

LENT, 2026
WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.
OTHER EVENTS AT THE TIME POSTED

LENTEN STUDY MONDAYS, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., (based on registration of 5 or more)
Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23

"Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by the Rev. Adam Hamilton

FEBRUARY 17 SHROVE TUESDAY

"Open Doors" mid-week prayer and meditation, **7 – 7:45 p.m.,** Sanctuary

FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

A simple service at **7:30 a.m.** will be 30 minutes long for folks who wish to attend before work and for those who do not wish to attend an evening service. Our **7 p.m.** service will include music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Both services will include the optional imposition of ashes. Scriptures are Psalm 51:1-17 and Joel 2:1-2 and 13-17 with the message *"Strike the Right Chord."* Our liturgist will be Carolyn Shay.

FEBRUARY 22 LENT I

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.

FEBRUARY 24 (Tuesday) LENT ON THE ROAD

6 p.m. Soup Supper, 7 p.m. worship at South Britain
Congregational Church, 693 South Britain Road, Southbury

MARCH 1 LENT II

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. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the Assembly Room by Carol Galloway, MSPT.

MARCH 3 (Tuesday) LENT ON THE ROAD

6 p.m. Supper, 7 p.m. worship at St. Paul's Episcopal, Church
294 Main Street South, Woodbury (w/Church of the
Epiphany).

MARCH 8 LENT III

"Gatorade for the Soul" is a message based on Psalm 95; Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42 and addresses our spiritual and relational "thirsts." Music by the Chancel and Bell Choirs. Our liturgist will be Julee Guinipero. Our Women's History Month presenter will be Mollie Bodwell.

MARCH 10 (Tuesday) LENT ON THE ROAD

6 p.m. Supper, 7 p.m. worship at St. James Lutheran Church,
111 Peter Road, Southbury.

MARCH 15 LENT IV

LAETARE SUNDAY, SPECIAL SUNDAY, UMCOR SUNDAY

Psalm 23 and John 9 are the basis of the message "*Was Blind, But Now....*" Our "Testimony" presenter will be Mark Davis. Jay Hockenberry will be our liturgist. We will have a special offering for The United Methodist Committee on Relief.

MARCH 17(Tuesday) AT WUMC

"Open Doors" mid-week prayer and meditation,
7 - 7:45 p.m., Sanctuary

LENT ON THE ROAD

6 p.m. Supper, 7 p.m. worship at United Church of Christ,
Southbury, 283 Main Street North, Southbury.

MARCH 22 LENT V

The sermon "An Early Easter?" is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45. Our liturgist will be Dan Guinipero. Our Women's History Month presenter will be Carol Galloway.

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MARCH 24 (Tuesday) LENT ON THE ROAD

6 p.m. Supper, 7 p.m. worship at Roxbury Congregational
Church, 24 Church Street, Roxbury (co-hosted with North
Congregational Church, Woodbury)

MARCH 29 THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY

The Triumphal Entry in Matthew 21:1-11 begins Holy Week's drama that concludes with the Passion readings of Isaiah 50:4-9a and Philippians 2:5-11 and the sermon "*Lord, Are We Able?*". Music by the Chancel and Bell Choirs. We will celebrate the Order of Confirmation for Luke Nathaniel Shay. Our liturgist will be Liam McGrath.

APRIL 2, 7 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY

"*The Holy Grail*" is a sermon inviting us into the intimacy of Holy Communion as the first disciples might have experienced it. The scriptures are John 13:1-17 and 31b-35 and I Corinthians 11:23-26. Music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be spoken. Our liturgist will be Rynn Naylor.

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY

We will join with North Congregational Church in ecumenical Good Friday worship, hosted by the Very Rev. Tuesday Rupp at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 294 Main Street South, Woodbury at 7 p.m. An alternate 7 p.m. service will be hosted by the Valley Cooperative Parish at the Naugatuck United Methodist Church, 208 Meadow Street.

APRIL 5

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise service will be held at Hollow Park led by Rev. Sandy Koenig of North Church and assisted by Pastor Brian Bodt and the Very Rev. Tuesday Rupp of St. Paul's Episcopal.

10:30 a.m. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting B). *"Love Lives Forever"* is the Easter sermon based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; and Matthew 28:1-10. Music by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. We will receive Woodbury Food Bank donations and gifts to the pastor's discretionary fund. Our liturgist will be Sam Temple.