

Our Session		
CLASS of 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Steve Jewett <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Shawnee Wakeman <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Glenn Jones <i>Finance &amp; 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 &amp; Grounds</i>	Billy Carriker <i>Building &amp; 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

Nomination forms for the Elder Class of 2021 can be found in the vestibule

### Worship Ministry

**Choir Chime Ringer, Today:** Nathan Spickard  
**Worship Assistant, Today:** Candice Shepard  
**Ushers, Today:** Ted Dickason, Jon Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell  
**Next Week:** Steve Jewett, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski, Tim and Dianne Savelle, Scott and Dori Swaringen,  
**A Time for Children, Today:** Vance Horton  
**Nursery Volunteers, Today:** Kenza Mitchen; Carol Lyerly and Laura Milliken  
**Next Week:** Beau & Jane Talton; Dave & Phyllis Miller  
**Bread Ministry Baker, This Week:** Carol Lyerly  
**Godly Play:** Godly Play I –Julie/Magan; Godly Play II - Sharon/Robin  
**Weekly Counting, Today:** Teri and Steve Jewett

**Next Week:** Isabella Rockel  
 Next Week: Brandon Earley  
 Next Week: Thomas Heavey  
 Next Week: Ann Windell  
 Next Week: Teri and Ben Schneider

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 Youth Director: JD McNutt • 704-455-2479 • youthrrpc@gmail.com  
**Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 9:30 to 4:30 and Friday 9:30 to 12:30**



**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, June 10, 2018**  
**10th 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

One: Let God's praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.  
**All: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!**  
 One: Let God's praise be whispered in the spirits of the people!  
**All: We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.**  
 One: Let God's praise be proclaimed wherever we are.  
**All: May we praise God in all that we do and say!**

† HYMN #485 *To God Be the Glory*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient Lord, You know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. We turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Forgive us. Help us to learn that You are actively seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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)

**Lord of community, You have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as we hear Your word this day. By Your Spirit, enable us to truly hear You in Your word; enable us to be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Vance Horton

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 3:20-35 (page 37)

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Water Is Thicker Than Blood* Neal Carter

**Children's Ministry**

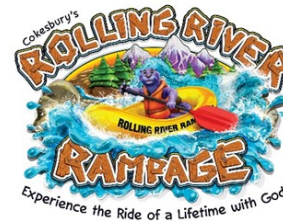
Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - [dce@rockyriver.org](mailto:dce@rockyriver.org)

**Sunday School - Sunday morning at 10:00am thru June 10 Godly Play Kindergarten thru 2nd grade Room 203, 3rd thru 5th grade Room 206.**

**Incredible Faith: Bible Heroes**

Summer Sunday School begins June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 as well!!! Contact Sharon Vanpelt if you have any of the items we need or want to volunteer to help!

**Youth Ministry**

JD McNutt, Youth Director - [youthrrpc@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

**June 10** - no youth activities tonight

**June 17-23** Mission Trip!!

**June 24** - Sleep 😊 (no youth activities)

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

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

We will be sending our youth and their chaperones to Frakes, Kentucky next Sunday! Thank you for your generosity throughout the year in supporting the fundraisers for this mission trip! Next Sunday we will have our final fundraiser of the year. **Look for the "Giving Wall" and make a donation if you feel moved to do so.** Please keep our youth and their chaperones in your prayers.



**Lego Fun!!**

"Can we build some more Legos on the church building?" I get asked that question a lot. And the answer is "Yes!" This summer we will begin adding on to our Lego model of the church. We will work on it on Wednesday evenings after dinner.

This group will be open to all kids :) We will begin on June 13.

We could use brown, white, and green legos this summer if you would like to bring some with you.

