

The Prayer Corner

Prayers for the Middle East and the Ukraine; for God's loving peace and comfort for Jen and Rod Carnes in the passing of Jen's mother, Sally Gallagher; prayers of joy and Thanksgiving for our new minister, the Rev. Dr. Brian Bodt, and his wife, Carol Galloway.

Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

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Upcoming Events

Lent on the Road, Tuesday, March 19

United Church of Christ Southbury, 283 Main St N. Southbury
6:00 Simple Supper 7:00 Worship

Palm Sunday, March 24

A complimentary luncheon and conversation with our District Superintendent, Dr. Alpher Sylvester, follows worship beginning about 11:30 a.m. Please see "Upcoming Communications."

Monday, March 25

Bishop's Day on the Connecticut District

First United Methodist Church
159 East Main Street Meriden, CT 06450

The laity portion of this event is dinner at 6 pm, followed by 7:30 pm remarks by Bishop Bickerton and presentations from the Rev. Doris Dalton, Director of Connectional Ministries, and Lonnie Chafin, Conference Treasurer and Director of Admin. Services. If you wish to attend, please speak with Pastor Brian or contact him at 203.747.1781 and he will register you.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Family Nurture will host a continental breakfast from 8:45 to 9:45 am. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall for needed breakfast items. You may also speak to Catherine Mason or contact her at 203.707.6571 or Catherine.mason02@outlook.com .

Communications, recent and coming

Pastor Brian bio and welcome letter was mailed by US Postal Service on Thursday, March 14. Please take a look if you haven't.

The Palm Sunday luncheon and conversation invitation with District Superintendent Alpher Sylvester was emailed Wednesday, March 13 and included in the March 14th e-newsletter. Reservations are not required. Please review this email and send in your discussion questions.

The Holy Week / Easter letter will be mailed tomorrow. Please watch for it and plan to join in as many occasions for Holy Week worship as possible. Be part of the sacred journey to the cross and the empty tomb!

A Women's Retreat is being hosted by Seymour UMC on behalf of the Valley Cooperative Parish on **Saturday, May 4, 10 am to 2 pm**. Details were in this past Thursday's e-newsletter. Check it out!

But wait, there's more!

Pastor Brian is now the go-to person for pastoral care. In the hospital? Skilled care facility? Home-bound? He 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 brianbodt@sbcglobal.net. He typically responds quickly but, if not, please contact our Co-Lay Leaders, Jeff Hunt (203.558.6607) or Barb Hunt (203.583.6614).

A more whimsical bio for Pastor Brian: *The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt is retired: not quite older than dirt, but close. After 45 years as an ordained United Methodist pastor, he is now our pastor while he infiltrates Congregationalists in Fairfield 10-15 hours a week part-time in pastoral care. Blessed with four wonderful sons, two "daughters" and two grandchildren (with a third arriving in June), he is doubly blessed by being married to Carol Galloway, a physical therapist in Fairfield. They reside in Woodbridge. Brian likes to sing, ski, run and play with all kinds of trains.*