

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Sunday of the Transfiguration

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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February 15, 2026

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Walk with Me"

Peter Slifka

Peter Slifka, Eve Slifka, Rod Carnes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Skyler D'Andrea, Liturgist

Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

P: *Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;*

L: Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

P: *And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH #173

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Laurence Hull Stookey, USA, 20th cent.

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path, that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity, and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES	Exodus 24:12-18
*THE GOSPEL	Matthew 17:1-9
*HYMN	<i>"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"</i> UMH #258
THE SERMON	<i>"Intense Tent"</i> Pastor Brian Bodt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>"The Apostles' Creed"</i>	UMH #881
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.		
<i>"TESTIMONY"</i>	WITNESS	Christine Smith
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i> The Chancel Choir	Alice Parker
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE		UMH #95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>	UMH #127
*THE BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"</i> Traditional Scottish Melody	
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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 Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Christopher Shay, Director of Music Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

NOTES ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

"TESTIMONY", a personal lay witness, has been offered the third Sunday of each month for nearly a year at WUMC. We thank Christine Smith for sharing her testimony today. If you would like to share yours, please contact Barb Hunt. Our next opening is May 17.

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

Liturgist: Skyler D'Andrea

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser

Ushers and Greeters: Mollie Bodwell and Mary Schivera

Fellowship Time Host: Eileen Bennett and Michael Pinevich

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).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available **TODAY**.

Please pick one up from the document table in the Foyer. Thanks to all our contributors and the devotional editor, Bud Behlman, for this spiritual resource.

WUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET has been written by the members and friends of our church and is available to be picked up in church on Feb. 15 or anytime thereafter. Daily devotions with a prayer run from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 through Easter, April 5. Please do consider "taking on" this commitment of daily prayer

during Lent. Thanks to Bud Behlman, editor; Karen Fimmano, proof reader, and all the contributors for this gift.

LENTEN STUDY BEGINS TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 16

"Why Did Jesus Have to Die?", a new Lenten study by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, starts tomorrow and continues Mondays through March 23rd (6 sessions). Sessions are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room. See Pastor Brian this morning if you'd like to sign up.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS DUE TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Please submit written reports (as desired by the chairs) to Chair Bud Behlman by Tuesday evening. Thanks in advance for your response.

OPEN DOORS MID-WEEK PRAYER THIS TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Please consider joining this once-a-month time of prayer and reflection from 7 – 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: THIS WEDNESDAY, February 18

7:30 a.m. – a 30 minute service for those headed to work or who do not wish to attend an evening service

7 p.m. – Our traditional service with music by both Bell and Chancel Choirs. Optional imposition of ashes at both services.

For the full Lenten schedule please visit www.woodburyumc.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD....

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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 16

LENTEN STUDY, 10 a.m., Assembly Room

"CHIME IN!" BELL CHOIR, 3-4 p.m., Assembly Room

LENTEN STUDY, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

"OPEN DOOR" MID-WEEK PRAYER, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

WORSHIP, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

WORSHIP, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SOUTHBURY-WOODBURY CLERICUS, 9:30 a.m., Congregation
B'nai Israel (pastor)
CHURCH COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9:15 – 10:45 a.m., Church Grounds
WOODBURY FOOD BANK, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., behind LaBonne's

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The sermon "*Obedience*" will be based on Psalm 32: Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7; and Matthew 4:1-11. Our liturgist will be Dane Guinipero. Our Black History Month presenter will be Meg Temple.

BABY GIFTS FOR SARAH FAITH PAPARAZZO

Our Administrative Assistant, Matti Paparazzo, gave birth to Sarah Faith Paparazzo. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites your contributions for any kind of diaper and money towards buying formula. Matti may be changing her formula type to see if Sarah has a sensitivity. Donations can be given to any member of SPRC by Sunday the 22nd.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR

Thanks to Trustees and Finance for responding to the recent emergency furnace replacement at the 20 Church Street rental property. A special shout-out to Josh Harwood and Mark Riefenhauser. They were responsive to the crisis and dedicated many hours as liaisons with the HVAC contractor and the tenants.

Thanks also go out to Mark Riefenhauser, Cathy Riefenhauser, and Joann King for attending to additional snow shoveling and ice melt application during the recent spate of winter storms. Bud Behlman

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.

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

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

