

Woodbury United Methodist Church



March 2, 2025

The Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 AM Worship

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Goodness of God"
Water and Light Praise Band

Bethel Music

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mollie Bodwell, Liturgist

L: The wind howls on the mountain peak.

P: *There is no place to hide.*

L: There we see the glory of God and God's Son shining like the sun.

P: *Let this mighty, miraculous moment inspire our honor and praise.*

ALL: FOR THE TRANSFIGURED SON IS THE REDEEMER OF ISRAEL AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

UMH #185

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

UMH #259

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed or Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, O holy God, that at times we don't like holiness or mystery. We'd rather have you be straight-forward and no-nonsense. But you have told us that your ways are not our ways. Help us remember that you alone are God. Forgive our presumption and arrogance and fill us with a desire to hunger after you. We ask all this in the name of the One who reveals you most truly, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO OUR PREACHER Mr. BUD BEHLMAN. PASTOR BRIAN IS RECOVERING FROM ELBOW SURGERY.

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 are offered after worship in the Assembly Room by Barbara Etcheto, EMT.

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

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Mollie Bodwell A.V. Tech: Mark Davis
Fellowship Time Host: Gillian Griswold and Joann King
Ushers and Greeters: Christine Shupenis and Meg Temple

ECUADOR "STOCK" may be purchased to support the May, 2025 Mission to Ecuador from any member of the organizing team.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS is postponed until a later time.

THE LENTEN LETTER AND DEVOTIONAL WAS MAILED LAST MONDAY, FEB. 24 via USPS. Extra copies on the document table. **THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY** with services at 10 am and 7 pm.

A BRIEF LIVE-STREAM TUTORIAL is offered immediately after worship for anyone who wishes to learn more and become part of this team. See Mark Davis. In the next few weeks we will distribute a congregational survey to assess the current and future status of this ministry.

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

LENTEN STUDY registration deadline is **today**. The study is on the book Forgiveness, with five sessions, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., running Mondays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. If interested please sign up at www.woodburyumc.net and click on the registration button; or contact me directly at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781 (text or call) - *Pastor Brian*

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.

“IRON SHARPENS IRON” Men’s Ministry Conference

Saturday, March 22 in Hartford. See Bud Behlman for details, or at <https://ironsharpensiron.net/aboutironsharpensiron/history.html>, the “Iron Sharpens Iron” website.

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

ARE YOU ON OUR *“Living through Grace”* weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at 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.

SAVE THESE DATES

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: A simple service at **10 a.m.** will be about 30 minutes long and especially for those who do not wish to attend an evening service. Our **7 p.m.** service will include music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Both services will include the optional imposition of ashes. Scriptures are Psalm 51:1-17; II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10; and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 with the message *“Coming Clean.”* Our liturgist will be Meg Temple.

ECUADOR PASTA DINNER, Mar. 15, 4:30 – 7 pm, Fellowship Hall.
See the detailed notice in this issue.

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. Please see the detailed article on the rear cover*, or speak with Meg Temple, Missions Chair (203.910.3711).

“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, MARCH 2

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS, *postponed*

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 *(see details above)*

WORSHIP, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

CHOIR REHEARSAL: 6 p.m., Bell Choir

WORSHIP, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 9th, 10:30 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS. TURN CLOCKS BACK BEFORE BEDTIME. “Trust” is a message on that concept in the context of Jesus’ temptations, based on Psalm 91 and Luke 4:1-13. We will celebrate Holy Communion and invite gifts for the Pastor’s Discretionary fund. Our liturgist will be Elizabeth Styblo. Our “Testimony” presenter will be Mollie Bodwell. Christian Education meets after worship in the Wesley Room.

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 9th until April 6th; 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.

PASTA DINNER TO BENEFIT ECUADOR MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Woodbury United Methodist Church will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit our Ecuador Mission Team. We need your help in several ways:

First, invite your friends to a delicious meal for a worthy cause.

Second, we need bakers for this dinner. If you can make a dessert for the dessert table please contact Joann King by phone or email at (203) 885-2643 or jojenu78@earthlink.net.

Third, we are in need of individuals and families to serve food and bus tables. We are scheduling two shifts from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. and 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Per shift we need:

- 5 adults to serve food
- 2 dishwashers
- 2 youth to bus tables
- 4 clean-up crew from 7:00 -7:45 p.m.

If you would like to help support the WUMC Ecuador Mission during this fun event, please call, text or email me with the shift you would like at megtemple1@gmail.com or (203) 910-3711.

WUMC DAY OF SERVICE AFTER THE SERVICE: MARCH 30,
2025

Lent is near, beginning March 5th! Many Christians “take on” as well as “give up” something up for Lent. In that spirit, Woodbury UMC will have its first *Day of Service After the Service* on **Sun., March 30th**. . We have intentionally created three projects that will:

- impact members of the town of Woodbury and one member of our own congregation.
- accommodate volunteers with different interests and capabilities.
- be scalable to accommodate all who would like to serve.

We will leave a shortened, 30 minute worship for one of these projects and return to church two hours later for a light lunch and to discuss the impact our service had on both recipients and ourselves and where we saw God at work in our work. The opportunities are:

1. **Repair/cleaning in the home** of a member of our congregation, supporting her efforts to organize and discard items in a 3-season porch, garage, and basement and improve house winterization. This project will have a direct and sustainable impact her quality of life.
2. **Trash removal.** With Town of Woodbury’s blessing, we will work at the direction of the Conservation Commission to pick up litter along several roadways in Woodbury. This project will help to keep the town of Woodbury safer and prettier for all residents.
3. **Care home visitation.** We will visit Premier Care of Woodbury during lunch hour to have one-on-one conversation and to bring some entertainment through a sing-a-long or crafts or games, hoping to lift residents spirits by sharing our attention and Good News.