



# Rock Spring

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIS WEEK AT ROCK SPRING

## Today's Leaders

**Liturgist:** Wayne Limberg (9:00), Grant Miller (11:00)

**Head Ushers:** Charlene Bickford (9:00), Joe & Joanne Kelly (11:00)

**Hospitality:** Barbara & Hugh Barton (9:00), Ann Johnson (11:00)

**A/V:** Dale Dwyer (9:00), Lindsey Gradowski (11:00)

**Communion:** Carolyn Ebeler & Ann Rosser (9:00),  
Michael Bell, Randy Butler, Vince Meehan, & Alice Tornquist (11:00)

## Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers are given by Carolyn and Alden Hart to honor loved ones near and far – blood relations, kindred spirits, comrades, good examples, and angels along the way.

## Weekly Schedule

*November 5-12, 2017*

### Sunday, November 5

- 9:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Faith + Life: Bible Basics - Hunter Room 205
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Video Series – Hunter Room 207
- 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgist Training - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Choristers - Hunter Room 203
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School - Sanctuary/Hunter Building
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgist Training - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Mission Project Meeting - Hunter Room 205
- 12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting - Hunter Room 207
- 12:30 p.m. YoRS - Carpenter Hall

### Monday, November 6

- 7:00 p.m. SAM Board Meeting - Saegmuller Room

### Tuesday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Lectionary - Hunter Room 205
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat - Ashley's House

### Wednesday, November 8

- 7:00 p.m. Open & Affirming Discussion - Hunter Room 205

## **Thursday, November 9**

6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Supper - Carpenter Hall

7:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

## **Friday, November 10**

6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner

## **Sunday, November 12**

9:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Faith + Life: Where Is God In... - Hunter Room 205

10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Video Series - Hunter Room 207

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

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11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School - Sanctuary/Hunter Building

12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Racial (In)justice Workshop - Hunter Room 207

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Liturgist Training**

***Today Sunday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary***

Would you like to be a liturgist (lay reader) in a worship service or learn how to prepare to read Scripture? Join Laura Martin and Wayne Limberg to learn how it's done. Both new and experienced liturgists are invited. Laura is now coordinating the sign-up for liturgists, so if you are interested in serving as one you're especially encouraged to attend this training. If you would like to meet on an alternate date, please let Laura know that too.

### **Open and Affirming: What's Next for Rock Spring?**

***Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m., Hunter Room 205***

Join Laura Martin and Rick Hale and the Potomac Association's LGBT Task Force Chair, LJ Ingram, in a dialogue around our support of LGBTQUIA persons. We will discuss what's next for Open and Affirming? We will use an Open and Affirming Assessment tool from the UCC to evaluate what Rock Spring has done already and to help shape our next steps. Pizza and salads will be provided for dinner. RSVPs to Laura in advance are helpful to plan for the food.

### **Racial (In)justice: The House We Live In**

***Sunday, November 12, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m., Hunter Room 207***

Rock Spring continues our conversation about racial justice with a workshop on federal government activities and white privilege in housing and other areas. In part we will look at how FHA housing practices played out here in Arlington. Our presenter will be Marty Swaim, the facilitator and co-founder of Challenging Racism, Arlington.

## **Fall Clean-up**

***Saturday, November 18, 11:00 a.m -1:00 p.m.***

Please support the Property Board in keeping our facilities and grounds in great condition even while we are under construction. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of small jobs inside and outside the church. Contact Sarah Gilmour ([swadswor@yahoo.com](mailto:swadswor@yahoo.com)) with questions and to sign-up in advance or just show up.

