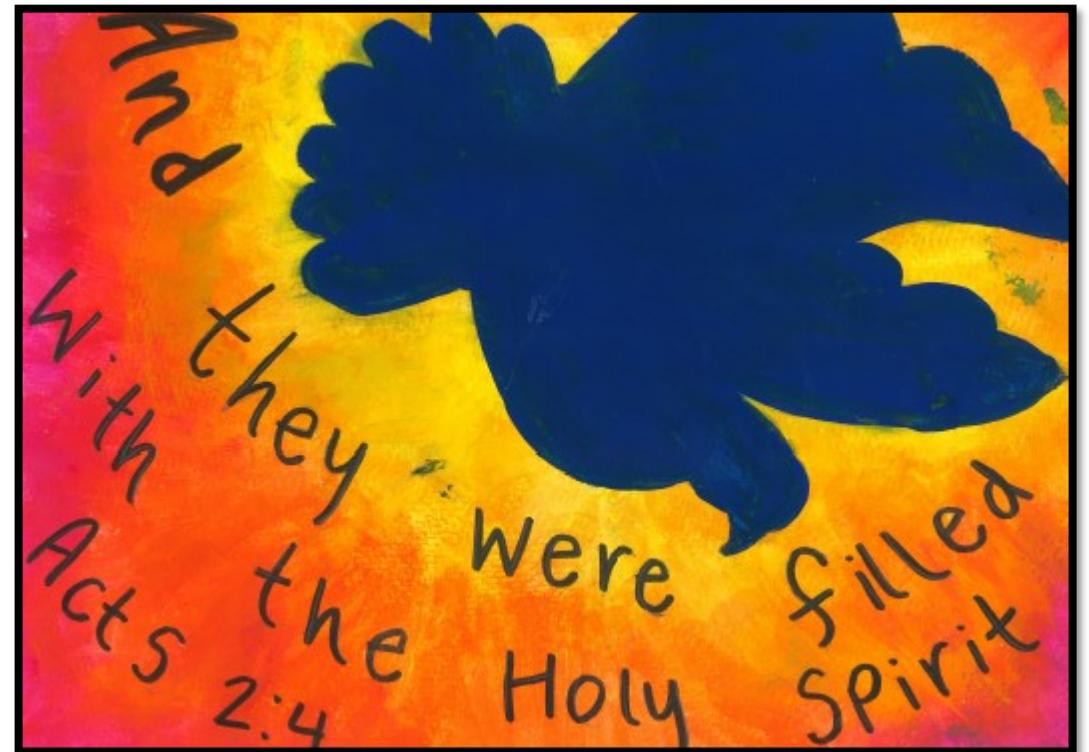


Our Session		
CLASS of 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Steve Jewett <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Shawnee Wakeman <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Glenn Jones <i>Finance & Administration</i>
Nancy Thomas <i>Worship</i>	Marie Morrison <i>Worship</i>	Scott Jones <i>Worship</i>
Candice Shepard <i>Congregational 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

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Instant Church Directory - Some of you may have noticed that you were bumped off your on-line directory this past month. That was due to an upgrade that Instant Church Directory performed, which made us all have to log back into the directory. If this happened to you on your smartphone or personal computer, just follow these simple instructions to get back on.

1. Log into or open the app "Instant Church Directory" on your phone or computer.
2. Click on "Church Member Sign In"
3. If you remember your password, just type in your email address and password and it should open right up for you. If you don't remember your password, then you have to "create a login" as if it's your first time.
4. You will be sent a confirmation email with a link to the app/website and then you should be good to go. If anyone is having trouble accessing the online directory, just call Cyndi in the office and she will help you.

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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

**May 20, 2018
 Day of Pentecost
 11:00am**

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: The winds of the Spirit are starting to move!

All: The dry bones are beginning to rattle!

One: Be ready to be amazed and astonished,

All: for God's presence will fill this house of worship.

One: The Spirit is here, speaking to us and through us, drawing us into God's praise.

