

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 19, 2025

Pentecost 19

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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

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October 19, 2025

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Arnold Sherman

The Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L. This is the day that the Lord has brought us together by grace.

P: We will rejoice and worship in His name.

L: This is the day that the Lord has called us into shared ministry.

P: We will rejoice and listen for God's call in our lives.

ALL Sing: *"This Is the Day"* UMH #657

***OPENING HYMN** *"Many Gifts, One Spirit"* (v. 1, 2) UMH #114

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Almighty God, to you our hearts are open and by you our desires are known. No secrets are hidden from you; so, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, strengthen our spirits, and embolden our service. All of this we ask, that we might love you more perfectly, and more fully respond to your call in our lives. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALTER

Proverbs 3:3-8

*THE GOSPEL

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-12

*HYMN

"Lord Speak to Me" (vs 1, 2, 5)

UMH #463

SERMON AND TESTIMONY “A Real Pane” Lay Servant Bud Behlman

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS,

OFFERTORY

"A Channel of God's Love"
The Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

*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

Lay Servant Bud Behlman

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kingdom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"Where He Leads Me" (vs. 1, 4)

UMH #338

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"All Hail This Brightest Day of Days"

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.

TODAY IS LAITY SUNDAY IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Special thanks to our Lay Leaders, Barb and Jeff Hunt, and Certified Lay Servant Bud Behlman, for today's worship.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, Fellowship Time is a complimentary luncheon and conversation about the role of the laity in strengthening and advancing the ministry of the church. **All are encouraged to remain** for this time that will end at 12:30 p.m.

VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY is "*Congregational Vitality and Growth.*" 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: JoAnn Behlman A.V. Tech: Mark Davis
Ushers and Greeters: Mark Riefenhauser and Mary Schivera
Fellowship Time Host: Barb and Jeff Hunt, and Family Nurture and Hospitality

TONIGHT, REIMAGINING "THE GOOD LIFE:" DISABILITY. FAITH. FAMILY. CULTURE. will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This promises to be a great evening with Amy Julia Becker: author, podcaster and mother. Reservations were helpful (mostly to prepare hospitality) so if you are free, please do attend!

PASTOR BRIAN BODT AND CAROL GALLOWAY will return from her parents today in time for the evening presentation. We thank the Rev. John Thomason for providing emergency pastoral coverage; and Jeff Hunt for being point of contact.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

With Thanksgiving for the freed Israeli Hostages

For Nancy Ossewaarde, recovering at home.

For the Rev. John Thomason, recovering from surgery, and out of his sling!

For Carolyn Shay, being treated for a medical condition.

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) as well as prayers this week for Rhett Thompson, and C. Wieck

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

LUNCHEON AND CONVERSATION, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

"FAITH AND DISABILITY" PRESENTATION, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

OPEN CHURCH, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

BELL CHOIR, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9:15-10:45 a.m., Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.,

Naugatuck UMC, 208 Meadow Street (see flier)

ART4ALL, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall (see flier)

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

"FAITH AND FICTION" BOOK CLUB meets at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with participants to have read Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. For more information, please contact Meg Temple (megtemple1@gmail.com) or Christine Shupenis (cshupenis@gmail.com).

At 10:30 a.m. worship we will celebrate **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, the color of the day is **RED** signifying the power of the Holy Spirit to reform and renew. Please wear something **RED** on this Sunday. Dane and Olivia Guinipero and Skyler D'Andrea will be confirmed into the Church universal and be received as members of the Woodbury United Methodist Church. They will share their personal faith statements as part of the service as well as serving as liturgists. Our first stewardship speaker, Jay Hockenberry, will speak on the theme of the campaign, *"God Is Here."* The sermon *"Thank You, God, For Making Me Great"* will be based on Luke 18:9-14 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18. After worship a special cake and reception will be offered our confirmands and their families in Fellowship Hall.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

HALLOWEEN CANDY may be left in the box so marked in the Foyer. This candy is given to neighborhood children on Halloween as has been practiced for many years. If you want to know more, please contact Family Nurture and Hospitality Chair Joann King (203.885.2642 or jojenu78@earthlink.net)

CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS are pumpkin, cherry or apple pie filling, pie crust mix, crispy onion rings (for green bean casserole). Please leave them in the Foyer box.

"I was hungry and you gave me food...." Jesus, Matthew 25:35

COLLEGE CONNECTION welcomes your donation of \$15 Starbucks or Dunkin gift cards for the 11 young adults pursuing post-secondary education. If you would like to donate, please bring a gift card to the church and give it to Patti Thomas or Carol Galloway. You may also drop off a card to Matti Paparazzo at the church office on a Thursday. **Please bring in your donation by Sunday, November 2nd.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE to register for the Advent study, "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday." As of October 16, As of today, I only have 4 sign ups, 1 for 10 a.m. and 3 for 7 p.m.. I would prefer to have 5 to offer the class. The registration form has been in the bulletin and "*Living Through Grace*" for many weeks so we are not reprinting it today. In short, sessions morning and evening on Mondays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24. If you want to know more or register, contact Pastor Brian at 203.747.1781 (text or call) or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com

"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS" monthly mid-week prayer and meditation beginning *this Tuesday, October 21st, 7 - 7:45 p.m.* in our sanctuary. Hopeful Readings & Reflections for Responses in Uncertain Times will be the theme using a format of welcome and quiet centering, a reading and conversational reflection, prayer and meditation and then a sending forth. Subsequent 2025 dates are November 18 and December 16.

