



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

November 23, 2025

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY CELEBRATION THIS WEEK!

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.

- This Sunday we will once again be attempting to broadcast through the church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UCCWesterly>

THE CHURCH CALENDAR for the weeks ahead

- **SUNDAY, November 23 @ 9:45am – Thanksgiving Celebratory Worship with Rev. Ruth Preaching.**
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, November 25 & 26 – Rev. Ruth & Jerin in the office**
- **THURSDAY, November 27 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday!**
- **SUNDAY, November 30 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT!!**
 - **Poetry Sunday – See details below.**

We are very excited to announce that we will have a Guest Preacher on Sunday, December 7!! The Rev. Leslie Jackson, the New Associate Conference Minister for our region of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ will be joining us for the Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6 and then for worship on Sunday morning. We are very excited to welcome him to our church! He comes to us from Texas and is very excited to experience a New England congregational church bazaar and to see our beautiful mid-century modern church to see for himself all that I have told him about our church. I do hope you will come to meet him and hear his words of wisdom and inspiration for us all.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR A VERY SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNED FOR November 30, the First Sunday of Advent!

- **We're planning another Poetry Sunday** and you are invited to share a favorite poem of your own or someone else's to kick off our Advent worship season. The theme of your poem should be "Hope." No need to sign up. Just show up with your poem in hand, willing to read it!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW! Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, November 30.** For those new to the church, poinsettias are part of our Christmas Eve altar display. A list of who has donated poinsettias and in honor/memory of whom is included with the Worship Resource for that service.

CURRENT MISSIONS PROJECTS!!! A REMINDER THAT OUR SUPPORT OF LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES CONTINUES to which we are adding our annual support of the **Adopt-A-Family** program through **Operation Fresh Start**.

- Please place your **emergency food donations** in or near the large bucket in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font. We are sharing these donations weekly with either the PNC or the Jonnycake Center. Thank you.
- **Adopt-A-Family** gift tags specific to the family we are supporting this Christmas can be taken from the Christmas Tree display next to the Pollinator Gardens display table in the back rear corner of the sanctuary closest to the Bell Courtyard exit. A special attachment to this Weekly Email provides details of how best to support this project.

BAZAAR NEWS:

- Thanks to everyone who worked so hard for the first Bazaar on December 15 which proved to be our most successful ever!!! We couldn't have done it without you!!
- A reminder that the next and final Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 6 from 9am – 2pm. Fresh greens and Christmas Cookies needed!!!!
- Kindly remember also that we will be donating 5% of our total proceeds from both Bazaars to be split evenly between the RI Community Food Bank and CT Foodshare.
- **A late breaking request from the Bazaar Team:** Calling all evergreens! We need a variety of fresh greens to make arrangements to sell at the next bazaar. Please bring in bags of cuttings & small branches of whatever kinds of greens you have on **next Sunday, Nov. 30**! You can leave them outside on the cement steps leading into Fellowship Hall. Some of us will gather together during the week (day & time TBD) to create lovely holiday arrangements!

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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