## Announcements

**Shutter Replacement** – B&G has begun to replace the shutters on the sanctuary. Thank you to Jim Rockel, Joe Novobilski, King McCachren, Jim Pharr and David Murray for all your help in getting this done!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

1. Teachers are needed for children's summer Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall June 17-Aug.19. 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. VBS leaders and helpers are needed to serve the week of Aug. 5-9. Guides are responsible for a group of children each night. Station leaders and their helpers are responsible for leading groups of children through a selected activity (Crafts, Science, Recreation) each night.

If you can help with these programs, contact Sharon Vanpelt as soon as possible.



### A MISSION FOR A MISSION...HEAVENLY OATS.

Heavenly Oats Ministry is to share the love of Christ with parents who are faced with the death of their child. They believe that it is an important step in the family's healing process to honor the deceased child with individually-crafted heirloom and unique

clothing for burial. For the family members, they provide crochet lap blankets and prayer shawls to support them during their loss. Their volunteers provide professional quality sewn gowns and clothing repurposed from wedding gowns to the families. All are at no charge to the family. How can you help? A box will be placed in the foyer of the fellowship hall to collect such items as wedding dresses, soft baby yarn, yarn to make lap blankets and prayer shawls, sewing supplies, soft fleece, material, lace embellishments, velcro, bias tape, thread, serger thread, machine embroidery thread, iron on stabilizer, elastic, etc. They also accept monetary gifts to help cover the cost of shipping.

Any questions contact Priscilla Giuliano at [ttrandsp@gmail.com](mailto:ttrandsp@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.



**The Men's Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 17, at 9:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This month we are going to do something a little different—in honor of Father's Day—the women of the church are going to cook breakfast for ALL OF THE MEN that can join us! To all of the men ages 2 to 200—let us feed you on the 17th!!** Husbands, fathers, sons, Grandfathers, grandsons and brothers.

What a great opportunity for fellowship among our men! We would love to see some new faces at the breakfast.

**Volunteers needed to help with this breakfast!**

**Contact Cyndi in the office if you can help! 704-455-2479**

## Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. "Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

† HYMN #421

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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

**Lord, in this season of growth, open our hearts to grow in Your love. Help us to truly trust in your creative process in our lives. Prepare us, O Lord, and these gifts we bring to become ambassadors of peace and hope. Help us to place our trust in you, so that when we are serving others, they may come to know your abiding love and power. Give us courage and great joy as we serve you. Amen.**

## Sending

† HYMN #145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*  
† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Reader 1:** Before I make a commitment to serving God, I want to be assured that this mission will be successful. I want to know what I will get out of this. Will there be a testimonial for me? How about a dinner honoring the work that I have done? An engraved plaque would be appropriate for me, after all I will have been very faithful.

**Reader 2:** Lord, I don't know if I can do this, but I will go where you lead.

**Reader 1:** I want to know if there are benefits. What about insurance? Travel expenses? What about appropriate clothing and luggage? These things are important.

**Reader 2:** Lord, all I need is your word and I will proclaim your love to all the people.

**Reader 1:** Transportation! Now how is that going to be covered? Do I take my own car, if I have to you will have to pay mileage or I won't go. You know the price of gas and the wear and tear on my vehicle. If you want me to serve, Lord, I want to know the perks.

**Reader 2:** Lord, you have blessed my life. I am so grateful for all you have done and continue to do. Lead me, guide me.....

**Choir:** Guide my feet while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)  
Guide my feet while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)  
Guide my feet while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)  
For I don't want to run this race in vain, (race in vain)

**Reader 1:** I don't know. I may have to think about this. I'll see what the family says. After all, if you don't have the support of the family, what do you have?

**Reader 2:** I'm ready, Lord. Lead me.

† 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, June 10, 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: Sweet and Sour Chicken**

**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

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** 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 (recently diagnosed with cancer) 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; Kathleen Baczewski, mother of Joseph Baczewski; 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.

**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.

### Loan Status

Education Building Loan as of:  
5/31/2018 **\$432,158**  
Minimum Monthly Payment \$5,110

*Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign*

### Stewardship Report

2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$144,266
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for June	\$ 8,743
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for June 3	\$ 8,743