



Rock Spring

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIS WEEK AT ROCK SPRING

Today's Leaders

Liturgist: Betsey Wildhack (9:00), Abby Martinage (11:00)

Head Ushers: Richard Lee (9:00), Joe & Joanne Kelly (11:00)

Greeters: Susie Doyel & Maja Lee (9:00)

Anita Cline & Carroll George (11:00)

Hospitality: Susan Peters (9:00), Barbara & Hugh Barton (11:00)

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

Communion: Susan & Wayne Limberg (9:00), Wendy Allen, Emory Hackman, Becky Halbe, Vince Meehan, & Sally Michel (11:00)

Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers are given by Susan and Wayne Limberg in the spirit of L.M. Montgomery (*Anne of Green Gables*) who wrote: "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

Weekly Schedule

October 1-8, 2017

Sunday, October 1

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. Youth Choir - Choir Room

10:15 a.m. Choristers - Hunter Room 203

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

12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. YoRS - Carpenter Hall

3:00 p.m. A Conversation with Issa Amro - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Reform School: The Protestant Church Then and Now
- Saegmuller Room

Tuesday, October 3

10:00 a.m. Lectionary - Hunter Room 205

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

7:30 p.m. Finance Board Meeting - Hunter Room 205

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 p.m. ILLUME Taizé: Feast of St. Francis - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Friends - Hunter Room 205
- 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, October 6

- 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels - 601 North Vermont Street
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch - Mylo's Grill

Sunday, October 8

- 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
- 10:15 a.m. Choristers - Hunter Room 203
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School - Sanctuary/Hunter Building
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals at St. Mary's -2609 N Glebe Rd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbors in Need (NIN) Special Offering

Today we will be receiving the Neighbors in Need special offering. This offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, by serving people affected by systemic injustice, poverty wages, and lack of access to water & food. The offering is a way to live out this call to respond, to lift our neighbors, and to walk along the road together. You can also give online through Rock Spring's website by clicking on "giving" and designating "Neighbors in Need."

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

Today Sunday, October 1, 2017 12:15 p.m.

The Rock Spring Church Council calls a Special Congregational Meeting to discuss and approve a new budget for the campus renewal construction project. The Special Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Reform School: The Protestant Church Then and Now

Today Sunday, October 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Saegmuller Room

"Eating Sausage, Burning Heretics, and Marrying Nuns, or How We Learned to Ignore the Pope and Love Local Church Autonomy: The Protestant Reformation in an Hour-and-a-Half." In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we will host two sessions in October. Tonight's will focus on history of the Church and features Rev. Tim Tutt, Senior Minister at Westmoreland Congregational UCC. For the second session, October 29, Kathy Dwyer will lead a discussion about the future of the church.

Palestinian Non-Violent Activism: A Conversation with Issa Amro
Today Sunday, October 1, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary

The Global Missions Committee is thrilled to welcome Issa Amro to the church on Sunday. He is an internationally recognized human rights defender in Hebron, Palestine. Nicknamed "the Palestinian Ghandi," Amro is the founder and coordinator of Youth Against Settlements (YAS) – an organization working to strengthen the Hebron community's steadfastness against the expansion of illegal settlements and document Israeli human right violations. In 2009, Amro won the One World media award for his involvement in B'Tselem's "Shooting Back" campaign (using cameras to document abuses in Hebron). In 2010, Amro was named by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights human rights defender of the year in Palestine. In 2013, the European Union named Amro a Human Rights Defender.

ILLUME: One Shining Light on the Feast of St. Francis
Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

ILLUME (def): to fill with light, to enable (one) to understand, especially in a spiritual sense. Join us for our first Illume Worship of the season on Wednesday, October 4, in the style of Taizé.

Thursday Night Supper Resumes
Thursday, October 5, 6:30 p.m., Carpenter Hall

Thursday Night Supper is a weekly food and fellowship gathering that is held on most Thursday nights during the school year. We gather in Agnes Carpenter Hall at 6:30 p.m., eat about 6:40 and move on by 7:15 to choir or other evening activities. This is a potluck; bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Beverages are provided. Contact: John & Robin Overholt (overholj@yahoo.com).

Men's Lunch
Friday, October 6, 12:00 p.m., Mylo's Grill

Men of Rock Spring are invited to gather at Mylo's Grill in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center at noon on Friday for the monthly Men's Lunch. Contact Emory Hackman, emory1home@cox.net, for details.

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 8, 5:00 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church - 2609 N Glebe Rd

Rock Spring will join with St. Mary's for a Blessing of the Animals. You and your pet (or photo of your pet) are invited to an outdoor service of blessing and communion in the Episcopal style at St. Mary's (2609 Glebe Road, Arlington with parking on nearby streets or in a small lot across Glebe Road). In case of rain, worship will move inside the sanctuary at St. Mary's and you'll be invited to bring a photo or a stuffed animal as a representation of your pet. Photo booth, certificates of blessing, and animal tattoos will be available after the service.

Inside/Out: A Retreat for Rock Spring Adults

Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 8410 Little River Turnpike

How do our internal preferences influence the way we operate in the outside world? Spend a day with fellow Rock Springers getting to know yourself and others better through an introduction to the Enneagram, a dynamic personality system that describes nine distinct and fundamentally different patterns of thinking, feeling, and acting. Learn how our "types" shape our world view and how we engage with community, family, and the divine. Ann Parcell, who has been involved with Enneagram for over 20 years, will lead the sessions. We will gather at Little River UCC in Annandale, and the day will also include time for fellowship and to be outdoors on their beautiful campus. Continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided. Registration and payment of \$25 fee are due by October 15 (scholarships are available). Forms are in the Saegmuller Room and online (<http://bit.ly/2xezvPS>).

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.

- **1st Sundays: Bible Basics: the New, New Testament.** Join Janice Langholz to explore the context of Christianity's development, both through the books we know currently as the New Testament and others that were left out. ***Today, October 1: Explore the Gospel of Thomas.***
- **2nd Sundays: Where Is God In...** Join Dale Dwyer for a conversation about a current hot topic and how our faith might influence our response.
- **3rd Sundays: Bible 101.** Linda Carder will lead this class that goes "behind the scenes" to put Bible stories in context, adding historical and sociological background, beginning with the story of Abraham. Advance reading will enhance your experience, but is not required.
- **4th Sundays: Spiritual Practices in Daily Life.** Gail Burnaford coordinates this class that will help to uncover the spiritual in everyday practices such as writing, needlework, song, and being in nature.

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