Sung by Congregation

**All: Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.**

† HYMN #466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we have heard Your Pentecost story:
Your Spirit comes, Your church is born, and the day of the Lord is coming.
Your Spirit is here; You have gathered all people together in Your Spirit, and You
have brought life to all valleys of death. Still, O Lord, we do not trust one
another; we do not always love as You have called us to love. We turn away, for
we fear our hope is lost—separated from your presence. Forgive us, Holy God.
As You did for the early church, breathe the breath of life into us. Once again,
reveal to us Your life-giving presence. Bring us new life when we are weary, and
hope when we are hopeless. By the grace and hope of your Son, Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

Time of Silent Confession

Children's Ministry

Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - dce@rockyriver.org

Sunday School - Sunday morning at 10:00am. Godly Play

Kindergarten thru 2nd grade Room 203, 3rd thru 5th grade Room 206. The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond.

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

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:

May 20 - Youth Family Cookout 5pm

May 27 - No Youth—Memorial Day Weekend

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

Confirmation! Hunter Linker and Patrick Milliken will be confirmed today during Worship Service. We are so proud and happy to welcome them as members of RRPC!

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

JD and the Youth will be heading to Henderson Settlement, in Frakes Kentucky for their mission trip this summer. We will be needing adult chaperones to go on this trip as well. \$50 Deposit is due. See JD if you want to go on the mission trip or if you can chaperone. Cost is \$250.



Announcements

Bellefonte Joint Service – Welcome to the Rev. David Stafford and our friends from Bellefonte, joining us in worship today.

When Are We Going to Have Another Book Sale?

The next book sale at the church to raise money for the new building fund will be in the spring of 2019. We decided that we could not get enough books yet to make the sale a success.

Donating Books—Books can be placed in the basement of the new building in the back corner where tables and partitions are located. We would prefer the books be in boxes instead of bags so we can move them around easily and sort the contents.

Note: If you have any books related to Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas please put them in the opposite back corner for the PW Yard Sale in October. Those will be the only books sold then due to the holidays being close to the Yard Sale date. **If you have questions, please see Priscilla Giuliano, Marie Morrison, Linda Clark, Niki Schneider, Carol Lyerly or Ann Burr.**



Ready for a Little Spring Spruce? Annual Yard Sale

We will gladly take your treasures for the annual yard sale to be held **Saturday, October 6th**. As in the past year, there will be a place to store items in the basement. Remember the saying, “One man's junk is the Church's treasure.” Start cleaning your closets now!

The Farmers Market is back!! Every Wednesday thru September!!

New hours for this season 3:00 to 6:30pm. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors that Miller and Sons produce is here every week. Other vendors include Mullis Family Farm Meats, Wyolina Kennels, kettle corn fresh honey, candles, jewelry and more!!



NEW Sunday School Hangout for Young Adults!

Beginning June 3rd, we will provide a space in room 105 for our young adults to meet during Sunday School 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. **We are in need of a sofa or comfortable chairs for their space, if you have something that may work, please talk with Sharon Vanpelt.**



Ending Senior Hunger in Cabarrus County

We are looking for a couple people to take over a route that our church services on the 2nd Monday of each month. Cabarrus Meals on Wheels provides a great opportunity for people to volunteer and make a difference in the life of a senior. Delivery volunteers pick up meals from our office and hand-deliver them directly to seniors' homes. Meals on Wheels is also

important because we provide a safety check every day to seniors who are living at home.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry—contact Teri Stafford at 704-455-6322

† 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)

Holy God, source of all light, by Your Word, You give light to the soul. Pour out on us the life-giving Spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know Your truth and Your way. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Neal Carter

ANTHEM

Worth

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 19:1-10 (Page 139)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Breath of God

David Stafford

Responding to the Word

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Confirmands and their parents are called to the front of the sanctuary. Parents stand behind confirmands.

Kathy:

It is my joy to present on behalf of the Session:

Hunter Linker, son of Ross and Heather Linker,
and Patrick Milliken, son of Joe and Laura Milliken
for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

They now desire to profess publicly their faith and to accept greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world.

Worship Ministry

Neal:

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry. In baptism you were joined to Christ, and you were made members of his church. In the community of the people of God, you have learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord, and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sharon:

Hear these words from Holy Scripture:
You are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19-20)

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Anna Talton
Worship Assistant, Today: Neal Carter
Ushers, Today: Tim or Dianne Savelle, Steve Jewett, Joey Dulin, Joe Novobilski, Dori or Scott Swaringen
Next Week: Reggie Hunnicutt, Chris Bechtol, Dave Miller, Traci Bird, Jim Stafford, King McCachren
A Time for Children, Today: Neal Carter
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Maggie Linker, Brenda Horton; Allison and Aydenn Harris
Next Week: Sharon Vanpelt
Bread Ministry Baker, This Week: Ann Glosson
Godly Play: Godly Play I - Jane/Beau; Godly Play II - Sharon/Dave
Next Week: Jean Hager
Next Week: Godly Play I - Joey/Niki; Godly Play II - Sharon/Magan

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Neal: In publicly declaring your faith, I ask you to please respond to the following questions:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

Confirmands: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all things, and in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide? Do you?

