



WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S EDITION
of the
Weekly Email Update/News & Notes for
February 9, 2025

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 9! Kindly note that if we do experience the snowstorm now predicted for Sunday morning (up to 6" of snow) we will move to an all virtual service. Notice will be sent out to you directly via email. We will also attempt to post on the TV stations if we are able to do so.

THE FEBRUARY BEACON will be going out today, by email and hard copy. Those of you who receive it electronically will notice a change! Key information is readily visible but detailed articles will now be accessed via link. Jerin has come up with this design to address Google's concerns about the length of the old format. We hope this new format will be user friendly and that you will be able to easily access the information you are looking for. **HOWEVER**, if you find this layout to be lacking, please email Jerin and she will keep working to find a format that folks find acceptable. As always, hard copies are available at the church. Thank you for your help! 😊

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!!!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR for the weeks ahead

- **SUNDAY, FEB. 9 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth preaching**
 - **Missions @ 11am in the Parlor**
- **THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1-3pm – Rev. Ruth's Community Office Hours** at Martin House Books on Canal Street in Westerly
- **SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 9am – 3pm – THRESHOLD RETREAT 2.0**
 - **PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE CAN PLAN ADEQUATELY!!!!**
- **SUNDAY, FEB. 16 @ 9.45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth preaching**
- **TUESDAY, FEB. 18 @ 6:30pm – Trustees via Zoom**
- **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 @ 12 noon – BOOKS**

OUR MISSIONS DONATION DRIVE FOR FEBRUARY will be 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!

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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