

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Pentecost 10

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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August 17, 2025

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Sonata in F"

Haydn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liam McGrath, Liturgist

From Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

P: *My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD, WHO SUCCORS AND SAVES!

*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH #529

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*)

Ronald S. Beebe, adapted

Holy God, we are in awe of you, for you are great in love and power. Stay with us always as we worship you and embrace the risk and challenge of living our faith. Turn our fear to courage, our confusion to confidence, and flagging zeal to receive a second wind from your Holy Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Selva Lehman, adapted

Lord, may this time of confession be a time to examine our lives in your presence. We confess our sin and open our hearts to you so that we do not deceive ourselves and exclude ourselves from your presence. Create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

*HYMN

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

UMH #708

THE SERMON

"Watching the Runner Ahead of You"

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.

TESTIMONY

Connor Langdon

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

William Runyan

Soloist, Carolyn Shay

*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

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

UMH #712

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

JS Bach

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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*

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.

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

VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY are "*Spiritual Wellness.*"

Emphases are Evangelism, Missions, Affirmation and Inclusion, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Liam McGrath A.V. Tech: Mark Davis

Fellowship Time Host: Christine Smith

Ushers and Greeters: Carol Quinby and Sandy Purdy

Testimony Speaker: Connor Langdon

THE BOOK CHRISTMAS JAR continues to generate interest.

Finished with your copy? Please return it to Carol Galloway today; or see her if you'd like a copy to read this engaging tale of kindness to others.

WOODBURY FOOD BANK DONATIONS may be brought any Sunday morning or any Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Items most needed for the next two weeks are cookie mixes, canned beets, mushrooms and olives.**

The September Food Bank Sign Up sheet is now available outside the sanctuary doors. Available dates are Fridays September 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11-2 at the Food Bank located behind LaBonne's grocery store. You may also contact Meg Temple at 203-9 10-3711 or megtemple1@gmail.com to sign up.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the devastation from the Guadalupe River Flood in Texas, the loss of life, and the recovery efforts by many, including the Church.

For conflicts in the Middle East and our troops stationed there; and for the conflicts in the Ukraine and the Sudan.

Bishop Bickerton; our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; and the churches and clergy of the NY Conference.

For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia).

For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, Nancy Ossewaarde, Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter) and Jean Lilly (Meg Temple's mother).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

CONFIRMATION, 8 a.m., Assembly Room

WORSHIP, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

FELLOWSHIP TIME, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:45 a.m., Wesley Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, 7:30 p.m., Pastor's Office

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

WE RETURN TO 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24. Outdoor worship will be followed by our CHURCH PICNIC, both on the lawn outside the church. Pastor Brian's sermon, "*Bent Out of Shape*" will be based on Luke 13:10-17. Our liturgist will be JoAnn Behlman. To offer your assistance with the picnic, please contact Joann King, Family Nurture and Hospitality Chair, at 203.885.2643 or jojenu78@earthlink.net.

CONFIRMATION also meets NEXT SUNDAY, 9 – 10 A.M., in the Assembly Room. The remaining schedule is August 31, 9 – 10 A.M.; and an "afternoon apart," Sunday, Sept. 7, Noon – 4 p.m.

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

ARE YOU ON OUR "*Living through Grace*" weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net.

REACH PASTOR BRIAN for pastoral care or visitation at 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW LITURGISTS! These are the lay persons leading worship with Pastor Brian. They typically lead the responsive Call to Worship, the Prayer of the Day, and read the scripture readings.

The current cycle of scheduled liturgists ends at the end of September. If you would like to be added to the next cycle of October, 2025 - February, 2026, please let Pastor Brian know **NO LATER THAN Sunday, August 24** (the day of the church picnic), preferably at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or text / call 203.747.1781.

REMINDER THAT THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will take place on August 24 after the 10:30 am service. We will enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as well as, salads and desserts. **We will have the picnic on the Main Street side of the church this year instead of in Hollow Park.** There will be a sign up sheet soon for bringing the salads and desserts and for helping with the set up of tables and tents.

We're also looking for another grill so if you have one that we could borrow for the day, please contact Joann King AT 203.885.2643 or jojenu78@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC, *Sunday, August 24, after 10:30 a.m. worship*, Church courtyard

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME September 4: Bell Choir, 6 p.m. and Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., both in the sanctuary. To learn more about our choirs and how singing and ringing expresses your love of God, please contact Minister of Music Chris Shay at 203.592.8659 or 2cshay@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, "*Friends and Family Sunday*," 10:30a.m. worship. Invite someone, with or without a church "home," to experience why you are committed to your church home!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 a.m. worship: Megan Houlihan-Ace to, the new Executive Director of *Community Services Council of Woodbury*, will offer an in-worship Mission Moment on the ministry of CSCW (which includes its well-known and heralded Woodbury Food Bank) and make a post-worship presentation during Fellowship Time.

THREE SIMPLE RULES offers a primer to the basics of Methodism: Do no harm; do good; and stay in love with God. This brief, three part series based on the simple book by Bishop Reuben Job will be taught by Pastor Brian on Mondays, September 29, October 6 and 13 during the day (10 a.m. or Noon) and evening (7 p.m.) as registration warrants. Speak with him of your interest today; and watch for the sign-up in this week's "*Living Through Grace*."

"FAITH AND FICTION: An open minds, open hearts book club"

Led by Meg Temple and Christine Shupenis

We will meet the last Sunday of each month at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall. Our first book will be "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Kruger on September 28th. Participants can provide their own copy or we will provide used copies for \$10 each, they must be ordered through Christine Shupenis (cshupenis@gmail.com) by August 24th. Large print version available.



AMAZON WISHLIST

TO BENEFIT
THE WOODBURY FOOD BANK



... **MOST CRITICAL NEED** ...



LOBSTER/CHICKEN DINNER

1 1/4 lb. Steamed Lobster or 1/4
Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn on the
Cob, Ready-to-Heat Clam Chowder,
Coleslaw, Dessert

**Reservations
Required
by Monday
August 25**



Pickup Saturday
Aug. 30
4 to 6:30 PM



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