

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



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

Cyndi will be out of the office from July 31 thru August 8

Neal will be out of the office from August 3 thru 8

Please contact a church elder if you have an emergency or need help with anything.



Morning Worship
Sunday, July 29, 2018
17th 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

Isabella Rockel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of God to be filled with life anew.

Choir: *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 Fill me with life anew,
 That I may love what Thou dost love,
 And do what Thou wouldst do.*

All: **Open our hearts to the new life in Christ.**

One: May our hearts be open to the Lord today.

Choir: *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 Until my heart is pure,
 Until with Thee I will one will,
 To do and to endure.*

All: **Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.**

One: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

All: **Help us to place our trust in God.**

One: Come, let us praise the God of love.

All: **Open our hearts to God.**

All: *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 Till I am wholly Thine,
 Until this earthly part of me
 Glows with Thy fire divine.*

One: People of God, may we worship God in spirit and in truth.

† HYMN #466

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, We confess our fear. At times we allow fear to lead us rather than hope; doubt to drive us rather than trust. We make mistakes, and instead of confessing our mistakes and working to right our wrongs, we double-down. We refuse to acknowledge our wrongdoings because we are afraid. We have allowed fear to rule us instead of love, but Your love casts out fear. Your love calls us to renewed trust. Your love allows us to hope and to work together for goodness. We confess and acknowledge our fear, O God, and ask for Your help to overcome it. In the name of Christ, who faced the fear of death on the cross, and lives in us, we pray. 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION - VBS

Sharon Vanpelt

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Guide us, O God, by Your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, 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; Alan Clawson; 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; 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.

Circle Meetings— The Presbyterian Women’s Circle meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 7 and 14th. The morning circle will meet on August 7 at Chong Chin Restaurant at 11:30 for lunch and the evening circle will meet on August 14 at The Union Street Bistro at 6:30 for dinner. 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



Thank you to everyone that has faithfully contributed to the Ten Cents-A-Meal program. If you have been saving money at home each day, we will be taking that collection **next Sunday, August 5** during A Time for Children. We have raised over \$1,400 to date to help fight hunger. An envelope is included for you to use next Sunday if you wish.

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	\$194,029
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for July	\$ 30,675
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for July 22	\$ 4,744

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!!!

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

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!

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Joey Dulin

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-14 (page 97)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gathering The Fragments

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 true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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#366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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

Gracious God, You have given every good gift for proclaiming Your presence and Your love. The world is thirsting for this good news. People struggle for words of hope and peace. As You have been blessed, now go to be a blessing in God’s Name. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #298 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

† 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

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Isabella Rockel

Next Week: Anna Talton

Worship Assistant, Today: Ben Burr

Next Week: Kathy Linker

Ushers, Today: Youth and Usher Team 2

Next Week: Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald

A Time for Children, Today: Joey Dulin

Next Week: JD McNutt

Nursery Volunteers, Today: Candice, Ellie, Maggie; Dede, Savannah and Trinity

Next Week: Alice Williams, Linda Clark; Cindy Spickard

Summer Sunday School, Today: Ashley & Rex Carriker

Next Week: TBD

Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Julia Alexander

Next Week: Mary Loraas

Weekly Counting, Today: Teri & Bill Carriker

Next Week: Teri & Reggie Hunnicutt

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 29, 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 night at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Sub Sandwiches, Chips and dessert.

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™ 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 and soul as well! Open to the public—invite your neighbors and friends! PLEASE NOTE: No Yoga classes the week of August 5 due to VBS. The last week of classes in this 7 week session will be the week of August 12th.

SilverSneakers® 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!