

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



Flat Neal made it to the East Coast (Cape Cod) AND the West Coast (San Francisco) this week!

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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 22, 2018
16th 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

Nathan Spickard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - Communion Sunday

(written by Rev. Teri Peterson of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church)

One: God calls us to a feast!

**All: The table is set,
 and we will come from east and west,
 from north and south to sit at Christ's table.**

One: Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

**All: We come to share our stories and Your story,
 to share our hope and our pain,
 to share our wisdom and our laughter.**

One: The table is set,

All: so come let us worship God together!

† HYMN #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

ELDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE Thomas Heavey

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Sharon Vanpelt

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2: 11-22 (page 192)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Across Fences* 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.



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. If you have any questions please contact Julia Alexander at j.richie.alex@gmail.com or by calling 704--455-9753

Family Game Night

Twice a month on the second and fourth Friday in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 27 7:00pm

Game Night has become a fun Friday night tradition at RRPC. Young and old members alike come out to play a friendly game of cards, or their favorite board game. All you have to bring is your favorite game, a snack to share and your competitive spirit! Invite your neighbors and friends for some good clean fun! All are welcome!

Questions? Please contact Priscilla Giuliano at 704-706-3203/tttandsp@gmail.com



Rocky River Readers - will meet on Monday, July 23 at 7:00pm in the parlor.

The book for discussion is **Here and Gone** by Haylen Beck. This is a flawlessly crafted thriller--- breathtakingly propulsive, relentlessly suspenseful, and shocking to the very last page --- about one woman's fight against unimaginable evil to save everything that matters to her. Members of RR Readers are reminded we switched the titles we are reading between July and August. We will read **The Keeper of Lost Things** by Ruth Hogan for our August 27th meeting.

We always welcome new readers! **Please join us in the church parlor at 7pm on Monday, July 23rd** whether you had a chance to read this month's book or not.

Questions? Please contact Marie Morrison at 704-455-2487/ morrison1960@windstream.net

Loan Status		Stewardship Report	
Education Building Loan as of:		2018 Budget	\$379,548
6/15/2018	\$370,000	Total given YTD	\$189,255
Minimum Monthly Payment	\$5,110	Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
		Total for July	\$ 25,901
		Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
		Total for July 15	\$ 5,576

Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign

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: Aug. 1, Aug. 22, Aug. 29. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Sharon Vanpelt or Dave Mowery.

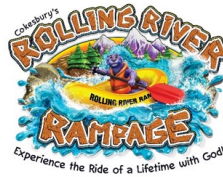
Children's Ministry

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!!!

We need donations or loans of stuffed forest animals (raccoons, skunks, bunnies, birds, owls, deer, frogs, etc. to use in our VBS decorations. If loans, put your name on them and we will return them to you.

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 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

† HYMN #443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Neal Carter

"Come to the Table of Grace" (*Congregation to sing*)

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Please hold each element until everyone is served.; as a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake on cue from the minister.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #443 *O Christ, The Great Foundation*

† 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Keith Long, son of Darlene Chase; 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.

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Nathan Spickard

Next Week: Isabella Rockel

Worship Assistant, Today: Emma Wakeman

Next Week: Ben Burr

Ushers, Today: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Jim Stafford, King McCachren

Next Week: Youth and Usher Team 2

A Time for Children, Today: Sharon Vanpelt

Next Week: Joey Dulin

Nursery Volunteers, Today: Dave and Mandy; Rebecca Murray

Next Week: Candice, Ellie, Maggie; Dede, Savannah and Trinity

Summer Sunday School, Today: Erica Heavey & Julia

Next Week: Robin Hartsell

Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Alice Williams

Next Week: Julie Alexander

Weekly Counting, Today: Scott & Frank Reynolds

Next Week: Teri & Bill Carriker

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 2, 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: Beef & Cheese Enchiladas


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!



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.