

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>
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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: Evan Spickard **Next Week:** Nathan Spickard
Worship Assistant, Today: Gigi Hunnicutt **Next Week:** Emma Wakeman
Ushers, Today: Steve Jewett, Tim & Dianne Savelle, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski, Dori & Scott Swaringen
Next Week: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Jim Stafford, King McCachren
A Time for Children, Today: Neal Carter **Next Week:** Sharon Vanpelt
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Janet Little; Krista Eason
Next Week: Dave and Mandy; Rebecca Murray
Summer Sunday School, Today: Cindy and Patrick **Next Week:** Erica Heavey & Julia
Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Shirley Rockel **Next Week:** Alice Williams

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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 15, 2018
15th 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 Evan Spickard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 24)

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

All: **This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought. (This Is My Father's World)**

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: **Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels wings.
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Surely the Presence)**

One: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

All: **Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ' blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me. (O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
All: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here. (Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates)
One: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
All: May we worship the King of Glory!

† HYMN #483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*
† CALL TO CONFESSION
† LITANY OF CONFESSION (inspired by Ephesians 1:3-14; written by Moira Laidlaw)

One: We read in Ephesians that we were chosen by God before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love.
All: Such a privilege...
One: Such a responsibility....
All: God chose us...to be holy and blameless.
One: We do try, but being holy all the time is not easy.
All: Forgive us Lord, when we fail.
One: We read that we are destined for adoption as God’s children through Jesus Christ...
All: Such a privilege...
One: Such a responsibility....
All: Our identity as members of God’s family should be apparent to others...
One: That means being recognizable as Christians through our words and deeds.
All: Forgive us Lord, when we fail
One: We also read that we were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit which is the guarantee of our inheritance as God’s own people...
All: Such a privilege...
One: Such a wonderful privilege, knowing that the burden of living up to such an inheritance has been taken off our shoulders because of the grace which has been lavished upon us. For God also promised that in Jesus we have been forgiven according to the riches of his grace.
All: May we always be aware of the tremendous privilege which has been bestowed upon us by God and may our response to such blessings be to live as grace-full and joy-full followers of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Buddy Holson, friend of Jimmy Stafford and Mary Litteral; Gerald Jones, father of Deb Carter; Alan Clawson; 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; 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 Nalbone; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.

Fall Festival!!! It may seem like a long time away—but it’s time to start planning the Fall Festival! The C3 Committee will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00pm in the Session Room. PLEASE consider helping us to make this the BEST Fall Festival we’ve ever had! The Harrisburg/Concord community is really starting to notice what an active Christ centered church we are! We are living our Mission Statement and the Fall Festival is just one of the many ways we reach out to the community.
Questions? Contact Candice Shepard @ 704-778-1278



WNF Playground Supervision	
We are in search of adults and older youth each Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 to monitor children on the playground and possibly organize classic group games (Red Rover, Bum Bum Bum, etc.). Dates that are open are: July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 22, Aug. 29. If you are interested in one of these dates, please	
Loan Status	Stewardship Report
Education Building Loan as of:	2018 Budget \$379,548
6/15/2018 \$370,000	Total given YTD \$183,679
Minimum Monthly Payment \$5,110	Amt. needed per month: \$ 31,629
Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign	Total for July \$ 20,325
	Amount needed Weekly \$ 7,299
	Total for July 8 \$ 14,914

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5 thru 9 • Sunday thru Thursday

Registration is now open. You can visit our website at www.rockyriver.org to register on line or fill out the enclosed form and bring it to the office.
Ages 4 thru 5th grade

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!

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 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

† 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)

(inspired by Ephesians 1:3-14 - from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website.)

Gracious God, teach us the rhythm of your wisdom; show us how to laugh with the insights of your truth, so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Neal Carter

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14 (page 192)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

My Lord, I Did Not Choose You

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† HYMN *There Is A Redeemer* (see insert)

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 (inspired by Ephesians 1:3-14)
Gracious God, you offer a redemptive inheritance beyond our imagination. You graciously bestow each of us with your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love. Joyously, we share these tithes and offerings. As you call us to give, you remind us to place our hopes and dreams in your love and grace. Thank you, God, for giving us your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #439 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

† 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

Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 15, 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 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner. We serve at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person \$15 per family. Menu: Broccoli/Chicken/Rice
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**.

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 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 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.

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.