

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Worship

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\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Blessed Peace" Brahms

\*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Dane Guinipero, Liturgist  
Joel 2:12-13 from The Message

L: There's also this, it's not too late—God's personal message!—*"Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!"*

P: *Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to... YOUR God.*

L: And here's why: God is kind and merciful. God takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot, this most patient God, extravagant in love,

P: *Always ready to cancel a catastrophe.*

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THIS DEMANDING YET LOVING GOD!**

#### THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

*O Lord, who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey the commands of godly righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

#### SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

#### FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

THE PSALTER ( <i>read responsively</i> )	Psalm 32	UMH p.766
THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES		Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
*THE GOSPEL		Matthew 4:1-11
*HYMN	<i>"Trust and Obey"</i>	UMH #467
THE SERMON	<i>"Obedience"</i>	Pastor Brian Bodt

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>"The Nicene Creed"</i>	UMH #880
SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS	THE PASTORAL PRAYER	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
<b>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.</b>		
BLACK HISTORY MOMENT	<i>"Harriett Tubman"</i>	Meg Temple
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>"There is a Balm in Gilead"</i>	Afro-American Spiritual The Chancel Choir
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE		UMH #95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

*HYMN	<i>"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"</i>	UMH #163
*THE BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>	Thomas A. Dorsey
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<b>THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.</b>		

## **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, Director of Music      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 new to you to join you!

### **WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Cross-bearer / Liturgist: Dane Guinipero

A.V. Tech: Christine Smith and Dan Guinipero

Ushers and Greeters: Sandy Purdy and Meg Temple

Fellowship Time Host: Rev. Paul and Diane Hibbard

**VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY** is "*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).

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** remain available on the document table in the Foyer. Thanks to all our contributors and the devotional editor, Bud Behlman, for this spiritual resource.

**PASTOR BRIAN** will be speaking today at 2 p.m. at Justice Southbury, Playhouse Corner, 77 Main Street North, Southbury. The subject will be the upcoming rally in Washington, D.C.

**LENT ON THE ROAD**, an ecumenical Lenten fellowship and worship experience, resumes this Tuesday, Feb. 24 at South Britain Congregational Church, 693 South Britain Road, Southbury. It continues four more Tuesdays through March 24.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. light supper followed by 7 p.m. worship. There is no charge for the supper. There may be an offering during worship. The full schedule of host churches is found on our website, [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net) Although WUMC is not

hosting a service this year, I encourage you to attend these occasions for Christian fellowship and worship among the churches of Southbury, Woodbury and Roxbury. I will attend as many as I can, and hope to see you there.

*Pastor Brian*

**A PUBLIC WITNESS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE** will be held in Washington, D.C. **THIS WEDNESDAY**, February 25 from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The witness is sponsored by many United Methodist agencies, including The U.M. Committee on Relief, the Board of Church and Society, the Board of Religion and Race, El Plan for Hispanic Latine Ministry, United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) and the Immigration Law and Justice Network.

The Rev. Paul Hibbard and I, along with many others from the New York Annual Conference, plan to attend. Please feel free to ask either of us questions about this event. More information was published in last Thursday's *"Living Through Grace,"* as well as previously.

Rev. Paul and I welcome your prayers for this event and for us at this crucial time in our nation's history. In the words of Dr. King, *"It is always the right time to do the right thing."*

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

### THE WEEK AHEAD....

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**FAITH AND FICTION BOOK CLUB**, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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

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

**CONFIRMATION TUTORIAL**, 11:45 a.m., Pastor's office

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**LENTEN STUDY**, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Assembly Room

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**"LENT ON THE ROAD"**, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. worship, South Britain Congregational Church, 693 South Britain Road, Southbury

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**COOPERATIVE PARISH**, 7 p.m., Zoom

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

**WOODBURY FOOD BANK**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., behind LaBonne's

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting C). The sermon, "*Things I Love About Lent*" is based on Psalm 121 and Genesis 12:1-4a. We will receive Woodbury Food Bank donations and gifts to the pastor's discretionary fund. Our liturgist and communion assistant will be Barb Hunt. Our Women's History Month presenter will be JoAnn Behlman. **Blood pressure screenings are moved to March 8 by Andrew Styblo, Paramedic.**

## FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

**Pastor Brian** can be reached at [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto: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 the Church Office at [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)

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

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

If you are interested in learning more about our church, please use the QR Code in the lower lefthand corner of this page. If you would like to access our YouTube channel, including recordings of recent worship services, please use the QR Code in the lower right corner of this page.



## ON-GOING MINISTRY

See the **WOODBURY FOOD BANK Lenten flyer** below . Please leave donations in the Foyer box.

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

### *Woodbury Community Services Council*

# 40 Days 40 Food Items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many of us choose to "give up" something as we enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to "take on" something new. Please consider contributing shelf stable food to the Woodbury Food Bank. By collecting an item for each day of Lent - 40 days would yield 40 much needed items for our Friends in need. Make a great impact on your community, while reflecting on your life and spirituality. Thank you for your consideration.

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| 1. Coffee             | 15. Peanut Butter   | 29. Toothpaste   |
| 2. Black Tea          | 16. Jelly           | 30. Shampoo      |
| 3. Juice              | 17. Brownie Mix     | 31. Conditioner  |
| 4. Cereal             | 18. Cake Mix        | 32. Deodorant    |
| 5. Oatmeal            | 19. Instant Pudding | 33. Hand Soap    |
| 6. Granola Bars       | 20. Jello           | 34. Dish Soap    |
| 7. Fruit Cocktail     | 21. Ketchup         | 35. Laundry Soap |
| 8. Applesauce         | 22. Mustard         | 36. Baby Wipes   |
| 9. Can Chili          | 23. Salt            | 37. Tissues      |
| 10. Corned Beef Hash  | 24. Sugar           | 38. Paper Towels |
| 11. Beef Stew         | 25. Flour           | 39. Toilet Paper |
| 12. Minestrone Soup   | 26. Honey           | 40. Ziploc Bags  |
| 13. Chicken Rice Soup | 27. Olive Oil       | (all sizes)      |
| 14. Clam Chowder      | 28. Vegetable Oil   |                  |

For more information, contact: **Deirdre Bologna**  
203-675-5782 | [foodbanksunshine2023@gmail.com](mailto:foodbanksunshine2023@gmail.com)

The Woodbury Food Bank is Open for Donation Drop Offs  
on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 am - 11:00 am  
and Friday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

