

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Prayers for the victims of conflicts in the Middle East, the Ukraine and the Sudan; for those facing life stress, and for our congregation's forward momentum.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL will be on vacation May 20-27, including their niece's wedding in Maryland. For pastoral emergencies please contact Jeff Hunt, Co-Lay Leader, at 203.558.6607. He will reach the pastor on call.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE REV. GARRETT WALKUP will be our preacher and worship leader, assisted by Co-Lay Leader Jeff Hunt. Rev. Walkup's message will be "Hi, Neighbor!" based on the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Rev. Walkup was "there" for us in our crisis season; please be "there" for him next Sunday! An offering for *Peace with Justice Sunday*, one of six annual special offerings of The United Methodist Church, will be received.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MOWING THE CHURCH LAWN: Our regular lawn mowing service is temporarily suspended due to family issues. The Trustees are looking for volunteers to mow the lawn on a rotating schedule. It takes about 90 minutes. Direction will be provided. If you are willing to serve, please contact Trustee President Toby McGrath at 203.891.1923 or blackdog2006@me.com.

LITURGISTS are sought for our Sunday worship. This service involves arriving at 10:15 am (9:15 after June 16th) for a sound check and brief review of the bulletin, and reading parts of the liturgy and the scriptures for the day. Guidelines are provided. We are currently have Sundays open beginning July 7th. If you would consider assisting in worship leadership, please contact Pastor Brian Bodt at 203.747.1781 (text or call) or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS began May 5th. Carol Galloway, MSPT, is coordinating a volunteer rotation to offer this service each first Sunday of the month. Carol is making contacts with a list of names provided to her but we may not know all within our church. If you are a medical professional and interested in serving in this way, please contact Carol at 203.687.6225 (preferred, text or call) or carol9996@hotmail.com. These screenings are not a substitute for consultation with one's primary care physician, cardiologist or other health care professional, but are offered as an additional monitoring tool.

NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS NEEDED for the Woodbury Food Bank. If you would like to donate any items you can bring them with you to church or drop them off in the Narthex on Thursday when Matti is in office, (between 10-4). The items that are most needed are as follows:

Bottled juice	Cereal	Beef stew	Pancake mix
Peanut butter and jelly	Ketchup and mustard	Cream of chicken soup	
Pasta sauce	Minestrone soup	Clam chowder	
Paper towels	Toilet paper	Deodorant	Toothpaste
Laundry detergent	Dish liquid soap	Shampoo	
Conditioner	Regular and decaffeinated coffee		

Thank you in advance for your donations! *“I was hungry and you gave me food...”* Matthew 25:35

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Brian can be reached at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781. Please reach him when folks are sick or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Want a visit? Please let him know. He'd love to meet with you!

Are you on our *“Living through Grace”* weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net. She'll get you on!

Publication deadline: Administrative Assistant, Matti Paparazzo is on-site Thursdays to print the weekly bulletin and our *“Living through Grace”* e-newsletter. Please send materials to her at any time **but not later than 10 a.m. on Thursday**. Thanks in advance!

WUMC Volunteer Opportunities - Spring/Summer 2024:

- Weekly lawn mowing/edging on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the season (Church and Parsonage, starting 5/17 through end of September)
- Finish spring clean-up:
 - Mulch around office entrance, WUMC sign on Main Street, front of parsonage
 - Install Prayer Bench
 - Remove planters by pergola - plant honeysuckles in ground
 - Powerwash/paint fence & pergola, repair fence
 - Replace steps - sanctuary entrance
 - Paint/varnish ramp railing by office entrance
 - Clean parsonage gutters
 - Remove moss - north side of church roof
- Remove gutter - back porch of parsonage & Paint dormer

Please let Toby McGrath know which projects interest you and when you are available to assist at 203-819-1923 or blackdog2006@me.com