

EASTER DAY NOTICES, APRIL 5, 2026

THE ANNUAL CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held **NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 11**, with food and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and worship and business beginning at 10 a.m. It will be held at Cheshire UM Church, 205 Academy Road, Cheshire. Register at <https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/CTDistrictConferenceRegistration>

PASTORAL TRANSITION NOTES: Pastor Brian's last Sunday will be May 31st. Please hold Saturday, May 30th for a farewell event. June preaching, worship and pastoral care leadership is arranged.

Staff-Parish Relations will update the congregation through the transition process and welcomes questions at any time, as does Pastor Brian. The members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee follow. For contacts, reach the church office at 203.263.4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Par. 258.2)

CLASS OF 2026

Christine Shupenis

Sherry Swanhall

Rae Ann Hockenberry

Lay Leader: **Jeff Hunt**

CLASS OF 2027

Bud Behlman

Mark Davis

Meg Temple

Lay Member of Conference: **Catherine Mason**

CLASS OF 2028

Patti Thomas

Sarah Schivera

Keri Lavish

THE WEEK AHEAD....

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7 a.m. Sunrise service at Hollow Park

9 a.m. Bell Choir warm-up

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir warm-up

10:30 a.m. Easter worship at WUMC

MONDAY, APRIL 6

HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

CT DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 10 a.m., Cheshire UMC, 205 Academy Road, Cheshire.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Our preacher will be the Rev. John Thomason, former pastor at WUMC (2013-2021). II Corinthians 4:1-18 will be the basis of his sermon *"We Do Not Lose Heart."* Our liturgist will be Rebecca Hibbard. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the Assembly Room by Michael Pinevich, LPN. At 11:45 a.m. the Christian Education Committee will meet in the Wesley Room. Pastor Brian will be preaching at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield where he serves part-time as Pastor of Community Care.

APRIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CT DISTRICT CONFERENCE, *April 11, 10 a.m.* – see notice below

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, *April 12, 11:45 a.m.*, Wesley Room

AFFIRMATION AND INCLUSION, *April 13, 7 p.m.*, Assembly Rm.

PFLAG, *April 14, 6 p.m.*, Assembly Room

CHURCH COUNCIL, *April 16, 7 p.m.*, Assembly Room

MOVIE NIGHT, *April 18, 5:30 p.m.*, Fellowship Hall

COMMUNICATIONS COMM., *April 19, 11:45 a.m.*, Wesley Room

HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS, *April 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.*, Assembly Room

OPEN DOORS MID-WEEK PRAYER, *April 21, 7 p.m.*, Sanctuary

FAITH AND FICTION BOOK, *April 26, 8:30 a.m.*, Fellowship Hall

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS, *April 27, 6:30 p.m.*, Assembly Room

AND TWO FOR MAY!

"CROSSROADS" FORUM ON IMMIGRATION JUSTICE, *Sunday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.*, Fellowship Hall. Details to come!

COFFEE HOUSE, *Friday, May 8, 6 p.m.*, Fellowship Hall. Details to come!

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day (March 29)

For Eve in her new employment and with prayers for success

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.

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

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 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), Collins Ako, and Patricia Moreira Marques

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: canned black olives, brownie mix, paper towels, ramen, and kids snacks. Thank you in advance for your donations! *"I was hungry and you gave me food..."* Jesus, Matthew 25:3

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

EASTER FLOWERS

Our Easter flowers are given by

Bob Asman in loving memory of Martha Asman.

Bob Asman in memory of Lynn Cullen.

Eileen Bennett and Michael Pinevich in loving memory of Catherine Bennett and Mary Pinevich.

Jon and Beth Clark in loving memory of Joan and Don Clark.

T.J. and Karen Fimmano in honor of Jo Anne Fimmano & Nelda White; in celebration of Austin, Tres & Emma, Ginny, and John; in loving memory of Tony Fimmano, Jimmy Morehead, H.E. White, and James Morehead III.

Paul and Diane Hibbard in loving memory of our parents, Hermann & Sonia Lintner and LeRoy & Shirley Hibbard.

Jeff and Barb Hunt in celebration of our Church Family.

Joann King in loving memory of my husband, Steve King.

Catherine Mason in loving memory of my parents, Theodore (Ted) & Norma Mason, and my infant brother, Theodore Martin Mason II.

Sandy Purdy in loving memory of Earl and Lila Garrett, Roy Shaffer, and all loved ones who have passed.

Cathy and Mark Riefenhauser in loving memory of our moms, Claire Piel and Nancy Riefenhauser.

Carolyn and Chris Shay in loving memory of our parents - Libby & Ty Ayars, Joseph & Alyce Bishop, and Lew Shay.

Chris and Carolyn Shay in honor of our grandchildren, Luke, Owen, Liam, Colette, Lily and Sophie.

John Thomason in loving memory of Johnny Thomason and Larry Thomason.

Judy Wilhelms in celebration of family.