

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 2, 2024

Christian Education Sunday

Pentecost 2

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"
Adult Choir

Kendrick/Schrader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Grace Styblo

(Based on sayings of the Rev. John Wesley, Proverbs 20:15, and Psalm 119:105 and 19:14.)

L: Let us unite the two so long divided: knowledge and vital piety.

P: *Let us be well read, yet people of one Book.*

L: Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak
knowledge are a rare jewel.

P: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**ALL: LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE
MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU
O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER.**

*HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

THE COLLECT *(seated, in unison)*

Liam McGrath

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION *(by the pastor)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

*O Lord, like clay jars we are fragile. The good we would do,
we do not; and the bad that we would not do is the very thing we do.
Forgive our errant ways. Draw us again to you and your marvelous
love, that inspires us, cleanses us, and makes us whole. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:5-12 Lydia Temple
*HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* UMH #601
THE SERMON *"Clay Jars"* Pastor Brian Bodt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

RECOGNITION OF ADULT STUDIES Bud Behlman
 September, 2023 study, *"Falling Upward"* by Richard Rohr
 November, 2023 workshops on quiet reflection, Lectio Divina
 and the daily examen.
 March, 2024, *"Iron Sharpens Iron"* Men's Conference
 May, 2024, Valley United Methodist Cooperative Parish
 Women's Retreat
 May, 2024, *"Ritual in Remembrance"* with Rabbi Eric Polokoff

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Catherine Mason and Meg Temple

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS Catherine Mason and Meg Temple

LITANY OF BLESSING

L: O Lord, we celebrate these graduates.

P: Help them to ever be life-long learners.

L: O Lord, who was in the temple with the rabbis,

P: Help us ever to be students of The Book.

L: O Lord, who taught along the Syrian sea,

P: Bless all teachers, in church and school, in their sacred calling.

L: O Lord, in whose home Divine love was shared,

P: Let our homes be dwellings wherein the lessons of love flourish.

**ALL: BLESS ALL THIS DAY, O LORD, WHO LEARN AND
TEACH, THAT THE MASTER TEACHER'S ART MAY BE
FORMED IN THEM. AMEN.**

HYMN (seated) *"O Lord, May Church and Home Combine"* UMH #695

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS,
including our gifts for the Woodbury Food Bank.

ANTHEM *"To the Table"* Zach Williams
Water and Light Praise Band

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE UMH #588
"All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION, including the dedication of offerings
for the Woodbury Food Bank

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*SETTING II (*spoken*) UMH pp.13-14
*(All are welcome to receive. Please follow the ushers' direction.
You may pray at the rail after receiving if desired.
You may also leave a gift for the pastor's discretionary fund, if desired.)*

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING SONG *"The Blessing"* Kari Jobe
Water and Light Praise Band

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"You Are the Light of the World"* Stephen Schwartz
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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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.

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.*

*The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Christopher Shay, Director of Music Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Please join us downstairs! Don't know the way? Follow the crowd!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Youth as noted, Liturgists Mark Davis, AV Tech
Fellowship Time Hosts: Sam Temple
Greeters and Ushers: Christine and Anna Shupenis
Water and Light Praise Band: Rod Carnes, Matt Bodwell, Kate Keeler, Sarah Kate Walkup

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS are offered **TODAY** in the first floor Assembly Room by Cathy Reifenhauer, R.N. If you are a medical professional and interested in serving in this way, please contact Carol Galloway, MSPT, 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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Staff-Parish Relations, TODAY, June 2, 12:15 p.m., Wesley Room
Communications, Monday, June 3, 7 p.m., Assembly Room
Trustees, Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

BOOK DROP OFF for the planned Book Sale is in the Narthex box. Bring books on Sunday or drop them off Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 4 pm during Matti Paparazzo's office hours on Thursday. Further details and the date of the sale to be determined, so keep your eyes open!

FOOD DROP OFF for the Woodbury Food Bank may also be left in the Narthex any Sunday or Thursday. See the list of needed items elsewhere in this bulletin. We dedicate these on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month.

WATER DONATIONS DROP OFF: Woodbury UMC is collecting bottled water to be distributed to the Woodbury neighborhood of Edon Acres. Residents of the neighborhood are unable to use their water due to contaminants found in well water at numerous homes.

Donations may be brought to the church at 4 Church St, Woodbury and left on the porch at the Church St. entrance. 1 gallon or larger containers of water are best, but all contributions welcomed.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet each Monday, 1 - 2:15 p.m., beginning Monday, June 17. The first meeting will determine those Mondays that are unavailable for students or teachers to be present, so if you have a student entering 8th grade or older in the fall who has not been confirmed, this would be the class to attend. At this writing I am aware of two students committed to the study. My goal is to complete classes by early September and schedule Confirmation in the fall, preferably on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. More details to follow.

Pastor Brian

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 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 Papparazzo at umc@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 NOW 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

Job Opportunity

Camp Olmsted is a United Methodist camp in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York (lower Hudson Valley) run by the United Methodist City Society, the mission arm of The United Methodist Church in New York City and the surrounding greater New York region. If you or someone you know are interested in working at Camp Olmsted, please have them send their resume to the camp director, Jesus

Ramos III at jramosiii@fivepoint.org.

What is Camp Olmstead?

Olmsted Center is a retreat and camp facility located on a 78-acre site in Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY approximately 60 minutes from the George Washington Bridge and overlooking the scenic Hudson River. It is blessed with rolling hills, beautiful wooded areas, partial views of the Hudson and access to hiking trails on Storm King Mountain. The camp is owned and operated by Five Points Mission with oversight from the United Methodist City Society. As testimony to the historical significance of Camp Olmsted, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

United Methodists offer help after deadly storms

United Methodists have been clearing away downed tree limbs, setting up charging stations, passing out clothes and finding other ways to help after deadly storms swept across multiple states leading into Memorial Day.

Valley View, Texas, and surrounding Cooke County — 60 miles northwest of Dallas, near the Oklahoma border — suffered seven deaths and many flattened buildings from a tornado that hit about 10:30 p.m. May 25.

Tracie Shelburne, a member of Valley View United Methodist Church in Valley View, Texas, sorts donated items after a tornado struck the area over Memorial Day weekend. Photo by the Rev. Beate Hall.

But Valley View United Methodist Church, in the town's center, came through unharmed and got busy.

“By midnight, the church building was open and donations and volunteers were already starting to pour in,” said the Rev. Beate Hall, pastor.

The church at first was an all-purpose shelter and provided first-responders with coffee and a place to dry out. But it has since become a donations hub. That includes diapers, bottled water and packaged food, but especially clothing.

“Those who have lost everything can come get a whole new wardrobe,” Hall told UM News.

Members of Valley View United Methodist are dealing with property damage, as well as power outages. They have the jitters, too, after additional severe thunderstorms came through North Texas before dawn on May 28.

No members of Valley View United Methodists were killed or physically injured in the earlier round, Hall said. But they are feeling the loss of community residents who died.

Read the full story in your “Living Through Grace” newsletter.