



WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S EDITION
of the
Weekly Email Update/News & Notes for

January 12, 2025

Our "Back to Basics" Journey begins!

As I explained during worship last week, this year will be a sort of "Back to Basics" year for our us as we explore and rediscover what it is we believe about Jesus, about God, about the Holy Spirit and about the Bible. Our journey begins in earnest this Sunday as we begin a six week in-depth look at the United Church of Christ Statement of faith. I hope you will join us AND that you will share your questions with me as well as your suggestions about what you would like to know more about your faith and our church, why we are who we are and what this is so unique in comparison with other churches in the area. I'm excited and I hope you are too!

Attached please find the Worship Resource for this evening and for this Sunday.

It is intended for your use at home on your own or by joining us through our **Facebook Live** broadcast.

- Our service is broadcast live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ruth.hainsworth>
 - Do note that sometimes our technology does not cooperate and we are unable to broadcast the service. Keep checking back!!!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR for the weeks ahead

- **THURSDAY, Jan. 9, 1-3pm – Rev. Ruth's Community Office Hours @ Martin House Books on Canal Street in Westerly**
- **SUNDAY, Jan. 12 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth preaching**
 - **Church Council @ 11am, Bazaar Debrief following**
- **WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15 @ 12pm – LADIES WHO LUNCH at S&P Oyster House in Mystic; RSVP required on sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Bell Courtyard Narthex**
- **SUNDAY, Jan. 19 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth preaching**
 - Stewardship Campaign thank you notes written by all during Fellowship!

SOME LONG RANGE CALENDAR DATES!

- **Sunday, January 26 @ 11am – ANNUAL MEETING!!** (Time to be working on those reports!)
- **Saturday, February 15, 9am – 3pm – THRESHOLD RETREAT 2.0 HERE!!!**
 - Theme – How far have we come since last year? Where do we go from here?

OUR MISSIONS DONATION DRIVE FOR JANUARY is paper products of all kinds – toilet paper, paper towels, tissues. Please leave in baskets under altar!

OUR NEW SIGN-UP FOR FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP HAS BEEN POSTED in Fellowship Hall along with instructions about the various ways you can provide flowers for all to enjoy in celebration of special occasions or in memory of loved ones.

Please check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall!!!

Take care and please know even when we can't be with each other on Sundays, we are always close in prayer and in each other's hearts!

Blessings, R

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