



Prayers of Gratitude

Joni (Rose Simpson's aunt)- doing well
 Bethel's sister- doing well
 Debra Russell (Daisy's daughter)- visiting
 Melanie Windland's engagement
 Ike Clue- doing well
 Xavier- 3 touch downs for Hubs
 Swartz kids/family music
 Bennett (Daugherty's nephew)- doing well

Prayers of Concern

Leann Brown
 Those affected by Hurricane Katrina (10 years)
 Isaac
 Friend of Don & Tootie Vogeler
 Marlene (friend of Carol Long)
 Persecuted Christians
 Schools/staff/students

Did you RSVP for Wednesday's Country School fried chicken dinner and our "Tell Me About the Good Old Days" event? We want to know what you know about the history of our church. We hope to see you this Wednesday, September 9th from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Rob Hamilton, Pastor
 Dave Rogula, Visitation Pastor
 Don Horner, Lay Leader
 Jeff Glen, Traditional Worship Leader
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
Traditional Service 9:00 a.m.
Gathering Service 11:00 a.m.



Join us in Hicks Hall for Fellowship following this service. Today's snacks are provided by Service Seekers. Your generous donation will help support the groups effort to provide birthday cakes to residents at Focus House.



Radio Ministry is sponsored today by Beverly Crozier in loving memory of her husband, Sylvester.



Flower Ministry is sponsored by Wayne & Rose Ann Kersten in honor of their grandsons, Tech Sgt. Ryan Stewart and Tech Sgt. Jason Macklin, both serving in the US Air Force.

Vision Statement

We are a community of faith that seeks to **connect** people with Jesus Christ and each other, to **grow** in the habits of Jesus and to **serve** others in the Spirit of Jesus.



Benevolent Fund

As you leave Communion, you'll find baskets available for your donations to our Benevolent Fund. The fund helps area residents with food, utilities, medicines, and other assistance. Many in Rochelle rely on this congregation's generosity, but please know you never have to give to receive the Sacrament. Jesus has already paid that price.

Youth Ministry
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Wednesday Night Youth Group

Wednesday, September 9th 5:00-7:00

We will be meeting downstairs in Hicks Hall for a chicken dinner and a gathering about "The Good Ole Days of the church."



MINIATURE GOLF/ GO CARTING

Sunday, September 6th 2:00-5:30

Join us for 18 holes of miniature golf and go carting at Volcano Falls in Rockford on this hot September day. We will meet at the church at 1:30 pm and should return around 5:00 pm. The cost will be \$16 per person. Contact Matt if you want to go.



ROCHELLE AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, September 27th, 1:30 p.m.

August 30th Attendance

9am	127
11am	50

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, September 9th @ 7:00 p.m.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

September 13, 2015

Sermon- "Who is Jesus to you?"

Rev. Rob Hamilton

Scripture- Mark 8:27-37

Guild will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Adult Sunday School Room in Hicks Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Today's Scripture

Mark 7:24-37 (NIV)

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. 25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. 27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." 28 "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." 30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. 32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

September 6, 2015 Order of Worship

Prelude "The Lily of the Valley"
"A Morning Song"

Gather

***Opening Song #273** "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace**

Hymn of Preparation #191 "Jesus Loves Me"

(You may be seated, as the children come forward during the hymn for the Children's Message)

Children's Message

Joys and Concerns

The Silence/ Pastoral Prayer/ *The Lord's Prayer

Listen

Scripture Mark 7:24-37

Liturgist: Ashley MacTaggart

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks Be to God

Message "They Just Can't Keep a Secret"

Rev. Rob Hamilton

Respond

Offertory "Meditation on 'Wer nur den lieben Gott'"

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We celebrate an open table: Regardless of your background, if you're seeking to love Jesus as best you can, you are welcome to come. Small children may participate at the discretion of their parents, or they may come forward for a blessing from Pastor Rob. Gluten-free elements are also available from the station attended by our Pastor.

Engage

***Closing Hymn #569** "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

***Parting Blessing**

Postlude "Allegro" from *Sonata No. 5*

***Please Stand**



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open hearts...

open minds...

open doors...