

| Our Session | | |
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| 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: James Ide **Next Week:** Anna Talton
Worship Assistant, Today: Gigi Hunnicutt **Next Week:** Kathy Linker
Ushers, Today: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Traci Bird, Jim Stafford, King McCachren
Next Week: Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald, Patrick Spickard
A Time for Children, Today: Julia Alexander **Next Week:** JD McNutt
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Rex and Ashley Carriker, Tommy & Erica Heavey
Next Week: Cindy Spickard; Susan Geist
Summer Sunday School, Today: Marie Barrier **Next Week:** Cindy & Patrick Spickard
Bread Ministry Baker, Today: Carol Mullis **Next Week:** Laura Milliken
Weekly Counting, Today: Scott and Frank Reynolds **Next Week:** Teri and Reggie

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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, June 24, 2018
12th 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 James Ide

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

All: What have we to fear?

One: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

† HYMN #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things 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)

Gracious Lord, we have come this day, seeking Your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear Your words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Julia Alexander

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4: 35-41 (page 39)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God, You Must Be Asleep

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A New Creed)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.



If you know anyone in the area with autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, stroke, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s Disease, or a related diagnosis—read on: Audrey Reynolds, a board certified music therapist, is now offering inclusive summer community music groups at Rocky River to promote exercise, socialization, speech, and emotional expression in participants and to provide support for caregivers and family.

- Create Community Mini: Children with Special Needs, ages 5-11, Mondays 2:30-3:00pm
 - Create Community Juniors: Youth with Special Needs, ages 12-18, Monday 6:45-7:30pm
 - Create Community Neuro: Adults and Seniors with neurological disorders, including Parkinson’s Disease, dementia, stroke, Huntington’s Disease, etc., Mondays 1:30pm-2:15pm
- Groups will be held weekly throughout July and August 2018. \$12/week. Call Audrey at 704-579-8531 or email adagiomusictherapy@therapyssecure.com for more information.

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.

Youth 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 27. We could use brown, white, and green legos this summer if you would like to bring some with you.

FINANCE UPDATE

| Loan Status | |
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| 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 | \$154,473 |
| Amt. needed per month: | \$ 31,629 |
| Total for June | \$ 18,779 |
| Amount needed Weekly | \$ 7,299 |
| Total for June 17 | \$ 5,423 |

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!

Rocky River Readers will meet on Monday, June 25 at 7:00pm in the parlor at the church.

Before We Were Yours is based on a true story of injustice that took place in Memphis, Tennessee in the 1930s. Georgia Tann, Director of a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, had poor children kidnapped from their homes and then sold them to unsuspecting wealthy parents across the country. This novel weaves the fictional story of twelve-year old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings who are snatched from the family's Mississippi River shantyboat while their mother is in the hospital into this true atrocity. Their harrowing story and their longing for their home and parents pulls at the heart. Lisa Wingate has won several awards for her writing including being a New York Times Best Seller author. She has several series of books in the thirty novels she has written. Her novels have been translated into 25 languages. She is the mother of two sons.



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



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. I have seen what they do and it is a wonderful ministry. Thank you to anyone donating. Their website is heavenlyoats.org. **Any questions contact Priscilla Giuliano at tftandsp@gmail.com.**

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!



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! **WE NEED MORE PICTURES OF FLAT NEAL!! Send us pictures of your vacations with Flat Neal.**

† HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

(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

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #447 Lead On, O King Eternal

† 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

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 24, 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 Cacciatore

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 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; 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 Nalbhone; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.

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.

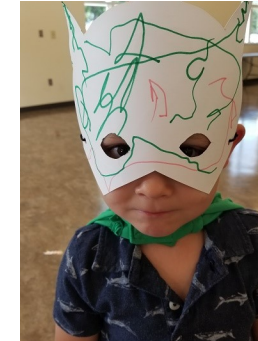
Children's Ministry

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



Do you recognize these Super Heroes??



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!

1. 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.
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. 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.

Lego Fun every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner