

# HOPE AT THE CENTER 2/6/19

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## UPCOMING EVENTS opportunities for growth

**RBC Book Club Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm in the parlor** – The Mushroom Hunters: On the Trail of an Underground America by Langdon Cook. *Within the dark corners of America's forests grow culinary treasures. Chefs pay top dollar to show case these elusive and beguiling ingredients on their menus. The mushroom hunters, by contrast, are a rough lot. They live in the wilderness and move with the seasons. Motivated by Gold Rush desires, they haul improbable quantities of fungi from the woods for cash. Langdon Cook embeds himself in this shadowy subculture, reporting from both rural fringes and big-city eateries with the flair of a novelist, uncovering along the way what might be the last gasp of frontier-style capitalism. Rich with the science and lore of edible fungi—from seductive chanterelles to exotic porcini—The Mushroom Hunters is equal parts gonzo travelogue and culinary history lesson, a rollicking, character-driven tour through a world that is by turns secretive, dangerous, and tragically American.*

**Town Hall Meeting immediately following worship Sunday, February 17.**

**CHILI FEST Sunday, February 24, 12-2:30 pm.** Food, games, music, and great fellowship...not a bad way to spend a cold winter's day! The proceeds from this event will provide much needed funding for the Youth Group's REACH trip. Only \$15 to enter your favorite chili recipe (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receive prizes). Only \$5 suggested donation at the door (\$3 for 18 and under) for all-you-can-eat chili (for those who prefer eating to cooking). So join us and bring your friends and family too! We would love to see all of RBC there to support our youth! Please register to enter as a contestant or be a judge at the Welcome Center in the RBC lobby! Ready...set...SIGN UP!

**Hold the date for the RBC Women's retreat.** April 12 and 13, 2019. We will be gathering in our church in the Youth rooms for the retreat. All welcome to attend and plan Sunday, February 24 following worship in Room 1.

## DOERS OF THE WORD and not hearers only (James 1:22)

**The Vine deadline for the March/April issue is February 21.** Send Vine submissions to be published to [rbcabc@rbcabc.org](mailto:rbcabc@rbcabc.org).

**If you have an announcement to be made on Sunday morning,** please email it to the church office at [rbcabc@rbcabc.org](mailto:rbcabc@rbcabc.org) by Friday at 11 am. Normally, our worship leader will make the announcements.

## AN ENCOURAGING WORD

*"Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation."* Henry Ward Beecher

**If you have a quotation to encourage the faithful, send it to [rbcabc@rbcabc.org](mailto:rbcabc@rbcabc.org).**