

Woodbury United Methodist Church



"Testimony"

September 29, 2024

Pentecost 19

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT 06798 203-263-4775

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September 29, 2024

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell The Story"

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

"This is the Day"

UMH #657

*SONG

"Day by Day"

Sung three times

Day by day. Day by day. O, Dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly. Love thee more dearly.

Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

THE COLLECT (*seated, in unison*)

U.M. Service of Healing I

Almighty and everlasting God, who can banish all affliction both of soul and of body, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY PRAYS AND RESPONDS

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.

"DO YOU LOVE TO TELL THE STORY?"

A scripted conversation

(Bud Behlman, Barb and Jeff Hunt)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Alice Parker

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TESTIMONY

THE MESSAGE

“True Vision”

Pastor Brian Bodt

(The script is an original composition of the pastor based on the healing of the man born blind in John 9.)

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

INVITATION TO LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION

*CLOSING HYMN *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

UMH #454

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Day by Day” (reprise)

(Please follow the choir downstairs for luncheon and structured conversation.)

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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
Christopher Shay, Director of Music*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

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.

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ’s welcome and ours in this church. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Brian Bodt.

THE LIGHT LUNCHEON AND FACILITATED DISCUSSION

follows worship downstairs. Do come to this special event!

TELL IT LIKE IT IS is the Lillian Daniels book that will be the basis of a three-week study starting this afternoon, 5 - 6:30 p.m. and continuing at the same time Oct. 6 and 13. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please see Barb Hunt and the flier for more details.

VISION 2024 EMPHASIS TODAY is “*Evangelism.*” 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 help move forward **VISION 2024!**

WE THANK TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Pastor Brian

AV Techs: Barbara Etcheto and Matt Shupenis

Greeters and Ushers: Gillian Griswold and Meg Temple

Fellowship Time Host: Family Nurture and Hospitality

WOODBURY UMC NOTECARDS depicting the front doors of our church are available for purchase, \$10 for 5 cards and envelopes. See Carol Galloway on Sunday for a packet of cards or contact her at her email above. Proceeds benefit the 200th Anniversary.

“*SERVICES SUPPORTING SENIORS, WOODBURY, CT*” is produced by the Friends of the Woodbury Senior Community Center, Inc. Copies are available on the Narthex table at church.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are Wednesdays: Bell Choir at 6 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7:15 p.m., both in the sanctuary. “*Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...!*” (Ephesians 5:19). Contact Chris Shay (203.592.8659 or 2cshay@gmail.com).

LITURGISTS are sought for December 8, 15 and 29. Please contact Pastor Brian: 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 29

“**TESTIMONY**” **DISCUSSION**, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Fellowship

“**TESTIMONY**” **COURSE**, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE NAMES/ADDRESSES: see Carol Galloway, 203.687.6225; carol9996@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9 – 10:30 a.m., church grounds

NEXT SUNDAY, WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 10:30 a.m.

"*The Patience of Job*" is a sermon on perseverance in adversity based on Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12. Our Liturgist and Communion assistant will be Carol Galloway. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting A). We will receive food donations for the Woodbury Food Bank and a special World Communion Sunday offering. The opportunity to give to the pastor's discretionary fund will be offered. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered by Cathy Riefenhauser, R.N., in the Assembly Room.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGE CONNECTION IS COMING!: We are starting the process of outreach to our young adults who are pursuing post-secondary school education. Our church will send each of them a small token to help keep their connection to our church.

Please send us the name and U.S. Postal Service address of your post-high school young people. This includes those who have remained local and may live at home, as well as those who are pursuing non-college training in the trades or other professions.

