

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

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

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Isabella Rockel

Next Week: Anna Talton

Worship Assistant, Today: Brandon Earley

Next Week: Gigi Hunnicutt

Ushers, Today: Steve Jewett, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski, Tim and Dianne Savelle, Scott and Dori Swaringen

Next Week: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Traci Bird, Jim Stafford, King McCachren

A Time for Children, Today: Thomas Heavey

Next Week: Julia Alexander

Nursery Volunteers, Today: Beau & Jane Talton; Dave & Phyllis Miller

Next Week: Rex and Ashley Carriker; Tommy & Erica Heavey

Bread Ministry Baker, This Week: Ann Windell

Next Week: Carol Mullis

Weekly Counting, Today: Teri and Ben Schneider

Next Week: Scott and Frank Reynolds

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Youth Director: JD McNutt • 704-455-2479 • youthrrpc@gmail.com

Summer Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30 to 4:00 and Friday 8:30 to 12:30



Morning Worship
Sunday, June 17, 2018
11th 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: Let us worship God as children...

All: with wonder and awe.

One: Let us worship God as youth...

All: with questions and eager hearts.

One: Let us worship God as adults...

All: with gratitude and praise.

One: Let us worship God as elders...

All: with wisdom and hope.

One: Let the Body of Christ sing praises to God ...

All: from whom all blessings flow.

† HYMN #476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions. 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)

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your words by the insight of the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Thomas Heavey

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:26-34 (page 38)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Neal Carter
Parable About Us

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

God sends the church into the world. God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Ministry

Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - 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 17th 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](tel: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!

- Teachers are still needed for children's summer Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall, specifically for July 8, 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.
- 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.

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.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner

Youth Calendar:

June 17-23 Mission Trip!!

June 24 - Sleep ☺ (no youth activities)

Questions? Contact JD McNutt at [704-287-6732](tel:704-287-6732)/youthrrpc@gmail.com

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.

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: Chicken Salad Croissants

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**.

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.

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.

Vacation Backpack kits are available in the church office for the summer. Included are some simple devotions, prayers and other items to help you connect with God as you travel. And to help you stay connected to Rocky River PC there is also a Flat Neal included for you to take photos of your activities and post them on the church's Facebook page. Let's see where your travels take Flat Neal as we remain "one in the Spirit." If you don't have Facebook—you can send the pictures to the office and we will post them for you!

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 \$149,050
Amt. needed per month: \$ 31,629
Total for June \$ 13,346
Amount needed Weekly \$ 7,299
Total for June 10 \$ 4,604

† HYMN #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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.

† LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: Accept these gifts, O God, as an offering of praise to you.

All: Accept the gift of our lives, O God, as an offering of praise to you.

One: Grant that we use these gifts "to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

All: Give us wisdom and strength as we answer your call to set the table of hospitality and love as an offering in your name.

One: Accept our gifts, O God, so that they may connect the church in mission.

All: May these offerings of gifts and lives be melded together so that all that we have and all that we are glorify your holy name. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sending

Will all those going on the Mission Trip please come to the front of the church at this time

† HYMN

*Come! Live in the Light!
We Are Called*

(see insert)

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

JD: There are different gifts, but the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit, to use for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of the body of Christ.

Friends, I present to you those who will represent this congregation in this mission project.

Mission workers, I present to you the people who have been and will continue to support you. They believe your mission is important.

Neal: Do you accept the responsibility of representing this congregation in doing the work of our Lord in a distant place?

Mission Team: I do.

Neal: Will you work to exemplify Christ's teachings by loving one another and by translating Christ's message with excitement and care, turning strangers to friends and friends to brothers and sisters?

Mission Team: I will.

Neal: Will you serve in this special work with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, treasuring your experiences as opportunities to teach and to grow?

Mission Team: I will.

(To congregation)

Neal: Do you, the members and friends of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, accept these people as missionaries chosen to extend our Christian love and concern to others?

Congregation: We do.

Neal: Will you support them with your prayers during their venture and with your interest upon their return, recognizing their special contribution to the work of the Church and their mission as your own?

Congregation: We will.

Neal: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, we present our hopes for the mission team. In every age you have chosen servants to speak your word in unique and special and various ways. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them each gifts to do their special work throughout the week. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so they may accept all they confront, and be faithful and joyful in their task. Bring them safely home and then let their experience further enrich us as a congregation so that we, too, may better serve you.

The Mission Team:

Gracious God, give us strength, wisdom and love to work for our Lord Jesus Christ as we serve others in Frakes, Kentucky.

All: Amen.

Neal: You are now commissioned to represent Rocky River Presbyterian Church in the mission of Christ. Go forth, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

† 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 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; Kathleen Baczewski, mother of Joseph Baczewski; Harley and Teresa Veal, 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.