Confirmands: I do.

Will you be Christ's Faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? Will you?

Confirmands: I will.

Recognizing that you are becoming members of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, do you promise to devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? Will you?

Confirmands: I will.

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



Friday • May 25 • 7pm
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

Grad Sunday - June 3
Please let us know if you have a high school, college or other graduate so we can recognize them during worship service on June 3rd!



Ten Cents A Meal
Ten Cents-a-Meal invites every member of our congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

Ideally, contributions come from "living more simply so that others may simply live."

Participation in Ten Cents-a-Meal is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." We are asking each family to contribute ten cents every time you sit down for a meal, and then bring that money once a month to church to be collected during Worship Service.

Collections will be made the first Sunday of each month, and sent to Presbytery quarterly. We will also have donation jars out on Wednesday evening during fellowship.

All monies collected will be used by our Presbytery to help fight hunger in our area.

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 20, 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 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner. We serve at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person \$15 per family. Menu: Beef Stew and Potatoes

***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.*

***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:

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) Ashelyn Earley; 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:
4/30/2018 **\$435,905**
Minimum Monthly Payment \$5,110

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

Stewardship Report

2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$122,279
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for May	\$ 13,737
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for May 13	\$ 5,410

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Kathy: For the congregation: Will we who witness these vows do everything in our power to support these young people in their life in Christ? If so, please respond, "We will."

Congregation: We will.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Confirmands will kneel; Parents and others lay hands on their heads and shoulders.

Neal: Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in Hunter and Patrick the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Apostles' Creed)

Please stand, as with the whole church we affirm what we believe.

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.

(Please be seated)

WELCOME

Neal: By publicly professing their faith, Hunter and Patrick have expressed their intent to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sharon: As symbols and reminders of your membership in the church of Jesus Christ, and in recognition of the vows you have made this day, we are presenting you with gifts on behalf of the congregation.

The **cross key ring** which is being presented to you is a sign of your faith. Bear it proudly for all to see. Let it remind you daily of God's saving grace shown to us in Jesus Christ.

The **Bible** which is being presented to you is the Word of God. It is our hope that you see it as a sign of support from your church family as you travel on your spiritual journey. Read it, listen for God to speak to you through it, meditate upon it, study it, treasure it, share it, and live it.

The **work gloves** which are being presented to you are a reminder of the kind of life to which we, as Christians, are called to live. You are beginning a life of service as together we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who "came not to be served but to serve."

Today you are receiving your own **offering envelopes**, as a reminder of how we are called to share our gifts and talents. Give financially as you are able, with the goal of tithing a tenth or more of your income, remembering that "God loves a cheerful giver." Give also of your time and God-given talents as you are led to volunteer in this church and in your community.

The **ear plugs** are to help you to block out the world as you go to God regularly in prayer. In our busy and noisy world, it is important to take time out of your day to talk to God and to listen for God's guidance for your life.

LifeSavers are included for comfort as you tell others over and over of the wondrous gift of salvation given to us by Jesus Christ. We are told in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." May your throats ache from sharing the Gospel with the world.

CHARGE TO CONFIRMANDS

Neal: Hunter and Patrick, as you join with us in the mission of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, I charge you to do these things:
worship regularly, for worship is the heart of the church;
give generously of your time and resources: as you have been blessed, so be a blessing to others;
serve faithfully, for in service are great rewards for yourselves and for others;
And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Welcome to Rocky River Presbyterian Church!

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 *All of My Help Comes From the Lord*

† 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

Holy God, take the gifts that we have offered this day and use them to ignite the world with the fire of Your presence. Take the prayers that we have offered this day and use them to breathe life into the valleys of death. Take the gifts we give and use them to teach and nurture Your people that they might share their visions with the world and proclaim to all Your wondrous deeds. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN # 315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† 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.

† Please stand if you are able