Dear friends,

We have had a dry dry summer but some rain has fallen and the river still runs. I love that hymn “Make channels for the streams of love” so much at times like these, with the wild world raging out there like a storm. We always have so much love among us when we gather and the rising tensions in the world are giving our gatherings a feeling of extra outpourings of love and hope and willingness and energy. I see our committees making channels for these streams as they come!

In September we came together to mingle our waters and gather together in song and in worship with the whole community as people returned from summer trips and Religious Education classes made it easier for families to join us. People young and old enjoyed the refreshments. I extend my gratitude to the folks who brought energy and snacks to the testing phase of weekly coffee hour and I am happy to report that we have extended this experiment at least through November. This is one channel for the streams of love! If you are interested in volunteering to make coffee hour keep happening, you can sign up through the”Sign Up Genius” link in this newsletter, email me at amberafc@gmail.com, or just go ahead and bring a snack some Sunday.

We have a great sound system in our sanctuary with channels of its own and every week a volunteer sets it up for our worship service. If you’re looking for a non-kitchen non-committee opportunity to serve the congregation this might be your chance! Readying the sound system for use is simple and easy to learn, and the instructions are always kept nearby. We have a short list of people who know the system well and training a few more folks will give us a comfortable backup plan when those folks can’t be there on a Sunday or other times when we need sound for an event. This is a very small time commitment and it will help us a lot. The more we can rely on each other the more we all can relax and enjoy the music. You can email Nick Smith at smithpavlow@cox.net

May our love, and our hope and our willingness and our energy flow on. Let us make channels for it as it pours out. When we don’t know what to do, we can always do this.