



Chilmark Community Church

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Dear Member/Friend of the Chilmark Community Church,

The Search Committee is pleased to announce the selection of a candidate for minister for our church. We put out the word to Charlotte's ministerial colleagues as well as the United Church of Christ and American Baptist Church denominations. We created a Church Profile on the opening page of our website. Our candidate is an ordained minister in the UCC. We interviewed her and two others via zoom, watched their video sermons, and had a live island interview and visit with the finalist. Kathie Carroll was her hostess.

Rev. Janet Stoddard grew up in a small suburban farm in Newington, CT and graduated from the University of CT in Storrs in 1984 with a BA in History. After some years working in the private sector and 3 years as Director of Christian Education in Southington, CT, she earned a Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Seminary in 1999. Upon graduation she served as Protestant Campus Minister at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain for eight years, and concurrently as Chaplain at the Hospital for Special Care. Starting in the fall of 2020 she was called to pastor Elmwood Community Church in West Hartford and helped them over the next four years to close. It was there that she realized how much she enjoyed pastoring a small church which brought her to our consideration here in Chilmark. "Reminding all people that they are God's love embodied" is at the core of her ministry.

You will have an opportunity to visit with her informally at a 5 o'clock pot luck supper on Saturday, January 25th in the fellowship hall. She will lead 9am worship on Sunday January 26th after which will be a congregational meeting and a members only ballot vote to affirm her call to the Chilmark Church.

This is a formal notification of the Congregational Meeting on the 26th of January at 10am. You can vote in person or via zoom. In accordance with our bylaws, a 3/4 majority vote is necessary to confirm the candidate. The zoom link is at <https://chilmarkchurch.org/service/index.php/worship/hours-and-location/>
The search committee thanks you in advance for your participation.

Yours in Christ, Pam Goff, Sarah Carr, Kathie Carroll, Sam Hart, Ann Noyes