



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

August 16, 2026

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.

- **Thank you for your understanding last Sunday when the church leadership and myself decided worship needed to be moved to virtual only due to heat and high humidity.**
- This Sunday we will be back in the sanctuary and plan to broadcast once again! If you join us in this way, kindly make a comment or leave a heart so we know you were there. The more engagement we get with the video of worship, the further it circulates!!
- We are aware of ongoing issues with the sound on the broadcasts and we are trying to resolve them. Thank you for your patience.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR for the weeks ahead

- **Sunday, August 16 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth Preaching**
 - **Sermon:** *Persistence Needed* - **Scripture:** Matthew 15:21-28
- **Wednesday, August 19 @ 6:30pm – TRUSTEES via Zoom**
- **Sunday, August 23 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth Preaching**
 - **Sermon:** *Stumbling Blocks* - **Scripture:** Matthew 16:21-23
 - **Kindly note Rev. Ruth is leaving after worship for her week long clergy retreat at Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT. The Deacons can reach her in case of a pastoral emergency.**
- **Sunday, August 30 @ 9:45am – Worship with Rev. Ruth Preaching**
 - **MISSIONS SUNDAY – Blessing of the School Supplies and packing up of same after worship!**

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern New England Conference, UCC is scheduled for Friday, September 25 to Sunday, September 27. Keynoter and worship preacher is Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock. Also, several important issues will be coming up for a vote during the business sessions. I am attending as Pastor and Peter is attending as a delegate. **KINDLY NOTE WE ARE ENTITLED TO TWO MORE DELEGATES.** If you would like to serve in this capacity, kindly speak with me asap. The church will cover your registration fee of \$130, and this gives you full access to the online Annual Meeting. If you wish to attend in person, you would be expected to pay your own expenses for meals and travel plus a hotel if you are staying over. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON BEING A DELEGATE TO THIS MEETING, PLEASE SPEAK WITH ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN GET YOU REGISTERED.**

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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