



**WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S EDITION**  
of the  
Weekly Email Update/News & Notes for  
February 2, 2025

**COMMUNION SUNDAY & GUEST PREACHER!!**

*We are very pleased to welcome to our pulpit this Sunday one of our newest members, the Rev. Dr. Ede Steele. Rev. Ede is covering for Rev. Ruth. Welcome to the pulpit Rev. Ede!!!*

**Attached please find the Worship Resource 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!
- A reminder that this is a Communion Sunday and that all are welcome to the Table in our church. If you are joining us from home and wish to participate in the sacrament, please have your elements ready. The Communion elements we use in the church are gluten and alcohol free.

**THE CHURCH CALENDAR** for the weeks ahead

- **SUNDAY, FEB. 2 @ 9:45am – Worship and Communion with Rev. Ede presiding and preaching!** (Rev. Ruth is taking a weekend off for a trip with her daughter Amanda!)
  - **SPECIAL DEACONS OFFERING RECEIVED FOR CALIFORNIA FIRES RELIEF EFFORTS!** Cash or checks made payable to UCC Westerly with “Fire Relief” on the memo line. *Your donations are of course welcome anytime for this initiative.* This is the Sunday when this specific offering is received but this cash donation drive will continue throughout the month of February.
- **TUESDAY, FEB. 4 @ 6:30pm – Deacons via Zoom**
- **SUNDAY, FEB. 9 @ 9:45AM – Worship with Rev. Ruth preaching**
- **SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 9am – 3pm – THRESHOLD RETREAT 2.0**

**OUR MISSIONS DONATION DRIVE FOR FEBRUARY** will be cash donations for California Fires Disaster Relief. Cash or checks welcome with checks made payable to UCC Westerly with “fire relief” on the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope marked “Fire Relief” and placed in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. Our donations will provide this disaster relief through our partners in disaster ministry, Church World Service. What you do does make a difference!

**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.

**THRESHOLD RETREAT 2.0** is scheduled as noted above at our church and everyone’s input and support is needed!!!! Members and friends are welcome as we review what we have accomplished as a result of last year’s retreat and strategize for what’s next for our amazing congregation. YOU are needed to share your thoughts, your hopes and your dreams! Coffee, etc. available throughout the day. Please bring your own lunch.

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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