

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



February 2, 2025

Candlemas / Epiphany IV

10:30 AM Worship





**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*HYMN

*"We Shall Overcome"*

UMH #533

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

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**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

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**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, Minister of Music      Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

**NOTES ON TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*February is Black History Month. Black history is American history, including its hymnody. We will sing hymns from that tradition this month.*

*February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Candlemas, 40 days after the birth of Christ when he was presented in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40). It is also observed the Sunday after Christmas, as we did on December 29.*

*February 2<sup>nd</sup> is also Groundhog Day. The "Pennsylvania Dutch," German-speaking immigrants, had a tradition of marking Candlemas as "Badger Day" (Dachstag) on which, if a badger emerged from its den and saw its shadow, it heralded six more weeks of winter. Stay tuned!*

**TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC**

**WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!**  
**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR PLEASE COMPLETE A VISITOR'S CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING.** Our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Brian Bodt.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship downstairs. Invite someone you don't know to join you!

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**, usually held on first Sundays, will be offered **NEXT SUNDAY** in the Assembly Room.

**VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY** is *"Spiritual Wellness."* Each week we focus on one of five areas: Evangelism, Missions, Communications, Affirmation and Inclusion and Congregational Vitality and Growth, the latter including Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities.

## WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Jeff Hunt

A.V. Tech: Matthew Shupenis

Ushers and Greeters: Mollie Bodwell and Judy Wilhelms

Fellowship Time Hosts: Carol Galloway and Pastor Brian Bodt

*Today's hospitality includes a celebration of Chinese New Year, including a small gift for children and youth 18 years old and younger.*

## FAREWELL TO JEFF McKENNA

Departing Community Services Council of Woodbury's Executive Director, Jeff McKenna, is being celebrated **today**, 2 - 5 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 146 Main Street South, Woodbury. A \$25 donation to the Woodbury Food Bank gives you the microphone to "roast" Jeff. Please RSVP via text to Deirdre Bologna at 203.675.5782.

## FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Twice a year WUMC staffs the Food Bank. One open date remains: Fri., Feb. 14, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sign up on the sheet by the sanctuary entrance or contact Meg Temple at [megtemple1@gmail.com](mailto:megtemple1@gmail.com) or 203-910-3711 The Food Bank is behind LaBonne's grocery store.

## 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:

Pasta Sauce

Olives

Mushrooms

Chicken and rice soup

Gluten free pasta

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

## LIVE STREAM BROADCAST OPERATORS SOUGHT

We seek 1-2 additional volunteers to support our live streaming ministry, allowing us to go from a 3-week to a 4-week rotation requiring each volunteer to run the A/V system about once per month. If you are interested, please contact Mark Davis at [MWD2010A@yahoo.com](mailto:MWD2010A@yahoo.com) or 860.882.4427. He would be pleased to have interested persons watch the process on the following dates: Feb 9th or March 2nd and/or participate in a tutorial he will conduct following both of these Sunday worship services.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS, 2025

If you signed up to write a Lenten devotion and did not receive Pastor Brian's January 26<sup>th</sup> email with your assignment, please contact him immediately at [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com) **Your submission is due no later than Sunday, February 16th.**

## LENTEN STUDY

Our Lenten study will use the Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and study Forgiveness, with five sessions running Mondays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. I will offer two sessions, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., each Monday. Deadline to sign up will be Sunday, March 2 (so as to have needed books). Please sign up at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net) and click on the registration button; or contact me directly at 203.747.1781 (text or call) or [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com). - *Pastor Brian*

## CSCW EXECUTIVE SEARCH

The Community Services Council of Woodbury seeks a new Executive Director. To learn more, please contact Search Committee Chair Meg Temple at 203-910-3711 or [megtemple1@gmail.com](mailto:megtemple1@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS JAR BOOK RETURNS

Eight copies of the book Christmas Jars are out on loan: please return them to Carol Galloway when finished so that others might read this short story and decide if they also want to have a Christmas Jar.

## FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

**ARE YOU ON OUR** "*Living through Grace*" weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Papparazzo at [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net).

**PUBLICATION DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin and "*Living through Grace*" e-newsletter is **THURSDAY AT 10 a.m.** Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**REACH PASTOR BRIAN** for pastoral care or visitation at 203.747.1781 or [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com).

## SAVE THESE DATES

**ECUADOR STOCK SALE BEGINS**, February 9, at WUMC

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**, March 5, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

**ECUADOR PASTA DINNER**, March 15, time TBA, Fellowship Hall

**WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**, March 30, 10:30 a.m. A brief 30 minute worship will be followed by opportunities to serve our neighbors in Woodbury. More details will follow.

**"LENT ON THE ROAD"**: each Tuesday, March 11 – April 8, 6 p.m. light supper, 7 p.m. worship. Schedule on the rear cover. Woodbury UMC hosts (with North Congregational) at WUMC on April 8.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **TODAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**WORSHIP**, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**JEFF McKENNA FAREWELL**, 2 – 5 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church,  
146 Main Street South, Woodbury

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**: 6 p.m, Bell Choir, 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**OFFICE HOURS**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Church

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**TRANSITION ACADEMY**, 9:15 – 10:45 a.m., Church Grounds

**WUMC FOOD BANK SERVICE**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Food Bank

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Luke 5:1-11 are the basis of a message on our guilt and God's grace entitled "*When You Don't Feel Worthy*". We will receive new members and receive a Mission Moment from Rev. Paul Hibbard on the spring mission to Ecuador. Our liturgist will be James Levario. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the Assembly Room by Cathy Riefenhauser, R.N. At Noon, the Christian Education Committee will meet in the Wesley Room, adjacent to Fellowship Hall.

## ECUADOR MISSION - STOCK SALE

Take part in this exciting **IPO** (*Initial Parish Offering*) that promises great **ROI** (*Reaching Others Internationally*). The Stock Sale is one of several ways that you, your family, and your friends can



**“Share”** in the **2025 Mission Trip to Ecuador**.

Stockholders will receive a certificate that entitles them to:

- The gratitude of the Mission Team
- An update from Ecuador
- Stockholder’s dinner following Mission Team’s return from Ecuador

Stock certificates are \$10 per share and will be sold after church from February 9<sup>th</sup> until April 6<sup>th</sup>; and will also be available from Mission Team members at any time.

**100% of your donations will go directly to the 2025 Ecuador Mission Trip.**

Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation.



## SOUTHBURY & WOODBURY LENT ON THE ROAD 2025

“Bread of Life:  
Gather. Savor. Share”

TUESDAYS  
6:00 PM Soup Supper  
7:00 PM Worship

March 11

United Church of Christ Southbury  
283 Main St. N, Southbury

March 18

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
294 Main St. S, Woodbury  
in collab. with Church of the Epiphany

March 25

St. James Lutheran Church  
111 Peter Rd., Southbury

April 1

South Britain Congregational Church  
693 South Britain Rd., Southbury

April 8

Woodbury United Methodist Church  
4 Church St., Woodbury  
in collab. with North Congregational  
Church, Woodbury (parking at 11  
Main St. - 3 min walk)

During this Lenten season, let us journey together as people of the Christian faith from many traditions! You are invited to gather for a simple meal and worship service each Tuesday evening at a different church in our shared community. Come fellowship with new neighbors around the table, experience new sacred spaces, and worship the same God in new and different ways. All are welcome!

Collecting non-perishable food and donations, for Southbury and Woodbury food banks.

