
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Friends in Christ,

This week we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, gathering at the table with our brothers and sisters in faith from all around the globe. The bread we bless and share this month will vary in size, shape and color as a reflection of the rich diversity of God's beloved children. Mindful that there are many around the world who do not have enough to eat, some who will not even have enough bread to bless and break as part of the Sacrament, we will also have the opportunity to give to "Neighbors in Need," a special offering through the United Church of Christ.

This is the Reverend Joanne Myer 's last official Sunday in the pulpit as our Interim Associate Pastor. Robin Bird will begin her ministry among us next week! I cannot begin to tell you what an honor and privilege it has been to work with Joanne these past several months. Joanne has been, and continues to be, a bright light shining in our midst, an answer to prayer for me and for our entire congregation. Though she will continue to serve the church in a volunteer capacity, we will decommission Joanne during worship on October 27th.

A New Member's class will meet here at the church on Thursday, October 10th at 7pm. If you would like to find out more about joining the church, please call the office at 860-875-7580 to sign up for this class.

Finally, we will celebrate the life of Dick Saich, longtime member of First Congregational Church of Vernon and Trustee Emeritus, tomorrow (Saturday, October 5th) at 10 am. Please continue to keep Jane and the rest of Dick's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

I am so grateful to serve such a faithful, loving congregation of God's people! You bless me every single day. I thank God for each and every one of you.

With you on the journey,

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