

Woodbury United Methodist Church



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Pentecost 20

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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

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October 6, 2024

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul
(The Bell Choir)

Sandra Eithun

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Galloway, Liturgist

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: *And also with you.*

L: The Risen Christ is with us.

P: *Praise the Lord!*

*HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

UMH #64

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*seated, in unison*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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 God of persistence and patience, forgive us when we are neither. Teach us anew that our job as disciples is to plant seeds while you bring the harvest. Grant that we not become weary in well-doing, but have faith in the midst of uncertain days. And forgive us when we stumble in these intentions. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Job 1:1, 2-10

THE EPISTLE James 5:7-11
*HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH #463
THE SERMON "The Patience of Job" Pastor Brian Bodt

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, including for the Woodbury Food Bank
and for World Communion Sunday

OFFERTORY *A Prayer for Peace* Karissa Dennis

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 "*How Firm a Foundation*" UMH #529

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Canzona* Domenica Zipoli
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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 Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Christopher Shay, Director of Music Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

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.

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Carol Galloway AV Tech: Mark Davis
Fellowship Time Host: Staff Parish-Relations Committee
Greeters and Ushers: Catherine Mason and Christine Shupenis

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of my parents, Milfred and Yvonne Bodt, who were married 80 years ago today at the height of World War II. My dad was a Navy 1st class petty officer and sonar man on a destroyer escort, attacked by Nazi Stuka dive-bombers and subs while on convey duty supplying the Mediterranean theatre. My mother was a cadet nurse who always took pride in being a "war bride," walking herself down the aisle because her dad was deceased, her brother performed the wedding and her mother was the organist. I was blessed to have them as parents and miss them every day. *"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."* **Pastor Brian**

VISION 2024 EMPHASIS TODAY is *"Spiritual Wellness."* 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 helping move forward **VISION 2024!**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets at **11:45 a.m.** in the Wesley Room.

TODAY IS THE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR OUR 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: *"200 years in this place, united by God's grace."* **PLEASE** help us prepare adequate hospitality by making a reservation; don't just assume *"they knew I was coming."* You may call the church office at 203.263.4775 and leave a voicemail or register on-line at www.woodburyumc.net and click on the registration tab.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS, the Lillian Daniels book that is the basis for our fall study on "testimony" continues this afternoon, 5 – 6:30 p.m. and concludes next Sunday at the same time. Pizza and beverages provided. Please see Barb Hunt for more details.

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 carol9996@hotmail.com. Proceeds benefit the 200th Anniversary.

COLLEGE CONNECTION UPDATE: We have the names and addresses of 9 post-secondary school students. Thank you for your submissions. We *now* ask that you include them in your prayers.

Our church will mail each of these students a small gift card. We need 9 gift cards. A recommended amount is \$15.00. If you are able to donate a gift card please let me know by seeing me in church or at my contact below. Donation collection will end on our Anniversary Sunday, October 20th. Carol Galloway, carol9996@hotmail.com

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. **I also have a reader for November 24th but misplaced the name.** If you are that person, please let me know. Please contact Pastor Brian: 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com to read in December.

THIS WEEK

TODAY, OCTOBER 6

WORSHIP COMMITTEE, 11:45 a.m., Wesley Room

"TESTIMONY" COURSE, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH: see article for link

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 6 p.m., Pastor's office

TRUSTEES, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

FALL CLEAN-UP, 9 a.m. – Noon, church grounds

NEXT SUNDAY

The Rev. Garrett Walkup will preach the message "*Mirror to Your Soul*" based on Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 23-24 and Colossians 3:12-17. His daughter, Grace, will be liturgist. Pastor Brian will be at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church baptizing his granddaughter, Grace Lillian Bodt.

From 5 - 6:30 p.m. we will have our final session of **TELL IT LIKE IT IS**, the Lillian Daniels book that is the basis for our fall study on "testimony." Pastor Brian will return for this session. Pizza and beverages provided.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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:**

Lentil soup
Canned peaches
Dry cat and dog food
Pancake syrup
Shampoo and conditioner

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

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

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

Brush removal

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)

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 12: Women's Retreat, Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Seymour United Methodist Church, 90 Pearl Street, Seymour. “*Five Senses for a Spiritual Life.*” \$10 donation requested, payable at the event. Lunch provided. **Registration deadline today:** text “Cindi” at 203.982.1445.

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be October 27 at 10:30 worship when we will confirm two of our church's youth, **Liam McGrath** and **Esther Lin**. This is a spiritually important step in their faith journey and a time of great celebration for these two young people who will become the newest members of our church. **Please make every effort to attend the service and welcome them during Fellowship Time.**

MINISTRY POSITIONS OPEN: Your Nominating Committee provided in-depth information in a special email last Wednesday which was repeated in Thursday's *Living Through Grace* e-mail. This edited notice is to save space and resources, but can be augmented by those publications or by contacting any member of the Nominating Committee or me: Bud Behlman, Barb Hunt, Jeff Hunt, Chris Shay, Christine Shupenis or Meg Temple.

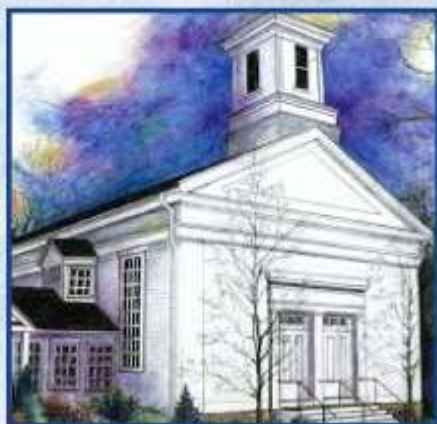
Key openings for 2025 include Church Council Secretary, Finance Chair, Stewardship Chair, two openings for a three-year term on Staff-Parish Relations, and two specialized positions in website and social media on Communications. Detail for each position and those currently leading those teams is found in the above-named articles.

If you have interest in these or any other ministry areas, or need contact information for Nominating Committee members, please contact me at 203.747.1781 (text or call) or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com.

Pastor Brian Bodt

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

200 YEARS IN THIS PLACE, UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4 CHURCH STREET, WOODBURY

10:30 AM
FESTIVE WORSHIP WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

11:30 AM
CATERED LUNCH, DISPLAY OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS,
& VIDEO PRESENTATION OF HISTORY

12:15 PM
RECOGNITION OF MINISTRIES, REDEDICATION OF PRAYER BENCH,
TREE PLANTING, & DESSERT

PLEASE RSVP AT WWW.WOODBURYUMC.NET

EXTRA PARKING AT NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
11 MAIN STREET NORTH, WOODBURY STARTING AT 11:30 AM



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