

UCCT Blog Post
The Top Eleven Reasons to Stick Around This Summer!

The warm weather is here! And so as you are starting to think about lawn-mowing, gardening, and envisioning those leisurely Sundays at the beach, you may not be thinking too much about church.

In fact, that's kind of a New England thing. Summer arrives and families disappear, only to be heard from again on Rally Sunday in September. While this is a reality in some places, it doesn't have to be here in Tolland!

And so, for your perusal, here are the Top Eleven reasons (why stop at ten?) you should stick around throughout the summer:

11. *Confirmation and Graduation Sundays.* That's right, we celebrate our newest members and newest graduates in June—awarding some scholarships even. You don't want to miss the celebrations!
10. *No sand!* If you plan to meet God at the beach, you'll also meet a lot of sand. We promise a sand-free worship environment!
9. *Theology on Tap.* That's right, it's back again this year. We will gather six times from June-August to enjoy a cold beverage and talk about our faith at Willington Pizza—a highlight of the year for many.
8. *Music: Guest musicians and Beethoven on the Green.* Although we *love* our choir, the summer allows for a wide variety of musicians to share their individual musical talents with us during worship. And then there's Beethoven on the Green as Allan Conway will once again be blessing us with his musical talents during his weekday concerts!
7. *Casual dress, casual worship.* Join us in your shorts and sandals. Join us in your bathing suit. Just join us, however you are!
6. *Family Worship.* On the fourth Sunday of July and August we will have special services appropriate for all ages. We'll be keeping our youngest attendees in mind, but will have something for everyone.
5. *Air conditioning.* It may be one of the seven deadly sins, but I have friends and colleagues who are nothing short of *envious* that we get to worship all summer in climate-controlled comfort. So come and enjoy—just try not to gloat with that Facebook post too much!
4. *Tolland Farmers Market.* Finish church just in time to walk across the street for the market to open. Say hi to your neighbors, buy some fresh produce and pick up a goodie or two!
3. *9:00 a.m. worship.* Planning a trip to the park or a sail on your boat or a backyard barbeque? Well, you can join us at 9:00 a.m. for worship all summer and be on your way by 10:00. Worship and then still have the rest of the day, what could be better?
2. *Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible* (*But were afraid to ask!)* It's just like that book that was on your shelf. You know, the yellow one? Well think of that as a sermon-series—where you get to decide on the topics! And yes, we can even talk about that!
1. *Loally Engaged, Broadly Inclusive, Deeply Relevant* That's who we strive to be—even in the summer. You don't want to miss out on all the good things God is doing in this place all year long . . . and did we mention it's air conditioned?

Hope to see you in June, July *and* August!
Rev. Jeff