

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

Worship Ministry

Choir Chime Ringer, Today: Anna Talton **Next Week:** Nathan Spickard
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: Joey Dulin **Next Week:** Vance Horton
Nursery Volunteers, Today: Mandy Williams; Chris and Magan Bechtol
Next Week: Kenza Mitchen; Carol Lyerly and Laura Milliken
Bread Ministry Baker, This Week: Cathy Jewett **Next Week:** Carol Lyerly
Godly Play: Godly Play I - Jane/Beau; Godly Play II - Ashley/Cindy S.
Next Week: Godly Play I - Julie/Magan; Godly Play II - Sharon/Robin

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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 3, 2018
9th 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 Anna Talton
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Men of Faith Rise Up and Sing*)

One: Men of faith rise up and sing
 Of the great and glorious King
 You are strong when you feel weak
 In your brokenness complete

All: Refrain
Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

One: Rise up women of the truth
 Stand and sing to broken hearts
 Who can know the healing power
 Of our awesome King of love

All: (Refrain)

One: We've been through fire, we've been through rain
 We've been refined by the power of his name
 We've fallen deeper in love with you
 You've burned the truth on our lips
 Rise up church with broken wings
 Fill this place with songs again
 Of our God who reigns on high
 By His grace again we'll fly

All: (Refrain)

† HYMN #478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† LITANY OF CONFESSION (based on 1 Samuel 3, written by Rev. Teri Peterson)

One: Lord, you call, but we do not always recognize your voice.
All: Sometimes we don't listen carefully. Sometimes we're caught off guard.

One: Lord, you call, but we haven't always taught others to hear you.
All: Sometimes we stand in the way, allowing our voice to ring out over yours.

One: Lord, you call, but we don't always believe our ears.
All: Sometimes we believe we know better. Sometimes we think you can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him. Forgive us, Lord, our unpracticed listening, our closed ears. Help us to hear. Help us to follow. 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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Neal Carter

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God,
You whisper to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.
Breathe on us Your Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body,
the body of Christ.
Together we answer: Here we are Lord.
Call the small—help them do great things.
Call the weak—reveal their hidden gifts.
Call the rejected—open their eyes to their worth.
Here we are Lord, humble and waiting. Speak to us anew. 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/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:

June 3 - youth (Arts in Worship 5pm, youth 6-7:30)

June 10 - no youth activities that evening

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

JD and the Youth will be heading to Henderson Settlement, in Frakes Kentucky for their mission trip this summer. It's not too late to go! Contact JD if you are interested. The cost is \$250

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

Congratulations to our Graduates: We recognize the following RRPC graduates and congratulate them on their accomplishments!

Alex Carter graduates from Hickory Ridge HS and will be attending Appalachian State in the fall to study Psychology. Alex is the daughter of Richie and Jennie Carter and is a member of our youth group.

Skylar Cole graduates from Mt. Pleasant HS and will be attending Chapel Hill in the fall. Skylar is the daughter of Sherrie McDonald and the granddaughter of Butch and Ruth Ann McDonald.

Macey Elizabeth Fairchild graduated from Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Studies and a minor in History. She has an internship in publishing at UNC Press. Macey is the daughter of Jim and Tierney Fairchild.

Maegan Michelle Fairchild graduated from the University of Southern California with a Doctorate in Philosophy with a focus on metaphysics and logic. She has accepted an associate professor position at University of Michigan. Maegan is the daughter of Jim and Tierney Fairchild.

Michael Miller graduated from the University of New Haven with a Masters degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology. Michael is the son of Dave and Phyllis Miller.

SHUTTER REPLACEMENT – B&G has scheduled shutter replacement on the sanctuary, beginning Tuesday, June 5. Some interest has been expressed about obtaining some of the retired shutters. If you are interested in having one or more, please talk with Cyndi. **If you are interested in helping with installation**, please talk with Joe Novobilski, Billy Carriker, Jim Pharr or Jim Rockel. We have several jobs that will need to be done, and no experience is necessary.



Family Game Night • Friday, June 8th • 7:00pm • Fellowship Hall

We are having so much fun at Family Game Night! Folks of all ages come to play cards and board games. Give it a try this Friday! We welcome children, young adults and our more mature members! Bring your favorite game and a snack to share and invite your friends and neighbors!!

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 today 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.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Joey Dulin
Collection of Ten-Cents-A Meal

ANTHEM

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (page 247)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Maybe God's Trying to Tell You Something

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† HYMN #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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

O God, giver of all good gifts,
You have given us life. You have bestowed upon us all Your plans for each of us. All life is a call and a response. We pray for grace to hear Your voice and a heart to respond.
We shall listen.
We shall listen to the voices of those witnesses who have lived before us.
We shall listen to those who are here to give us guidance and encouragement,
for it is clear that whatever plans You have for us,
We will never journey alone.
Let us serve with the gifts You give to us; we return them to You. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #391 Take My Life

† 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 13, 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 Summer Kick-Off Celebration on Wednesday Night at 6:00pm. Weather permitting we will be in the Grove serving hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, desserts and having games and entertainment. This event is open to the community and is FREE! Please invite your neighbors and friends to this fun event!!!

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: Martha Wilson; 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 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 Nalbene; 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
<i>Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign</i>	

Stewardship Report	
2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$135,523
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for May	\$ 26,980
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for May 27	\$ 7,191