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Lent, 2025

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

Lent is upon us! This special season of the year gives us a unique opportunity to deepen our faith and expand our service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Much that is good is happening at Woodbury United Methodist Church. In the final analysis, it is because of God's grace and our congregation's willingness to "walk the walk" as well as "talk the talk" of faith.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. There will be two services. A 30-minute service will be offered at **10 a.m.** for those that prefer a daytime or simpler service. The traditional evening service, with music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs, will be offered at **7 p.m.** Optional imposition of ashes will be offered at each service.

Please find enclosed "*A Daily Devotional and Lenten Worship Schedule.*" Please use this each day during Lent. It includes all of our Sunday services as well as the Tuesday "*Lent on the Road*" series with neighboring Woodbury and Southbury churches. Please especially be present on **Tuesday, April 8 at WUMC** when we co-host with North Congregational: **Soup Supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m.** The entire worship schedule is on the reverse: post it in a prominent place.

Our Lenten study will be Mondays, March 10 – April 7 (five sessions) with two options to attend: 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. The topic is "Forgiveness" by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Sign-ups have been urged throughout February in our Sunday bulletin and "*Living Through Grace*" e-mail. So that we can have adequate books, **sign-ups end this Sunday, March 2nd.** Use the home page tab at www.woodburyumc.net or call the church office at 203.263.4775.

Disciples sometimes consider "taking on" special giving during Lent. If you would like to do so, please use the enclosed envelope. Fill in the "special offering" circle and date. Please leave it in the offering plate any Sunday or mail it to the church at the above address, "c/o Financial Secretary." You may also give on-line by going to www.woodburyumc.net, pull down the on-line giving menu, and click on "Holiday Giving: Lent." Thanks if you can!

Spiritual formation is like athletic training. We progress when we do it; we regress when we don't. Lent, 2025 is a propitious time in the life of our church, a time more about "taking on" than "giving up" for Lent. My prayer is that each of us will "take on" one or more of these opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love as we serve our Risen Lord. May we observe a holy Lent.

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Brian

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

LENTEN WORSHIP
WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ash Wednesday, March 5

10 a.m. – simple 30 minute service with imposition of ashes.

7 p.m. – traditional service with music by Bell and Chancel choirs.

Lenten Sunday Worship

March 9, 16, 23 – 10:30 a.m. preaching services, music by the Chancel Choir each week and the Bell Choir on March 16.

March 30 – 10:30 a.m. “*Day of Service:*” shortened 30 minute worship with service in the community and light luncheon following.

April 6 – 10:30 a.m. – Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

“Lent on the Road” Theme: “*Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share*”

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. soup supper, 7 p.m. worship

March 11, United Church of Christ, 283 Main Street North, Southbury

March 18, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 294 Main Street South, Woodbury

March 25, St. James Lutheran Church, 111 Peter Road, Southbury

April 1, South Britain Congregational Church, 693 South Britain Rd., S’bury

April 8, Woodbury United Methodist Church, 4 Church Street, Woodbury

Holy Week

April 13 – 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday: procession of palms, music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs, message, “*Just Suppose*” by the centurion on Calvary.

April 17 – 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday: Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Message: “*Reflections of Peter*”

April 18 – 7 p.m. – Good Friday worship with the Valley Cooperative Parish at Naugatuck United Methodist Church, 208 Meadow Street, Naugatuck.

or

7 p.m. – Ecumenical worship at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 294 Main Street South, Woodbury.

Easter Day

April 20 – 7 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service at Hollow Park, Woodbury

April 20 – 10:30 a.m. – Festive Easter worship, music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Message: “*That’s Exactly How This Works!*”