzinger, mother of Darren Bird; Sam Peterson, friend of Priscilla Giuliano; Ann Jones, daughter of Ray and Priscilla Clawson; Sonya Moorehead, friend of Jerry Clark; Lindy and Helene Linenberger; Ouida Harman; Jim Busse, friend of Stephanie Campbell; Amy Hicks; Brendan Milliken; Seville Funk; Marlene Howard; Kay Nalbome; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.

Circle Meetings— The Presbyterian Women’s Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 14th at The Union Street Bistro at 6:00pm for dinner. Please let Ann Burr know if you will attend. All of the women of the church are invited and encouraged to join us. We strive to minister to the congregation as a whole and to the women in particular through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We would love to welcome some new faces to our groups! We meet the first Tuesday of each month.



The fall GriefShare class will begin Thursday, August 16 for 13 weeks. You can register online at griefshare.org. or by calling the office. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook. This class is offered to anyone in our community who has lost a loved one and needs help living with their grief.

Questions? Please contact Julia Alexander j.richie.alex@gmail.com or by calling 704--455-9753



The Presbyterian Women’s annual memorial service and meeting will take place on Sunday, Aug. 26th at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please note the time change from previous years. We will remember Billie Drinnen and Ellie Wagoner during the memorial service, followed by light refreshments. The Presbyterian Women’s annual meeting will take place after that, and the annual Back to School Ice Cream Social will begin at 6:00pm.

Loan Status	
Education Building Loan as of:	
6/15/2018	\$370,000
Minimum Monthly Payment	\$5,110
<i>Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign</i>	

Stewardship Report	
2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$206,443
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for August	\$ 6,650
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for August 5	\$ 6,650

Children's Ministry

Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - dce@rockyriver.org

Sunday School - Incredible Faith: Bible Heroes

Summer Sunday School for younger students has been going great! Kids are donning capes each Sunday and learning that they can be super heroes with the power of Jesus Christ working through them. Summer Sunday School will conclude August 19th. There will be a combined Sunday School class on September 2nd and the new Sunday School year will officially kick off on September 9th.

Questions? Contact Sharon Vanpelt at 704-455-2479/dce@rockyriver.org

Thank you to the many people who worked so hard this week to help make the Rolling River Rampage VBS a huge success! We had 54 children enrolled from the church and neighboring community, and 44 youth and adult church volunteers gave many hours of service this week. There were also decorators, sound technicians, donations for snacks and activities, gifted decorations from other churches, and more who supported this huge outreach for our congregation.
THANK YOU!



If you have a new third-grader this year please contact Sharon Vanpelt as soon as possible so that we may continue our tradition of giving Bibles to them on Christian Education Sunday.

Youth Ministry

JD McNutt, Youth Director - youthrrpc@gmail.com

Sunday School—Sunday Morning at 10:00am down in the basement (Room B-6) - Middle School and High School youth gather each week before worship service.

Lego Fun every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner

Youth Calendar:

- August 12 - No youth activities
- August 18 - 1pm; Go to Carillon and play Bingo!
- August 19 - youth; 6pm
- August 26 - Churchwide Ice Cream Social (bring out your best homemade recipe!!)

Questions? Contact JD McNutt at 704-287-6732/youthrrpc@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!! Back to School Ice Cream Social
Sunday August 26th @ 6:00pm
All are invited! Bring your favorite home-made or store bought ice cream flavor and the youth will supply the toppings!! We look forward to this time of fellowship before the kids head back to school and our busy fall schedules begin!

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

We marvel at the wisdom of your word, O God of heaven.

May these words that we shall hear become nourishment for our souls and guidance for the living of our daily lives. Write these words on our hearts, O Lord, that we may be reflections of your truth and mercy. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Thomas Heavey

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 (page 194)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

This Candle Against the Wind

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† HYMN#355

Hear the Good News of Salvation

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from John 6, Ephesians 4)
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #420 God of Grace and God of Glory

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever; Grant us peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; Lift up your eyes and see His face, love will leave you never; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand if you are able

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: James Ide Next Week: Evan Spickard
Worship Assistant, Today: Candice Shepard Next Week: Emma Wakeman
Ushers, Today: Ted Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell
Next Week: Steve Jewett, Tim or Dianne Savelle, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski, Dori or Scott Swaringen
A Time for Children, Today: Thomas Heavey Next Week: Julia Alexander
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Kathy Dulin and Rebecca Murray; Traci Bird and Cindy Spickard
Next Week: Maggie Linker and Brenda Horton; Allison and Aydenn Harris
Summer Sunday School, Today: Robin Hartsell Next Week: Kathy Dulin
Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Linda Clark Next Week: Laura Carriker
Weekly Counting, Today: Teri & Steve Jewett Next Week: Teri & Ben Schneider

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Welcome, guests and friends!

What a blessing that God led you to worship with us today!

Visitors—please sign our friendship pad, and let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We invite you to join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship. Dinner is served at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Baked Potato Bar Cost is \$5 per person—maximum \$15 per family.

Worship Packets for preschool children are available in the vestibule and located in our red activity bags. These packets are designed to help children participate in worship. Please return the bags to the vestibule as you leave the service.

Nursery and childcare services are always available during service for infants through Kindergarten.

Interested in membership? Contact our Church Administrator, Cyndi Conway, to arrange a meeting with our Pastor, Neal Carter. 704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org

VISITS FROM THE PASTOR— Please remember to let us know if someone is in the hospital, is ill, or just needs a visit from the pastor. This ministry is so important to Neal and to our church—knowing that your pastor and church family are here to support you in your time of need is one of the blessings of being a member at RRPC. Call the office at 704-455-2479 or Neal directly on his cell phone (REALLY—CALL HIS CELL PHONE!) at 910-280-9688.

HOLY YOGA Holy Yoga Classes - The last week of classes in this 7 week session will be the week of August 12th.

Silver Sneakers by Tivity Health FLEX Community Fitness Classes Silver Sneakers Yoga Class - will now be offered on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Crystal Passmore is the instructor and is certified by Silver Sneakers. If you are a member of Silver Sneakers the class is offered at no charge, if you are not a member of Silver Sneakers the cost is \$3 per class. This class is designed for all ages and skill levels. Chairs are available if needed for support! Come and give it a try!

Introduction to Honey Bees (Apis Mellifera) - Saturday, August 18 at 9:30am
Class is open to anyone in the congregation that has an interest in learning about honey bees. The world's ratio of non-beekeepers to beekeepers is astounding. The non-beekeepers control most of the bee forage land, use most of the pesticides and herbicides, and yet have only a rudimentary knowledge of the tremendous assets they control for bee health and their habitats. We must find ways to engage non-beekeepers, which is the goal of this class. Topics will include pollinators, biology, history, fauna, flora, pesticides, safety and items utilized in beekeeping and will be taught by Stan Frick and King McCachren.
Please let King McCachren know if you will be attending this class.

