

Our Session		
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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

You are cordially invited to a

VISION AWARENESS GATHERING

of The Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Capital Campaign

You will enjoy delicious food, hear details about the capital campaign, celebrate our faith and share our dreams for the future.

These gatherings are for the purposes of information and inspiration.
 You will not be asked to make any financial commitments at this meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - 12:00 p.m. or WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 - 7:00 p.m.
 (food service begins at 6:00 on the 7th)

Please choose the date and time most convenient for your family. Childcare will be provided.
 Please respond to Julia Alexander at 2jralex@ctc.net by February 28, 2018

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Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 9:30 to 4:30 and Friday 9:30 to 12:30
(PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS)



Morning Worship
Sunday, February 18, 2018
1st Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Isabella Rockel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

- One: Lent is not a time for being miserable, but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.
- All: Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.**
- One: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance—repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world, repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as “mere foibles.”
- All: According to your loving kindness, remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.**
- One: Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations, from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus, from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.
- All: Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths, for you are the God of my salvation and my true happiness.**

- † HYMN #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
- † CALL TO CONFESSION
- † LITANY OF CONFESSION (inspired by Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13)
- One: Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision.
- All: Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.**

One: We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life.

All: We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth.

One: We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.

All: Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all people, and fail to be anything to anyone. Amen.

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.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. By your word, call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

Looking Ahead

Confirmation Class beginning the first week in March!!

A new Confirmation class will begin the first week of March for grades 8 and older who have not yet been confirmed. The class will be led by Neal Carter and Sharon Vanpelt, and it will be a time to explore the Christian faith and how we live out that faith as Presbyterians. **Parents and youth who want to be part of this class are asked to meet TODAY, immediately following worship, at the front of the sanctuary to determine days and times to meet.**

Questions? Contact Sharon Vanpelt at dce@rockyriver.org.

Harrisburg Community Food Pantry - This week we have a very specific request. I am happy to report that our canned goods status is in excellent condition. We do not need any donations regarding canned goods at this time. However, we do need fresh bread and vegetables. If you're interested in donating either of these items please contact Pat Miller at 704- 957-8629 to arrange a drop off time. Thank you for your support and have a great week.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser—Sunday, March 18th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and support The Shepard family and help them bring Roman home! All proceeds from this luncheon will go towards the expenses incurred in adopting and bringing their little boy home from the Ukraine.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the event. We will be serving spaghetti, meatballs, salad rolls, and dessert. The food will be delicious and you'll be supporting a great cause!



HRBTA
Hickory Ridge
Bible Teaching
Association



Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 17, 2018 @ 6:00pm

Covenant Church of Harrisburg

*6900 Hickory Ridge Rd,
Harrisburg, NC 28075*

**Guest Speaker, Music and Testimonies
from Students about the Bible Classes.**

**The cost is just \$25.00 per seat or purchase an entire
table for \$200.00**

**To purchase seats, make a donation for the silent auction, donate directly
to HRBTA or volunteer to help, contact Susan Fox at (704) 502-9852**

All proceeds from Donations, Dinner and Silent Auction benefit the
Hickory Ridge High School Bible Classes to pay for the salary and
benefits of the Bible Teacher and are Tax Deductible
Tax ID number 33-1156321 P. O. Box 1592 Harrisburg, NC 28075



SAVE THE DATE!! Chili Cookoff Fundraiser!! Sunday, March 11th

Calling all chefs! We are looking for your best chili recipes to compete in this fundraiser. All monies raised will go towards the Youth Mission Trip this summer (June 17th—23)

- Looking for 10 contestants! Rules and Guidelines will be available on Wednesday, February 21.
 - Contest is held right after service on the 11th
 - \$3 admission (includes tasting, one full bowl, cornbread, salad and dessert)
 - Drop your donation in the bucket next to the chili that you liked best. The chili that receives the most donations is the winner!!
- Questions? Contact Cyndi in the office**

Children's Ministry

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

Sunday School - Sunday morning at 10:00am. Godly Play

Kindergarten thru 2nd grade Room 203, 3rd thru 5th grade Room 206. The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond.

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

Communicants' Class/Sacraments Education

Sacraments Education for children and families will be held Sunday, February 25th, 12:15-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is part of our church's educational process for children ages 6-8 who have not yet been through a First Communion class. During this time, children will learn about the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, exploring their aspects through hands-on activity centers and discussion. Participants are required to bring a parent or guardian with them to class. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to register for the class, please contact Sharon Vanpelt at dce@rockyriver.org.

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.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner

Youth Calendar:

February 18 - Carillon and Ice Skating

February 24-25 - Ski Trip @ Winterplace

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

YOUTH MISSION TRIP!!! JUNE 17—23 • Frakes, Kentucky

JD and the Youth will be heading to Henderson Settlement, in Frakes Kentucky for their mission trip this summer. We will be needing adult chaperones to go on this trip as well. Mark your calendars!! More details will be coming in the weeks ahead!



FAMILY GAME NIGHT!! Friday February 23rd at 7:00pm

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!

We meet in the Fellowship Hall and welcome you to bring friends and neighbors. All ages are encouraged to come!!

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

JD McNutt

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 9-15 (page 34)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Something Mark Didn't Leave Out

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Confession of 1967)

The new life in Christ does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. Amen.

† HYMN #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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.

Sending

† HYMN #372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† 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: Isabella Rockel **Next Week:** Anna Talton

Worship Assistant, Today: Emma Wakeman **Next Week:** Gigi Hunnicutt

Ushers, Today: Chip Wells, Steve Jewett, Dianne or Tim Savelle, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski

Next Week: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Traci Bird, Jim Stafford, King McCachren

A Time for Children, Today: JD McNutt **Next Week:** Thomas Heavey

Nursery Volunteers, Today: Maggie Linker and Brenda Horton; Allison and Aydenn Harris

Next Week: Scott and Dori Swaringen; Mandy Ide

Bread Ministry Baker, This Week: Cathy Jewett **Next Week:** Carol Lyerly

Godly Play: Erica Heavey/Mandy Ide; Janet Little/Dave Mowery

Next Week: Joey Dulin/Janet Little; Robin Hartsell/Niki Schneider

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Phyllis Griffin; Teresa Faw, family of Alice Williams; Kay Jenkins, friend of Jerry Clark; David Rowan, co-worker of Bob Carter; Margaret Earley; Neil Cochran; Amber Ritter, co-worker of Deb Carter; Kathleen Baczewski, mother of Joseph Baczewski; Joan Nicholson; Jeff Barbee; Harley and Teresa Vea, friends of Janet Little; Margaret Hale; Bob D’Ameilo, friend of Laura Milliken; Anna Melvin; The David Luther Family, friends of Vance and Brenda Horton; Shorty McCachren; Mandy Ide; Clai McNutt; 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; Alan Cochran, brother of Neil Cochran; 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 Nalbhone; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 18, 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. Cost is \$5 per person/maximum \$15 per family. Menu: BBQ Pork Sandwiches

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.

Capital Campaign Established – The Session has taken action to create a Capital Campaign to retire our debt on the Fellowship Hall addition within two years. The team that will be working on this campaign is presently being formed and more information will be forthcoming in the coming days. We are excited about this action and look forward to the results of a successful campaign.

Loan Status	
Education Building Loan as of:	
1/30/2018	\$447,077
Minimum Monthly Payment	\$5,110
Plans are being made for a new Capital Campaign to begin to retire this debt in full.	
Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to help us retire this debt.	

Stewardship Report	
2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$ 39,287
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for February	\$ 15,220
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for February 11	\$ 9,295
Thank you for your faithful giving.	

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Mark 6:21