

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day/The Festival of the Christian Home May 10, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"
The Bell Choir

C. Austin Miles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wesley Shay. Liturgist

Traditional Orthodox liturgy (edited)

L: O Christ, by your cross you destroyed the curse of the tree in the Garden of Eden.

P: *By your burial you slayed the dominion of death.*

L: By your rising, you enlightened the human race.

P: *O benefactor, Christ our God, glory to you!*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD WHO HAS DEFEATED DEATH!

*HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH #152

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

inspired by Isaiah 66:13

O God, who promises comfort as a mother comforts her child: we praise You on this Mother's Day for our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us. We thank You for the simple sanctity of home and the joy of family love. Where such comforts are lacking, bring your great mercy so love and holiness may abound. We pray this for ourselves and for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

UMH #564

Help each of us, gracious God, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the Church may never have cause to say to any one of us, "This is my body, broken by you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MOTHER'S DAY...

began with a special service in May, 1907 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, organized by Anna Jarvis to honor her mother who had died May 9, 1905. Through Anna Jarvis' advocacy, the M.E. Church raised it to the national agenda in 1912, and President Woodrow Wilson signed it into law as a national holiday in 1914. It is observed the second Sunday in May and honors all mothers. All WUMC's women receive gifts today.

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 is "*Spiritual Wellness.*" We consider one area weekly: Evangelism, Affirmation and Inclusion, Missions, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Wesley Shay

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser

Fellowship Time Host: Eileen Bennett and Michael Pinevich

Ushers and Greeters: Mollie Bodwell and Paul Hibbard

NOTICES

TONY FERRAILOLO, internationally known speaker and life coach, is the presenter at Tuesday's 6 - 7:30 p.m. PFLAG meeting in Fellowship Hall. Please see last Thursday's "*Living Through Grace*" for details.

MIRACLE SUNDAY is a denomination-wide initiative supporting higher education for our United Methodist clergy in the Philippines, Africa and Europe. Today, 71% of U.S. UMC clergy have graduate degrees. Outside the U.S., it is 5%. This is not from lack of interest, but from lack of funding for advanced education. The 30,000 United Methodist congregations will receive a special offering next Sunday, May 17th. Please prayerfully consider making this "second mile" gift.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOR of the Rev. Stuart Brush will be held this Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. at the UCC, Southbury, 283 Main Street North. His widow Laura asked that if anyone wanted to speak at the service to please contact her at 203.405-1448.

PASTORAL TRANSITION NOTES: Pastor Brian's last Sunday is May 31st and Pastor Bill Florin's first Sunday is July 5th, with receptions after each service. June worship and pastoral coverage will be offered by the Reverends Thomason, Walkup and Hibbard as scheduled. Contact any member of Staff-Parish Relations for further information. Their contacts may be obtained through the church office (203.263.4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net)

THE WEEK AHEAD....

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir warm-up

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

TUESDAY, MAY 12

PFLAG MEETING, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

HEALTHY TRANSITIONS ZOOM MEETING, 6 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY / MIRACLE SUNDAY

"We've a Story to Tell" is the theme for our Christian Education Sunday based on Matthew 13:10-16, Jeremiah 6:16, Psalm 119:105 and Matthew 19:13-15. We will recognize graduates and scholarship recipients. Worship leaders will be youth and young adults with brief testimonies from Dane Guinipero and Bradyn Boisseau. We will join with 30,000 United Methodist congregations in receiving a special offering for graduate education scholarships for students from the Philippines, Africa and Europe.

LOOKING AHEAD

OPEN DOORS MID-WEEK PRAYER, Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Sanctuary. Come, pray, be encouraged by others. In the words of John Greenleaf Whittier *"Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace."* UMH #358, vs. 4

UNITED METHODIST VISITING MISSIONARY HANNA

REASONER is currently serving in Columbia and will share her story on Tuesday, May 19th at Watertown UMC at Noon and Great Hill UMC, Seymour at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend either time and will surely be blessed to hear how God is working through Hannah in Columbia.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, Saturday, June 6, 8:30 - 10 a.m., Naugatuck UMC, 208 Meadow Street. See flier for details!

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayers of joy from Jane Hutter & Carol Hennessey for the repairs made to their home by Homefront & Helping Hands

Prayers for John, Sherry Swanhall's friend's brother, who is back at Yale after being released too soon from the hospital

Prayers for those taken by ICE on Long Island

A prayer of joy from Lynn Ramsden Calabrese for her safe return to CT from Florida

Prayers for Serendipity Farm where Christa Fine volunteers for an older horse that will be euthanized this week

Prayers from Mike Boisseau for all current graduating high school seniors and their families especially Bradyn and Dane

Prayers for peace in Iraq and for civilians, as well as our troops, in harm's way.

For Sarah Schivera's former student, a single mother, with cancer.

Thanksgiving for Carol Quinby's eyesight improvement.

For Pastor William Florin, appointed as Woodbury's new pastor effective July 1st, and his family.

For Michelle, friend of Christine Shupenis, being treated for breast cancer.

For Ben, Ken Burke's friend, being treated for cancer.

For Emilie Cole's friend, Keri's mother, experiencing a 2nd bout with cancer.

For Eileen Bennett's brother-in-law, Skip, recovering from surgery.

For Catherine's aunt facing end-of-life health challenges.

For Nancy Guthrie, kidnapped, and her family.

For the continued violence around immigration enforcement.

Debbie Eisemann, friend of Sandy Purdy, recovering at the Lutheran Home from a fall

Michael Hennessey, Carol Hennessey's brother-in-law.

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 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), Abigail Bolando, and Rachel Kuolou Therieh.

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)

ON-GOING MINISTRY

CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS Chicken Rice Soup, Applesauce, Cookie Mix, Canned Olives and Toilet Paper.

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 the Church Office at 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.

Valley Cooperative Parish & A Few Good Men Ministries (AFGM) Invites You To:
Christian Fellowship Breakfast and Car Rally

*What's Under Your **BROTHER**  **HOOD?***



Featuring Keynote Speaker

Thomas McMillan

Author and Men's Ministry Leader

Thomas always provides an inspirational message that is purposeful to men and delivered with an engaging style.

On Saturday June 6th his theme will be:

Brotherhood: The “Guardrail” that keeps you on the road and in your lane!

Learn more about Thomas McMillan at: <https://www.guardsrailministries.com/>

Saturday June 6th at 8-10AM

**Naugatuck United Methodist Church
208 Meadow Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770**

This is a free event, but donations will be accepted.

(\$20 suggested)

Please sign up at:



For more information (or to sign up) contact:

Bud Behlman (203-206-9276)

AFGM.Ministry@gmail.com

SPECIAL FEATURE



Do you have a car, truck, motorcycle, or tractor at least 20 years old?

Whether classic, restored, or “project” bring it to the event and show it off to be entered into a *special drawing*.

8:00 Vehicle Line up and Coffee **8:30** Full Breakfast **9:00** Keynote Speaker **10:00** Door Prizes