

NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

CONFIRMATION resumes *Monday, July 1, 1 – 2:15 p.m.*, Assembly Room.

A NOTE RECEIVED THIS WEEK:

“To the people of WUMC, the residents of Atwood Road, Lake Road, Edwards Avenue and Soucy Road thank you for the generosity of your water donations. We are blessed!”

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWERS are welcomed during the summer months from the gardens of members and friends. Simply bring them any Sunday.

BOOK DROP OFF for the fall Book Sale is in the Narthex. Bring books on Sunday or Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 4 pm during office hours. A tentative sale date will be Sept. 15th.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS may also be left in the Narthex any Sunday or Thursday. See the list of needed items in this bulletin. We dedicate these on the first Sunday of the month.

WATER DONATIONS SUSPENDED: Bud Behlman thanks the many people who gave bottled water for the Edon Acres neighborhood. He asks we hold off on additional donations at this time.

WUMC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Summer 2024:

- Weekly lawn mowing/edging on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the season (Church and Parsonage, starting NOW through end of September) – takes 60-90 minutes
- Finish spring clean-up:
 - Mulch around office entrance
 - Remove planters by pergola – plant honeysuckles in ground
 - Powerwash/paint fence & pergola, repair fence
 - Replace steps – in progress (see Bud Behlman)
 - Paint/varnish ramp railing by office entrance
 - Remove moss – north side of church roof
 - Paint rear dormer of parsonage

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

LITURGISTS for Sunday worship are sought beginning September 8th. Please contact Pastor Brian (203.747.1781, text/call or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com if interested.

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). You can find the list of items needed in “Living Through Grace”.

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

THANK YOU to Jeff Hunt and Mark Riefenhauser for the installation of the main office and Pastor’s office air conditioners.

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

We have resumed advertising in the “Directory of Religious Services” of the Waterbury “*Republican-American*” newspaper through a designated gift to underwrite this expense for one year. Our first ad appeared this past Friday.

Last Sunday’s congregational meeting saw 34 attendees approve a motion to affirm action of the Woodbury United Methodist Church Council. The full motion can be found at www.woodburyumc.net. The final paragraph says:

“Therefore, be it resolved, that the Woodbury United Methodist Church congregation, gathered June 16th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., affirms the action of the Church Council, celebrates the actions of the General Conference in removing language that excludes LGBTQ people from marriage and ordination, and will be proactive in seeking ways to incorporate these changes in the life of Woodbury United Methodist Church.”

The motion was affirmed by voice, with 32 voicing “Yes, it’s time,” one voicing “No, not yet” and one abstaining.

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 Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net. She’ll get you on!

Publication deadline for the weekly bulletin and “Living through Grace” e-newsletter is **10 a.m. Thursday**. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

The next fellowship hour breakfast is July 13 at 9:00 am.

All are invited to come and enjoy a leisurely breakfast and fellowship at Leo's in Southbury. Breakfast is “pay as you go,” so you can chose whatever you would like off the menu. The address is 7 Poverty Rd, Southbury 06488. We hope to see you there!

The Valley Parish Potluck Picnic is happening on August 10th from 11-3 at Waterbury UMC, 250 Country Club Rd Waterbury. If you are interested in attending, please let Catherine Mason, Valley Cooperative Parish representative, know at catherine.mason02@outlook.com or 203-707-6571.