

# The United Church of Rowayton

## Summer Announcements

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### → Summer Worship Schedule

The worship experience of our Family of Faith remains to be an important and vital part of our overall program. During the months of July and August we will be offering two options for worship at different times and places. The final outdoor worship service will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day Weekend). Worship leadership will be shared by our Pastor John Livingston, Associate Pastor Carla Dietz Carroll and the Rev. Holly Adams.



The first service will be held in Pinkney Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 9:15am. This outdoor service, which has become very meaningful to many of our people, is casual, as people bring their own lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the beauty of the Five Mile River and the peaceful setting by the gazebo. If it is raining, the service will be held in the Meeting House.

The second service will be held at the United Congregational Church on Richards Avenue and will begin at 10:30am. The same message will be shared at both services. We hope that this flexible schedule will help you to keep worship an important and vital part of your week during the summer.

Reminder: Please don't park on Pennoyer Street in front of the Methodist Church. Parking at Pinkney Park will be limited to handicapped parking. Please park in our lot and walk to the Park.

### The Reverend John Livingston

July 4	Surprising Prophets Communion	2 Kings 5:1-14
July 11	Caring Neighbors	Luke 10:25-37
July 18	Word and Work	Luke 10:38-42
July 25	Shaped by Prayer	Luke 11:1-13

### The Rev. Carla Dietz Carroll

Aug. 1	Soul Investment	Luke 12:13-21
Aug. 8	Communion	
Aug. 8	Living Into the Promise	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Aug. 15	Restore Us	Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19
Aug. 22-17	Healing Reign	Luke 13:10-

### The Rev. Holly Adams

Aug. 29-14	Open Table	Luke 14:1,
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### The Rev. Carla Dietz Carroll

Sept. 5	Being Community	Philemon 1-21
	Communion	

## → Birthing Churches

On July 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:30pm in the Sanctuary, UCR will be hosting a meeting of interested members from five local UCC churches (First Congregational Church of Fairfield, Congregational Church of Greens Farms, Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Norfield Congregational Church in Weston and the United Church of Rowayton). The meeting will be led by Mike Piazza, co-director of the Center for Progressive Renewal (you can learn more about the Center at <http://growtheucc.memberlodge.org/>). The group of local churches is interested in learning more about "birthing churches" initiatives, in which an established church helps build and support a new church, through outreach work, sharing of staff or facilities, or other means, not solely financial support. This activity renews the enthusiasm and spirit of the established church while at the same time nourishing and nurturing a new congregation within the UCC. The new church may be located in a previously underserved area, or may be a gathering of people with a common interest such as foreign-language worship. The idea was discussed at the Connecticut Conference meeting in April, as reported to us from the pulpit by Carla in May, and has been presented to the Board of Deacons and the Council, who agreed to host this meeting and present the idea in a more detailed manner to UCR's members for more discussion. The meeting is open to all, and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Know your target audience. Who are your most important customers, clients or prospects, and why? Know what is important to them and address their needs in your newsletter each month. Include a photo to make your newsletter even more appealing.

## → Back-to-School Backpack Drive

Throughout the summer we will be collecting school backpacks and school supplies. Please refer to the list below for requested items. (You only need to include a few items from the list.) The backpacks can be dropped off in the Meeting House lobby Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Bill Peltz at 853-2498.

Please consider helping a child to be successful in his/her new school year.

PLEASE NO USED ITEMS/SUGGESTED ITEMS ARE:

Tissues, colored pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, crayons, geometric stencils, compass, drawing pad, erasers, file folders, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks, notebook paper, journal, pencils, pencil sharpener, markers, ruler, white out, red pencils, tape, stapler, staples, calculator.

→ **Make a Difference in our Family of  
Faith Teach at UCR Church School**

If you want to spread God's word and really make a difference in someone's life, consider teaching at The United Church of Rowayton Church School. We are still looking for volunteers for every class (Pre-K and K; 1,2,3; 4 and 5; Middle School). The lessons are planned out for you and very flexible - there is always more to cover than you have time for! With a number of volunteers for each class, the time commitment is often once a month, if not less. **YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM TO VOLUNTEER.** Anyone can teach, from young adults to grandparents. Stop by our signup sheet in the fellowship hall or e-mail Carla Dietz Carroll at [carla@ucrowayton.org](mailto:carla@ucrowayton.org)