

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



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.

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Director of Christian Education: Sharon Vanpelt • 704-455-2479 • dce@rockyriver.org

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, May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE (*Hand Bell Choir - Betsy Biggers, Traci Bird, Linda Clark, Susan Jones, Colin Jones, Kathy Linker, Shirley Rockel, Elaine Tankersley, Ann Windell and Stephanie Campbell*)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Nathan Spickard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing joyous songs and sing praises to the Lord.

† HYMN #469

Morning Has Broken

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

† 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

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 (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Julia Alexander

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hound of Heaven

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Apostle's Creed)

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Handbell Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Neal Carter

"Come to the Table of Grace" (*Congregation to sing*)

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Family Game Night

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



Friday • May 11 • 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



The Farmers Market is Back!!

Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 6:30pm

featuring Miller and Sons Produce, Mullis Family Farm Meats, Mallory's Goat's Milk Soap, Caren's Baked Goods and more....

We are still looking for vendors—if you know anyone have them contact Cyndi in the office at 704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org

The Healing Touch Clinic will be held Sunday, May 13 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

A Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule. Additional appointments will be available with Julia Alexander on Wednesday afternoons by calling to schedule individually. There is no charge for this service. Donations to the building fund will be accepted. *The clinic is held the second Sunday of each month and is open to the public.*

Questions? Please contact Julia Alexander, 704-455-9753/2jralex@ctc.net



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



The Ramblers will be heading to the Barn Theater in Greensboro on May 12th. We will take the church bus and overflow will carpool. Please note that the bus will leave at 4:30pm and return that night.

Contact Shirley Rockel if you have any questions.

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!

Grad Sunday - June 3. Please let Sharon know if you have anyone graduating from high school, grad school or any other technical or professional program.

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 6 - Youth (Arts in worship 5, youth 6)

May 11 - Lock-in with Presbyterian youth at Knights stadium...sign up by May 6

May 13 - No Youth—Spend time with MOM!!

May 20 - Youth Family Cookout 5pm

May 27 - No Youth—Memorial Day Weekend

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

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 will be due TODAY. See JD if you want to go on the mission trip or if you can chaperone. Cost is \$250.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Please hold each element until everyone is served.; as a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake on cue from the minister.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† 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

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 6, 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: Baked Potato Bar

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.**

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 \$108,541
Amt. needed per month: \$ 31,629
Total for April \$ 31,111
Amount needed Weekly \$ 7,299
Total for April 29 \$ 5,249

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Capital Campaign Update: We have had 74 families pledge a total of \$269,827 over the next two years. The finance committee is in the process of re-financing the balance of the loan, and will make a substantial payment towards the principal with monies collected towards this campaign. We will update the congregation with the final numbers once the Finance committee presents Session with it's plan.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, May 6th at the end of worship for the purpose of approving members of the congregation who will serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Nathan Spickard

Next Week: Anna Talton

Worship Assistant, Today: Kathy Linker

Next Week: Candice Shepard

Ushers, Today: Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald, Patrick Spickard

Next Week: Ted Dickason, Jon Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell

A Time for Children, Today: Vance Horton

Next Week: Julia Alexander

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

Next Week: Alice Williams, Linda Clark; Cindy Spickard

Bread Ministry Baker, This Week: Linda Clark

Next Week: Laura Carriker

Godly Play: Godly Play I - Janet/Kathy Linker; Godly Play II - Ashley/Rex

Next Week: Godly Play I - Jane/Beau; Godly Play II - Sharon/Dave

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; Joan Nicholson; 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.

Today is May Meeting!!

A wonderful tradition that includes Sunday School, Worship, Communion and dinner in the grove.

We hope you will stay and enjoy seeing friends (old and new)

All are welcome!!

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall in case of rain!