

Easter flowers

Given by:

JoAnn and Bud Behlman in loving memory of Bob and Linnea Behlman and Joseph Santo.

Mark Davis in loving memory of Bruce and Norma Davis.

Mark Davis in loving memory of Roderick and Doris Blair.

Barbara Etcheto in loving memory of Peter Etcheto.

TJ and Karen Fimmmano in celebration of the upcoming wedding of our son, Tres to Emma Hanselman.

TJ and Karen Fimmmano in celebration of our children, Austin, Tres, Ginny and John.

TJ and Karen Fimmmano in honor of our parents, Tony and JoAnne Fimmmano and Nelda White.

Diane and Paul Hibbard in celebration of the children of El Prado, Ecuador.

Gillian Griswold in memory of all those who have died in Palestine since 1948.

Barb and Jeff Hunt in honor of our Church family.

Barb and Jeff Hunt in loving memory of Erv Story.

Joann King in loving memory of Mom and Dad, Marion and Ed Jensusaitis.

Catherine Mason and family in celebration of our loving Church family here at Woodbury UMC.

Rynn Naylor in loving memory of Ray and Pat Naylor, Bill Chamberlain, and Paula Girard.

Carol Quinby in loving memory of Harold and Leona Quinby.

Carolyn and Chris Shay in loving memory of our parents: Libby and Ty Ayars, Alyce and Joseph Bishop, and Lew Shay.

Christine Smith in loving memory of my mother and father, George and Hope Smith and my brother-in-law, Jack O'Brien.

Sharon Story in loving memory of Erv Story, husband, father, "Pop, "Poppy", and friend.

Sharon Story in memory of Uncle Tommy Loughman.

Sharon Story in celebration of Addie and Ella.

In memory of Lila and Earl Garrett, Jr.

Rev. Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway in memory of Milfred and Yvonne Bodt

Rev. Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway in honor of James and Sarah Galloway

Ministry through Meetings

Worship: Sunday, April 7, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, Carolyn Shay, Chair

Communications: Monday, April 8, 7 – 8 pm, Catherine Mason, Chair

Staff-Parish Relations, Sunday, April 21, 11:45 am – 12:45 p.m.,

Christine Stupenis, Chair

Church Council, Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m., Bud Behlman, Chair

(To learn more about the ministry of these teams, or to request an item for their agenda, please contact the chair. If you do not know them, their contact information may be obtained from Matti Paparazzo in the Church Office: 203.263.4774 or wumc@woodburyumc.net)

Looking ahead

A Women's Retreat will be hosted by Seymour UMC for the Valley Cooperative Parish on **Saturday, May 4, 10 am to 2 pm**. Details were in this past Thursday's "Living through Grace" e-newsletter. Check it out!

Getting settled

Pastor Brian's on-site days are usually Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays for his half-time appointment to Woodbury UMC. Appointments with him are preferred but you may find him "in" if you need to just drop by. He remains at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield, 10-15 hours a week in pastoral care, usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Crises and deaths do not work on a schedule so he will be what both congregations need when they need it. Please reach him at his contacts below.

Pastoral care: Is someone you know in the hospital? Skilled care facility? Home-bound? Pastor Brian wants to know and is building a list of those for whom special care is needed. **Please reach him at 203.747.1781 (text or call preferred) or by email at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com** PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS! He will also respond to his personal email which he began using March 5th for WUMC ministry. He typically responds quickly but, if there is a delay, please contact our Co-Lay Leaders, Jeff Hunt (203.558.6607) or Barb Hunt (203.583.6614).

Publication deadline: Our Administrative Assistant, Matti Paparazzo, is on-site on Thursdays to print the weekly bulletin and our "Living through Grace" e-newsletter. You may send materials to her at any time – she works remotely as well – but please have all materials to her not later than 10 a.m. on Thursday. Thanks in advance!

And if you haven't read "Living through Grace," please take a look! It's got lots more news! If you're not on our e-mail list, please contact Matti at wumc@woodburyumc.net

MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

39 people attended the catered and complimentary luncheon and conversation last Sunday with our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester. Questions, both prepared and from the floor, were asked concerning all that transpired before, during and since our former pastor's arrest on Feb. 9. The conversation was honest, difficult and yet respectful.

We will provide to our congregation our more thoughtful reflection of last Sunday's meeting by mid-April, capturing major points of the conversation and actions steps we can take, both in the form of recommendations to the Bishop and Cabinet, and in the form of local actions we can take to protect ourselves. Until then, we thank everyone who made this conversation possible, by their questions, their attendance at and support of the luncheon, and through their prayers. If you desire to speak with any of us on these matters, you may obtain our contacts from Matti Paparazzo at the church office (203.263.4775; wumc@woodburyumc.net) if you do not already have them.

Your co-workers in Christ,
Barb and Jeff Hunt, Lay Leaders
Christine Stupenis, Staff-Parish Relations Chair
Bud Behlman, Church Council Chair
Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

Spring Symbols remind us of Resurrection

Birds

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a [legend](#) to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

Bees

It takes lots of buzzing bees to spread the pollen and make flowers grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's favor. The Torah agrees, for it describes God's promised land again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

Flowers

Long considered a symbol of hope and new life, the [daffodil](#) is one of the blooms most often connected to the Resurrection. Tradition says that giving a gift of daffodils will ensure happiness for the receiver – but always give a bunch: a single bloom signals doom.

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