



Rock Spring

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIS WEEK AT ROCK SPRING

Today's Leaders

Liturgist: Carolyn Hart (9:00), Lynn Miller (11:00)

Head Ushers: Carolyn Hart (9:00), Mark Buchholz (11:00)

Greeters: Rainhart Family & Marti Ulken (9:00)

Betty Rasmussen & Joyce Schuman (11:00)

Hospitality: Joanne Kelly (9:00), Caitlin & Mark Conover (11:00)

A/V: Geoff Lindsay

Communion: Mike Laub & Doug Gordon (9:00)

Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers are given by Liz Creel and Hunter Moore: With great love and appreciation to our parents, James and Elizabeth Moore and Robert and Mariana Creel.

Weekly Schedule

October 8-15, 2017

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

11:00 a.m. Serving Lunch @ SEEC

Wednesday, October 11

7:30 p.m. Personnel Board Meeting - Saegmuller Room

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

Thursday, October 12

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

7:30 p.m. Mended Little Hearts - Saegmuller Room

Friday, October 13

6:30 p.m. Potluck @ the Parsonage - Letter M

Sunday, October 15 - Heritage Sunday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Today 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.

Heritage & New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 15

Join us next Sunday as we honor individuals who have been members of Rock Spring for 40 or more years. Reception to follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Carpenter Hall. We will also receive New Members in worship that day. Come and connect to Rock Spring's past, present, and future!

Potluck @ the Parsonage: Letter M

Friday, October 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 4969 Rock Spring Road

Nearly every month of this year Kathy and Dale are inviting members of Rock Spring to their home by a randomized sorting of alphabetized names. **M** is the letter associated with the most last names at Rock Spring and all of the M's are invited to bring a dish to share to the Dwyer home on the evening of October 13. Dale and Kathy will provide beverages. (Please email or talk with Kathy about details). In November, they will welcome people with last names beginning with A, C, & D.

Rock Spring Playgroup

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m., Chestnut Hills Playground - Sandbox

Join other Rock Spring families with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers for our first Rock Spring Playgroup. These informal gatherings will give parents a chance to connect while children have fun. Our inaugural meet up will be held at Chestnut Hills playground near the sandbox. We'll have some blankets and toys for the littlest ones and snacks for bigger kids. The goal is to establish a group that meets more regularly depending on what days and times will work best for most people. Questions? Contact Caitlin Conover at ckovzelove@gmail.com. Come play!

Come Join the CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, October 28, 8:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. Walk

Join Rock Spring's team to help end hunger in Arlington and around the world. 75% of the funds support the hunger initiatives of Church World Service (CWS). The remaining 25% serves needy families here at home through Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). In celebration of the Walk's 40th anniversary, there will be some surprises along the route (5K and 10K options available) and fun prizes! If you'd like donate to or join Rock Spring's team, you can do so online (<http://bit.ly/RScropwalk>) or contact Diana Johnson at 703-241-0528 or jclan2@aol.com. Parents with children in strollers are encouraged to join the first-ever Rock Spring "stroller brigade" too! Dogs that want to walk are also invited! The walk leaves from First Presbyterian Church, 601 N Vermont St., in Arlington.

Reform School: The Protestant Church Then and Now

Sunday, October 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Saegmuller Room

Following a month long sermon series on reclaiming Christianity for the next 500 years, Kathy Dwyer will lead a conversation about how the Church must continue to change to remain vital and relevant in the future.

Inside/Out: A Retreat for Rock Spring Adults

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

Registration Deadline: October 15

How do our internal preferences influence what we pay attention to and 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.

- **Today and every 2nd Sunday: Where Is God In...** This week, Dale Dwyer leads a conversation about **protest** and how our faith might influence the ways in which we respond to current events.
- **3rd Sundays: Bible 101.** Linda Carder leads 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 of Genesis chapters 12-36 will enhance your experience, but is not required.
- **4th Sundays: Spiritual Practices in Daily Life.** Gail Burnaford will lead this session on *Writing as a Spiritual Practice*. Don't worry! You don't have to be a writer – or even especially like writing! – to come and be a part of this discussion.
- **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. In November, the class will continue its exploration of the Gospel of Thomas.

AFAC Bagging Night

Friday October 20, 6:30 p.m., 2708 S. Nelson Street, Arlington, VA 22206

Play a part in providing food for those who need it most by helping to bag food for distribution to AFAC clients. It could be a kind of produce, a dry good such as beans, rice or oatmeal, or assembling can bags for off site distribution. We work for about an hour. This is a good family activity, and earns service hours for high schoolers. Everyone is welcome. Please let John or Robin Overholt know if you can join. Our email is overholj@yahoo.com.

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