You may email their first and last name along with their address (even it is a local address) to me at carol9996@hotmail.com. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INFORMATION. *Carol Galloway*

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE WOODBURY FOOD BANK. Bring these any Sunday morning or any Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Items most needed for the next two weeks are:**

Kid's snacks

Pudding cups

Canned pears

Box cereal

Fruit cocktail

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Fall Clean-up Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.:

- o Leaf raking/blowing and removal
- o Brush removal
- o Clean windows (inside and outside)

o Inside cleaning:

§ Sanctuary (dusting pews, window sills)

§ Fellowship Hall (dusting window sills, bookshelves, baseboards)

§ Kitchen (clean and organize)

§ Handicap Accessible restroom

§ All entryways

§ Assembly Room (clean and organize)

o Items needed for Fall Clean-up:

§ Rakes

§ Leaf blower(s)

§ Brooms

§ Cleaning Supplies & Paper Towels

Please let Trustee Chair Toby McGrath know if you can work on the Fall Clean-up Day at 203.819.1923 or blackdog2006@me.com.

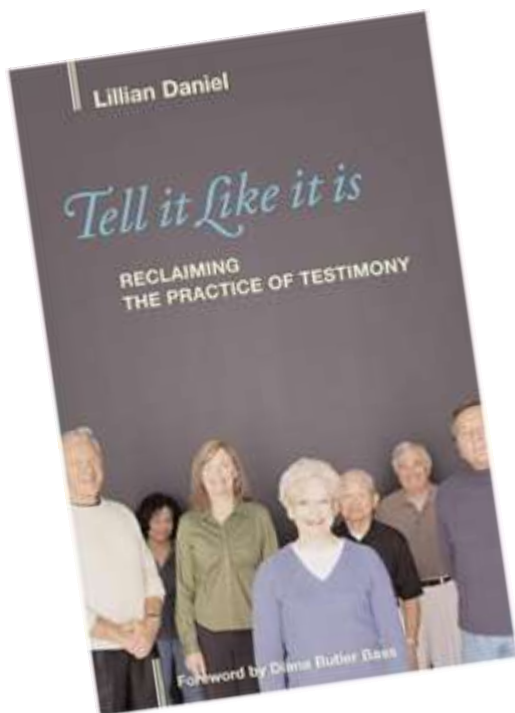
October 20: “200 years in this place, united by God’s grace.”

Please make your reservation using the registration button on the home page of our website, www.woodburyumc.net; or contact the church office (203.263.4775). **Please hold this date in your calendar to celebrate what God is doing for Christ’s ministry through Woodbury United Methodist Church. Plan to be part of this historic occasion.**

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 Book Study

Focus Area: Evangelism

Tell it Like it Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony by the Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Discover the power of testimony to strengthen our relationships with God, each other, and our community.

Recommended by:
Priscilla Pope-Levison
Author of *Models of
Evangelism*

Sunday evening sessions: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
September 29, October 6, and 13
Books, pizza, and beverage will be provided.

Pre-registration is preferred but not required. There will be a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall, or you may contact: Barb Hunt: babs2597@gmail.com or 203-583-6614.

VALLEY PARISH
WOMEN'S CAMPFIRE
RETREAT

FIVE SENSES FOR A SPIRITUAL LIFE

**SIGHT, SOUND, TASTE,
AROMA & TOUCH**

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 12, 2024

10 AM – 2 PM

Seymour United Methodist Church

90 Pearl Street, Seymour CT

WHAT DO OUR 5 SENSES TEACH US ABOUT THIS
WORLD AND ETERNITY?

WE WILL EXPLORE HOW OUR SENSES OF SMELL,
TOUCH, TASTE, HEARING, AND SIGHT WERE
GIVEN TO US BY OUR CREATOR ~ TO EXPERIENCE
HIM EVEN AS WE LIVE IN THIS PHYSICAL WORLD!

WE'LL BEGIN WITH PRAYER AND A LIGHT
BREAKFAST, EXPERIENCE SOME RELAXATION
TIME, ENGAGE IN A CRAFT, AND ENJOY LOTS OF
DISCUSSION AND TESTIMONY TIME WITH ONE
ANOTHER.

LUNCH IS INCLUDED

COST: \$10 PER PERSON PAYABLE AT THE EVENT –
DEADLINE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

PLEASE SIGN UP ON CHURCH SIGN-UP SHEET OR
TEXT CINDI 203-982-1445

WE NEED A HEADCOUNT TO PROVIDE ENOUGH
FOOD! HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE VENUE.