

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship

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\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      *"Pendaneni" (Love One Another)*      Moglebust  
The Bell Choir

\*GREETING      Jeff Hunt, Liturgist

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: The risen Christ is with us.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN      *"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"*      UMH #64

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CELEBRATION OF A NEW APPOINTMENT

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT

#### PASTOR'S RESPONSE

Leader: Siblings in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Bill in these ministries?

**People: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation

RESPONSE      *"Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*      UMH #94

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:18-26

THE SERMON

*"Which Yoke? Which Burden?"*

Pastor Bill

**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 ANTHEM

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

M. Hayes

**The Chancel Choir**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION UMC Discipleship Ministries (adapted)  
**Gracious God, we bring these offerings, not to earn your favor, but to respond in gratitude for a Savior who rescues us from sin's grip. Use these gifts, and use us, to offer hope where there is despair, light where there is shadow, and love where there is brokenness. We give because you gave first – and because your Spirit empowers us to live not by our strength, but by your grace. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

UMH #618

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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*(All are welcome to receive. Please follow the ushers' direction.  
You may leave a gift for the pastor's discretionary fund if desired.)*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PARDON

Pastor to People: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People to Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn: **Musical Setting C, UMH 21**

Pastor (continuing):...as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again...UMH 22.**

EPICLESIS:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen...UMH 22**

CONCLUDING PRYER OF THANKS (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*HYMN

*"America, the Beautiful"*

UMH #696

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Wick" from The Secret Garden*  
Maddy Meeker, Soprano

L. Simon

**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.*

*Bill Florin, Pastor*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders*

*Christopher Shay, Director of Music*

*Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

**PASTOR BILL FLORIN** begins his ministry at Woodbury UMC today. A welcome reception will be offered for him and his wife, Carin, after worship.

### 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.** We hope that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** are being offered today during fellowship time. When was yours last checked? Thanks to Michael Pinevich for offering this vital health ministry.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are on the document table in the Foyer.

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

**VISION 2026 EMPHASES TODAY** are *Evangelism and Missions*. 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: Jeff Hunt

A.V. Tech: Mark Davis

Fellowship Time Host: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Ushers and Greeters: Carol Quinby and Mark Riefenhauser

### LOOKING AHEAD

PFLAG meets **Tuesday, July 14** at 6 PM.

We will have special music until September. If you would like to offer music, please speak with Minister of Music Christopher Shay.

## THE WEEK AHEAD....

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:30 AM Worship (Summer Schedule)

10:30 AM (approx.) Fellowship Time & Blood Pressure Screenings

### MONDAY, JULY 6

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM. - 4 PM., Church

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM - 4 PM., Church

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM - 4 PM, Church

TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room

### MEET PASTOR BILL

Pastor Bill will be meeting with small groups of about an hour each. These will be informal sessions for Pastor Bill to get to know you and to listen to your viewpoints about WUMC and its mission in the community. Please sign up in the narthex for one of the four scheduled sessions, as follows: **Monday, July 13** at 7 PM; **Sunday, July 19** at 2 PM; **Sunday, July 26** at 2 PM; and **Monday, July 27** at 1 PM.

### OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

- For those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela.
- For Shelley, member of the most recent Ecuador mission trip, who recently lost her son.
- Thanksgiving for women's fellowship this past week at Lynne Ramesden- Calabrese's home.
- For Ben, friend of Ken Burke, undergoing cancer treatment.
- For safe and meaningful celebrations of America's 250th anniversary and guidance for our leaders.
- For Nancy Ossewaarde's return to church after a long recovery.
- For Floyd, friend of Sherry Swanhall with stage IV pancreatic cancer.
- For Emilie Cole, who underwent carpal tunnel surgery on Monday, June 15.
- For the continued violence around immigration enforcement.
- Prayers for peace in the world, especially conflicts in Iran, the Sudan, Ukraine; and for civilians, as well as our troops, in harm's way.

- For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia).
- For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, and Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter).
- For Pastor William Florin, appointed as Woodbury's new pastor effective July 1st, and his family
- For Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton; our District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; as well as the churches and clergy of the New York Annual Conference and the New Hope Episcopal Area.

Prayer intentions will be shared for two weeks. If intentions should be continued beyond that time, please contact Matti Paparazzo in the church office (203.263.4775 or [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)).

### ON-GOING MINISTRY

**CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS** are: Knorr Rice mixes, instant potatoes, pasta sauce, ramen, lentil, tomato and chicken and rice soup. Thank you in advance for your donations!

*"I was hungry and you gave me food..."* Jesus, Matthew 25:3

### FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

**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.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

**Altar flowers this week** are given by Joann King in celebration of Pastor Bill and America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Do you have a special event, remembrance, or joy you would like to express through flowers for our worship service?**

If so, contact Matti P. in the office at 203-263-4775 or by email at [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). We will include a message in the Sunday bulletin and the *"Living Through Grace"* weekly newsletter.



## The Vision of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

**Love Boldly:** We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

**Serve Joyfully:** With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

**Lead Courageously:** Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)

**URGENT** **FOOD BANK NEEDS** 

*Our shelves are getting extremely low,*  
**AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

**OUR MOST CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS:**

 INSTANT POTATOES	 SEASONED RICE PACKETS	 CANNED MUSHROOMS	 CANNED BEETS	 APPLESAUCE
 BROTHS	 JELLO MIX	 PANCAKE MIX	 INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED SNACKS	 CANNED STEW & CANNED CHILI

 DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF DURING OUR REGULAR OPERATING HOURS:  
• Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
• Friday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

 The food bank in **Woodbury** is located **BEHIND LABONNE'S.**



 Thank you for supporting our community and helping us keep our shelves stocked for those who need us most. 

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