## **Giving Sunday: Your Place in Our Story**

***Sunday, November 19***

Join us on Giving Sunday as we culminate our theme for this year, "Your Place in Our Story." Rock Spring's story began more than a century ago, with investments made by our founders in this place. It is not just one story; Rock Spring is as many stories as there are participants in our congregation and lives touched by our ministry. And, just like the Bible, it is a story without an ending ... Your financial pledge and investment to Rock Spring can further Rock Spring's impact. Won't you take your part in our story and help write the next chapter? Please consider giving the Church and its many on-going programs a helping hand by making a year-end gift if you are able. All members should receive a pledge card in the mail in a few weeks. We ask that you give your pledge prayerful consideration and return the card on Sunday, November 19.

## **Rock Spring Recital Series Presents: Howard University Gospel Choir**

***Saturday, November 18, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary***

Join us to kick off the 2017-18 Rock Spring Recital Series with a special concert featuring the award-winning Howard University Gospel Choir. We hope to fill the Sanctuary to the rafters to hear their exciting and inspirational voices singing praise to God! Following the concert, we will provide lunch for the singers in Carpenter Hall and we are looking for volunteers to help us provide food, drinks and service. If you are interested, please signup online at <http://bit.ly/rsrsrecept>.

## **Evening Closing Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for the RSUCC Lockup Team. No, you won't be locked up, rather, you will help check the doors to make sure the church is locked up for the evening. We have specific needs for Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings or to serve as a backup for an evening someone is away. Please signup at <http://bit.ly/rsucclock> or contact Sarah Gilmour ([swadswor@yahoo.com](mailto:swadswor@yahoo.com)).

## **2018 Rock Spring Life Retreat Registration Is Open!**

Mark your calendar for the Rock Spring Life Retreat, a weekend away for Rock Springers of all ages! Friday, February 2 (evening) - Sunday, February 4 (late morning) at Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs, WV. We stay in cabins or the lodge, and enjoy a fun weekend of indoor and outdoor activities, new friendships, good food, and roaring fires. Details and registration form on the website (<http://bit.ly/RSliferetreat>) or in the Saegmuller Room. Sign up today to assure your spot! Questions? Talk to Martha Jolkovski, Andy Schwarz, Joanne Kelly, or Ashley Martinage.

## OAR & APAH Holiday Toy Collections

### *Donation Deadline: Sunday, November 26*

The SAM Board is sponsoring toy collections for OAR (Offender Aid and Restoration) and APAH (Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing). OAR is requesting unwrapped gifts for children from newborns to age 18, with a special focus on gifts for teens. They have an Amazon wish list and also welcome \$25 Target gifts cards to be given as gifts. APAH is requesting similar types of gifts. They have a suggested gift list that will be on the front of the box. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the Saegmuller room by Sunday, November 26.

## Faith + Life Adult Education

### *Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Hunter Room 205*

The Faith + Life series provides opportunities for adults to expand their faith formation. Each week, we will offer a different series, ranging from Bible studies, to spiritual practices, to conversations about what our faith has to say about current events. The class meets from 10:00-10:50 a.m. Child care is available in the nursery.

- **Today and every 1st Sunday: Bible Basics: the New, New Testament.** Join Janice Langholz to explore the context of Christianity's development. Today, we will be considering "What if" the Gospel of Thomas, one of the earliest writings about Jesus, HAD been included in the New Testament? A gospel where Jesus is not crucified, but still provides salvation?
- **2nd Sundays: Where Is God In...Politics.** In the week after the elections, come discuss the place of faith in politics. Is there one? Dale Dwyer will lead the conversation.
- **3rd Sundays: Bible 101.** Linda Carder goes "behind the scenes" studying the history, culture and faith of the Hebrew people. On November 19, we will be covering Genesis 21 through 50, Isaac through Joseph. Advance reading of these chapters is recommended.
- **4th Sunday: Spiritual Practices in Daily Life.** On November 26 we will begin with Writing as a Spiritual Practice to express gratitude. How many spiritual leaders do you know who have touted the value of gratitude for mental (and physical) health? You don't need any writing experience (or to have attended the October session) to try it out. Gail Burnaford will provide resources for continuing on your own.

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