

Dear United Church Congregation,

I hope you're handling this unseasonably warm weather as we draw closer to the "best" season of the year around these parts. No, fall's not here yet, but it's closer! Many members and friends will gather at Ghost Ranch this Labor Day weekend for camping, hiking, fun and learning! Beginning tomorrow afternoon we look forward to the presentations from this year's speaker, Dr. John Holbert who will be speaking on "Loving Our Planet: The Bible and the Environment". We will have worship services in two locations this Sunday. One will be at The United Church at 9:30 a.m. and the other will be at Ghost Ranch at 10 a.m. Communion will be celebrated at both services. May this long weekend offer each of us an opportunity to rest, learn, and recognize the privilege of living in a country whose freedom allows for a great variety of vocations (and is built by hard work!). And may we give thanks for the call God has issued to each of us to live and learn, work and serve, following in the teachings and ways of the One who invites us to share his love.

Join us for worship this Communion Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the church Sanctuary; and 10:00 a.m. at Ghost Ranch (there is no 8 a.m. service).

Scripture Readings: 9:30 a.m. Song of Songs 2:8-13; 10:00 a.m. Mark 1:14-20
Sermons: "Matter Matters" by Kara Windler; "A Fresh Time" by David Elton

Have a good weekend and safe travels to those going to Ghost Ranch or elsewhere.

Grace and peace,
David