



**WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S EDITION**  
of the Weekly Email Update/News & Notes for  
**February 22, 2026**

**First Sunday of Lent!**

**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, FEB. 22 @ 9:45AM** – Rev. Ruth preaching for this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
  - Blessing during worship of our donations of new and gently used blankets for the emergency shelter run by Center Church UCC in Hartford
- **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25**
  - 11AM – Book & Bible Study in Parlor
  - 3:15 PM – Voice Choir Practice in sanctuary
  - 12:30 PM – BOOKS in Parlor
- **THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1-3PM** – **Rev. Ruth's Community Office Hours**
  - Martin House Books on Canal Street in Westerly

**LENTEN BOOK & BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday, Feb. 25 @ 11am in the Parlor.** Join us for this unique Bible study which will use the book *SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE* by John Fugelsang as a jumping off point for this unique approach to Bible study. Details on flier available at church. Zoom option for this study series also available. Pre-registration for the Zoom option is required.

**NEW MEMBERS GATHERING SET FOR Sunday, March 1 following worship.** Interested in becoming a member of this small, vital congregation? Come find out just what that means at this gathering. Or talk with Rev. Ruth anytime...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** Soup Supper Potluck scheduled for Friday, March 13 @ 5:30pm!!! Everyone welcome! Signup sheets in Fellowship Hall!

**CHECK IT OUT!!** Rev. Ruth has set up a little hospitality center in the Parlor across from the office and it is for anyone to use! Need a quiet place to sit and think? Want to get out of the house with no particular place to go? Coming for Bible Study or Books or a meeting? Come any time during Jerin's office hours and make yourself at home!!! Come a few minutes early for your group and make yourself a hot beverage!!! A little self-care is always good.

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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