

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 4, 2024

Pentecost 11

9:30 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 *"Nocturne in E flat Opus 9 No 2"* F. Chopin

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lydia Temple, Liturgist

L: We gather to celebrate God's grace,

P: *the boundless love of God made flesh in Jesus Christ.*

L: Then let us hear again the good news of salvation,

P: *for in Christ we are free to be all that God would have us be.*

L: If that is so, then let us not only hear, but respond in heart and life!

ALL: SO WE SHALL! LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*HYMN *"Trust and Obey"* UMH #467

THE COLLECT (*seated, in unison*)

God of grace and glory, to whom all praise and adoration is due: bring us speedily into the power of your presence that, enlivened by your love and emboldened by your grace, we may serve with conviction the world you came to save; in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows; the sins that are a burden and the sins that do not bother us because we have become used to them. And we confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. free; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

- THE EPISTLES Romans 3:21-28
I John 1:5-10
- THE SERMON “Verdict: Guilty! (but pardoned)” Pastor Brian Bodt
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE “Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow” UMH #379

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

- 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.

- OFFERTORY “How Can I Keep From Singing?” Lowry, Eithun
Bell Choir
- *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 A (sung) UMH pp.17-18
*(All are welcome to receive. Please follow the ushers’ direction.
You may leave a gift for the pastor’s discretionary fund if desired.)*

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

- *CLOSING HYMN “Amazing Grace” UMH #378
- *BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE “Asturias” Isaac Albeniz
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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

CONFIRMATION, 1 - 2:15 p.m., Assembly Room.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

BOOK SALE TEAM MEETING, 6 p.m., Assembly Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:45 a.m., Wesley Room

ALSO THIS WEEK, Pastor Brian and Carol are away Aug. 6 - 10, returning for Sunday worship. For pastoral needs please contact Co-Lay Leader Jeff Hunt: 203.558.6607. He will reach the clergy on call.

NEXT SUNDAY

Matthew 10:24-39 and Galatians 5:22-26 are the basis for a message on discipleship entitled "*Watermelons and other Fruits of the Spirit.*" Our Liturgist will be Orson Lin. After worship, the Worship Committee will meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room.

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TRUE INCLUSION, the book for our Affirmation and Inclusion initiative, is available in the church office.

"**THE UPPER ROOM**" daily devotional for Sept. - Oct. is available in the Narthex.

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

BOOK DROP OFF continues for the fall Book Sale. Leave books in the Narthex on Sunday or Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 4 pm. Sale dates will be Saturday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15 afternoons.

LAST CALL FOR DIRECTORY UPDATES! If there are changes in your contact information since July, 2023, please let Matti Papparazzo know at wumc@woodburyumc.net. We plan to publish August 14.

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.

VISION 2024: INVITING FACILITIES - Summer 2024

- Remove planters by pergola – plant honeysuckles in ground
- Powerwash/paint fence & pergola, repair fence
- 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

FRONT STEP PROJECT COMPLETED: Check out the new steps on the front of the church, along with weeding, tree trimming and mulching that makes the "face" of our church edifice very attractive! More work is planned to repaint the front doors. Those who participated in this project were **Bud Behlman, Jay Hockenberry, Jeff Hunt, Dave Newell, Alan Rego, Mark, Reifenhauer** and **Sam Temple**. A dedication date will be planned for September. Pictures of the project were published in the August 1st edition of our weekly e-newsletter, "*Living Through Grace*."

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Outdoor worship, Sunday, August 25, 10:30 a.m. at Hollow Park, followed by picnic and fun! Invite your friends and let Joann King know (jojenu78@earthlink.net; 203.885.2643) if you have a corn hole game we could borrow.

Are there hymns you'd especially like to sing? Please let Chris Shay (2cshay@gmail.com; 203-592-8659) or Pastor Brian (contacts below) know.

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.

VISION 2024 FOCUS

Each week we emphasize one of the four focus areas: Evangelism, Missions, Communications and Congregational Vitality and Growth, the latter with three subsets: Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities.

Please consider how **YOU** can help move forward **VISION 2024!**



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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 25
10:30 AM**



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

At The Hollow

43 Hollow Rd., Woodbury

*Casual worship
followed by
BBQ lunch!*

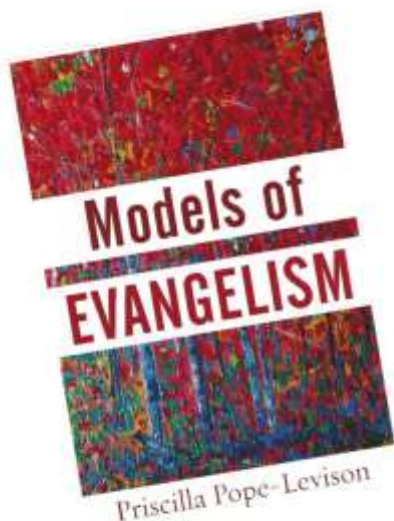
Hamburgers,
hot dogs,
beverages
&
paper goods
provided.

Potluck

by last name:

A to L - Bring a dessert
M to Z - Bring a salad or side

To help or for info contact
Jo Ann King



What do you think Evangelism is?

- A. A word that scares Christians
- B. Getting people to come to church
- C. Spreading God's word
- D. A WUMC Vision 2024 Focus area

Come join us as we discover various ways to fulfill Christ's great commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) and the UMC's mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" using Dr. Pope-Levison's book *Models of Evangelism*.

Sessions will take place Sunday evenings, from 5 – 6:30pm

September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6 and 13

Pizza and beverage will be provided.

Please pre-register using the sign-up sheet or by calling or emailing the church office so we know how many books and pizzas to order.