"A FEW GOOD MEN" MINISTRY BREAKFAST, Saturday, October 25th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Naugatuck UMC, 208 Meadow Street. Full breakfast, free-will offering. Guest speaker: John Vampaatella, Chaplain, UConn Men's Football Team speaking on "*The 53rd Man.*" See the flier in this issue for details and registration.

ART4ALL, Saturday, October 25th, 11 a.m - 5 p.m. in WUMC's Fellowship Hall. Works of art by our special needs friends and neighbors. See the flier on the bulletin boards.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 2nd, 10:30 a.m. Please submit the names of those who have died since the last All Saints (Nov. 1, 2024) and your relationship (child, parent, sibling, etc.) to Pastor Brian **no later than Sunday, October 26** at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com (preferred) or 203.747.1781. Names will be read during Nov. 2nd worship, published in that day's bulletin and "*Living Through Grace*" of October 30th. We will publish and read names earlier than Nov. 1, 2024 as requested. These are the names we have to date:

Lynn Cullen, WUMC member

Stephen King, WUMC member, Joann King, wife

Camille Dolce, friend, Karen and T.J. Fimmano

James Shumway, friend of Michael Pinevich

Rev. Ed Carll, Melodye Merola, Marty Hartog and Michael Pereria, friends of Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway

MORE DATES / EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Friday, October 31, 4:30-7:00 p.m. : WUMC will be handing out candy for Trick or Treaters on Main Street again this Halloween. Please help with candy donations if you are able and put them in the food box next to the Happy Pumpkin! And if you would like to join in handing out candy on October 31, please come anytime during the times listed. Costumes are encouraged! Thank you from FN&H!

Saturday, November 1, 5:30 p.m.: **MOVIE NIGHT AT WUMC!**

Free! Come watch "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks. Thanks to Catherine Mason, with the support of Christian Education, for arranging for four movies. Please note the "save the dates" on the flier for future movies.

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. worship: Reception of New Members. If you are interested in joining WUMC, please speak with Pastor Brian (203.747.1781; pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com)

Saturday, November 15, 3-5 pm: Church Conference at Seymour UMC, 90 Pearl St. Election of 2026 Church officers and Trustees; setting the pastor's compensation package.

Sunday, November 23: Thanksgiving / Commitment Sunday: financial pledges for 2026

Tuesday, November 25: two Thanksgiving services, both at 7 p.m.

Woodbury-Southbury service at North Congregational, Rev. Tuesday Rupp, preaching
Valley Cooperative Parish at Waterbury UMC

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Brian can be reached at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781 for 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.

Men – Are You Ready For Some Football?

 The Valley Cooperative Parish Presents:

“A Few Good Men” Ministry Breakfast

Saturday October 25th @ 8:30 -10:30 AM

Naugatuck UMC - 208 Meadow Street (Naugatuck)

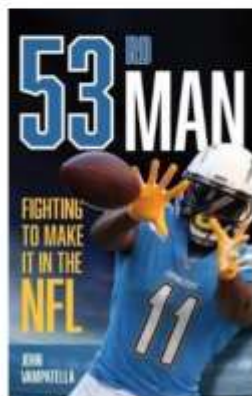
Featuring **John Vampatella** –

Nationally Recognized Author, Speaker, and ...



UConn Huskies Football Team Chaplain

John will share his faith and insights from his newest book, **53rd Man**. He will discuss the larger issue of knowing your worth as an athlete and as a person. Everyone has value and brings value to the table. It promises to be an inspiring and encouraging message, especially for those who are often overlooked.



- 8:30 Doors Open for Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 Full Breakfast (eggs, sausage, and more...)
- 9:30 Speaker & Program

This is a free event with a suggested donation of \$20 the day of breakfast.

Signup with your Pastor, Men's Ministry leader, or at:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BABAC2AA3FAC34-58286727-mens>

For more information contact:

Bud Behlman

AFGMMinistry@gmail.com

203-206-9276



ART4ALL

Register Now for the Fall

CREATE-A-THON

Saturday October 25th

AN EVENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

To be held at

THE WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4 CHURCH STREET WOODBURY, CT

A Multimedia Event with

Painting, Collage, Printmaking, and Drawing

1:00-2:00pm Ages 8-15

2:30-4:00pm Ages 16 and up

Maximum number of attendees per class is 10

Registration is first come, first served

Volunteers will be on hand to assist as needed

Parents/Caregivers are asked to stay during the workshop

Fee: 10.00 in cash/day of event

Register by Saturday 10/18 via email:

Art4all.mmi@gmail.com

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MOVIE NIGHTS



Scan Code to
RSVP

A BEAUTIFUL DAY PG IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SATURDAY, NOV. 1 - 5:30 PM

WUMC Fellowship Hall

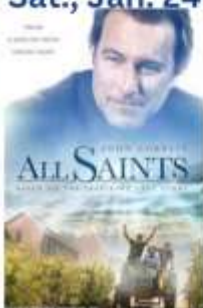
**Free Event
With Pizza, Popcorn, & More**

*In **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**, Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in a story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. When this jaded writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about kindness, love and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor.*

RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/NQzBdHVAsEfPFNx89>

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat., Nov. 1 Fri., Dec. 12 Sat., Jan. 24 Sat., Apr. 11



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
JOIN US FOR

Hopeful Readings & Reflections

RESPONSES IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

7-7:45 pm

Tuesdays

10/21, 11/18, 12/16

Woodbury United Methodist Church Sanctuary
4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT

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Readings



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Parking Info



Event Format:

1. Welcome & quiet centering
2. Reading & conversation
3. Prayer & meditation
4. Sending forth

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