



Rock Spring

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIS WEEK AT ROCK SPRING

Today's Leaders

Liturgist: Rob Rainhart (9:00), Joanne Kelly (11:00)
Head Ushers: Carolyn Hart (9:00), Mark Buchholz (11:00)
Hospitality: Eli & Rob Rainhart (9:00), Bob & Judy Johnson (11:00)
Greeters: The Rainhart Family & Marti Ulken (9:00) Tony Steinmeyer (11:00)
A/V: Geoff Lindsay
Communion: Mike Laub & Susan Peters (9:00)

Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers are given by Becky Halbe in celebration and thanks to the volunteer gardeners who tend our Plot Against Hunger vegetable garden. This year, those raised beds provided over 100 pounds of fresh produce to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (and they're still going).

Weekly Schedule

November 12-19, 2017

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Faith + Life: Where Is God In... Politics - 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
12:15 p.m. Racial (In)justice Workshop - Hunter Room 207

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 a.m. Lectionary - Hunter Room 205
11:00 a.m. Serving Lunch @ SEEC
7:30 p.m. Christian Ed Board Meeting - Saegmuller Room
7:30 p.m. Finance Board Meeting - Hunter Room 205

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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 17

6:30 p.m. Potluck @ the Parsonage - A,C,D

Saturday, November 18

10:00 a.m. Fall Clean-Up

3:00 p.m. Rock Spring Recital Series: Howard Gospel Choir - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 19 - Thanks + Giving Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Faith + Life: Bible 101 - Hunter Room 205

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

12:30 p.m. Prayer Circle - Hunter Room 207

12:15 p.m. Card Ministry Gathering - Hunter Room 205

12:15 p.m. Rock Spring Playgroup - Playground

12:30 p.m. YoRS - Carpenter Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Racial (In)justice: The House We Live In

Today Sunday, November 12, 12:15 – 2:00 p.m., Hunter Room 207

As part of Rock Spring's continuing conversation about racial justice, Marty Swaim, (co-founder & facilitator of Challenging Racism, Arlington) will present a workshop on white privilege and the federal government's activities in housing and other areas.

Thanks + Giving Sunday: Your Place in Our Story

Next Sunday, November 19

Join us next Sunday as we culminate our 2018 stewardship theme, "Your Place in Our Story." Rock Spring's story began more than a century ago, with investments made by our founders in this place. 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? All members should receive a pledge card in the mail this week. We ask that you give your pledge prayerful consideration and return the card on November 19. In addition, please consider giving the Church and its many on-going programs a helping hand by making a year-end gift if you are able.

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>.

Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 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) with questions and to sign-up in advance or just show up.

Card Ministry Gathering

Sunday, November 19, 12:15 p.m. Hunter Room 205

Have you been part of the card ministry for years, and would like to meet other card writers in person? Are you wondering what the card ministry or are you looking for ideas about what to write on cards? For any of these reasons or others, join us! This gathering will be hosted by Jean Webb, card ministry lead, and Laura Martin.

Rock Spring Playgroup for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

Sunday, November 19, 12:15 p.m., Church Playground

Join us for the next meeting of the Rock Spring Playgroup for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! Pack a lunch and join us for a picnic and playtime after church! Contact Caitlin Conover (ckovzelove@gmail.com) or Katie Hopkins (kathleen.b.hopkins@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.

Evening Closing Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the RSUCC Lockup Team, to 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).

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.

Sunday Librarians Needed

Would you like to be a "Sunday Librarian" in Rock Spring's Library? You could help people check out books and reshelve returned books. This is a 10 to 15 minute job and training is provided. Please sign up for one Sunday and one service per month starting ASAP. This would be your time slot through May 2018, but we can arrange a substitute if you will miss a Sunday. Hurry or all the times may be filled! Signup on our website: <http://bit.ly/RSlibrarian>

Faith + Life Adult Education

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

- Today: 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.
- 1st Sunday: Bible Basics: the New, New Testament. Join Janice Langholz to explore the context of Christianity's development.

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