

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>
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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

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Anna Talton **Next Week:** Colton Heavey
Worship Assistant, Today: Brandon Earley **Next Week:** Candice Shepard
Ushers, Today: Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald, Patrick Spickard
Next Week: Ted Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell
A Time for Children, Today: JD McNutt **Next Week:** Jerry Clark
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Cindy Spickard; Susan Geist
Next Week: Theresa & Abi Watson; Niki Schneider and Susan Jones
Summer Sunday School, Today: Cindy & Patrick Spickard **Next Week:** Rex & Ashley Carriker
Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Laura Milliken **Next Week:** Joan Nicholson
Weekly Counting, Today: Teri and Reggie **Next Week:** Teri and Steve Jewett

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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, July 1, 2018
13th 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 Anna Talton
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 30)*
 One: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones
All: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow
 One: Where there was no way
All: God leads us in a new way
 One: Where there was no mercy
All: God surprises us with fresh mercy
 One: Where there was weeping
All: God invites us to step into a new dance.

† HYMN #461 *God Is Here!*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the newness of your grace to enter:
All: God have mercy.
 One: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.
All: Christ have mercy.
 One: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

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All: God have mercy.

One: God's mercies are new every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

All: Let us give thanks for God's mercy and forgiveness. 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 (in unison)

Faithful God,

Meet us here today in Your word; teach us to recognize that You long to bring new life possibilities even where there has been no hope. Lead us by Your Spirit that our community becomes the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100 (page 552)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN JD McNutt

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 10:11-16 (page 103)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *His Little Flock* George Slaton

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:

July 1 - Youth 6-7:30 (Milkshake extravaganza - bring a unique topping or something to mix in)

July 8 - Frisbee Golf - meet at church at 6 pm. Bring money for a dessert afterwards ☺

July 15 - No youth activities this evening

July 22 - Carillon and a day at the movies - we will go to lunch after worship, visit the folks at Carillon and then to the movies!

July 29 - Water Fight Night - bring a water gun and be prepared :)

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

NEW Sunday School Hangout for Young Adults!

Our new Young Adult Sunday School class is now in session! You will meet in room 105 during the Sunday School hour for faithful discussions about living as a Christian in today's world. Tommy Heavey will be the facilitator for student-driven discussions, and all young adults (18—25) are invited to drop into the space when they are in town. Coffee will be provided.

Circle Meetings— The Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 3 and July 10. The morning circle will meet at 10:00am on July 3 in the Parlor at the Church. The evening circle will meet on July 10 at 7:00pm in the church parlor as well. 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.

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	\$163,353
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for June	\$ 27,649
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for June 24	\$ 8,880

As you can see from the above Loan Status, the new balance of our building loan is \$370,000. A sizable payment was made when the terms were renegotiated which reduced the amount we had to borrow. Our new term is 5 years at a rate of 4.75%. While this resulted in a lower required monthly payment, we feel that being good stewards of the church's money, we are going to continue to make the previous higher payment to further reduce the balance quicker. This, coupled along with the capital campaign proceeds being applied monthly, will result in an even quicker loan payoff. This is exciting news and we appreciate everyone's contributions to the capital campaign and helping us become debt free!

Children's Ministry

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

Sunday School - Incredible Faith: Bible Heroes

Summer Sunday School has begun for older preschool and elementary children. Our theme this year is Incredible Faith. From beginning to end the Bible is filled with incredible stories of heroes whose faith in God allowed them to be used by God to save the day. Through the summer, kids will learn that they can put their faith in God, because he is worthy of our trust.

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5 thru 9 • Sunday thru Thursday

We are also looking for these items to borrow: Artificial Christmas trees, canopies or tents, fake bushes/trees, and inflatable rafts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

1. Teachers are still needed for children's summer Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall, specifically for August 5, and August 12. The theme is Incredible Faith and studies Old Testament heroes. All supplies are provided and lesson will be emailed to you a week in advance.
2. **URGENT NEED FOR VBS** leaders and helpers are needed to serve the week of Aug. 5- 9. Guides are responsible for a group of children each night. Youth may serve as Junior Guides for groups or Station Helpers (Crafts, Science, Recreation) each night. If you can help with these programs, contact Sharon Vanpelt as soon as possible.

WE ALSO NEED NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!!!

There will be a VBS Leader gathering on Sunday July 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs Session room. All VBS volunteers should attend. Thanks!



If you know anyone in the area with autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, stroke, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease, or a related diagnosis—read on: Audrey Reynolds, a board certified music therapist, is now offering inclusive summer community music groups at Rocky River to promote exercise, socialization, speech, and emotional expression in participants and to provide support for caregivers and family.

- Create Community Mini: Children with Special Needs, ages 5-11, Mondays 2:30-3:00pm
 - Create Community Juniors: Youth with Special Needs, ages 12-18, Monday 6:45-7:30pm
 - Create Community Neuro: Adults and Seniors with neurological disorders, including Parkinson's Disease, dementia, stroke, Huntington's Disease, etc., Mondays 1:30pm-2:15pm
- Groups will be held weekly throughout July and August 2018. \$12/week. Call Audrey at 704-579-8531 or email adagiomusictherapy@therapysecure.com for more information.

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 #289

O God of Every Nation

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

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church, so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

† 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

We are happy to welcome George Slaton to our church today, while Neal is on vacation. George is a native of Charlotte NC and grew up in Concord. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond VA and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville KY. He served churches in Florida and Tennessee. After clinical training in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta GA, George served from 1980 until 2010 as therapist and then as Executive Director of Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from which he retired and moved to Cornelius NC. He serves as presbytery liaison to two congregations and is a member of presbytery's Conciliation Team.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Buddy Holson, friend of Jimmy Stafford and Mary Litteral; Gerald Jones, father of Deb Carter; Alan Clawson; Kim Morse; Jeannette Lefler, sister of Dale Ritchie; Shirley and Bill Moose, friends of Vance Horton; John Rankin; Will Harris, nephew of Cyndi Conway (battling leukemia); Julia Wainwright, friend of Alice Williams; Jim Avery, friend of Cyndi Conway; Roman Shepard; Mary Alexander; 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; David Rowan, co-worker of Bob Carter; Margaret Earley; Neil Cochran; Amber Ritter, co-worker of Deb Carter; Harley and Teresa Vea, 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; 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.

Please call the office on Monday mornings to update the prayer list—there are some names that have been on there for quite a while and an update would be appreciated.

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 1, 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 our FREE Community Meal on Wednesday, July 4 at 6:00pm. We will be serving pizza and salad!!

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**.

We will still offer our FREE Community Meal on Wednesday July 4th! Pizza, Salad and desserts. Join us for dinner before you head to see the fireworks!

Two New Programs at RRPC to help you stay fit!! Read below to find out about our Holy Yoga and Silver Sneaker programs!!

HOLY YOGA™ **Holy Yoga Classes** - have begun! This yoga class is offered to EVERYone and everyBODY. The instructor, Leslie Wagner, offers advice to every skill level, so even if you've never done yoga before, this class is for YOU!! Monday nights at 6:30 and Wednesday mornings at 9:30. \$10 per class and you can pay as you go! Just as we feed your body and soul at WNF - Holy yoga will feed your body

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! Classes start on Tuesday, July 10.