

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 24, 2026

The Day of Pentecost

Aldersgate Day

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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May 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Romanze" Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sam Temple. Liturgist

L: On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came like fire and the Church was born.

P: *On Aldersgate Day, John Wesley was so warmed by the Holy Spirit that he started a world-wide movement.*

L: As we worship, help us be on fire for the Living God.

P: *As we live, help us be on fire for God's Son, Jesus Christ.*

ALL: AS WE SERVE, MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLIVEN US ANEW!

*HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

AN ALDERSGATE PRAYER (*seated, in unison*) Fred D. Gealy, alt

Almighty God, in a time of great need you raised up your servants John and Charles Wesley, and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love which leaped and ran, an inextinguishable blaze. Grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires, being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted to the increase of scriptural holiness throughout the land that in this our time of great need, your will may fully and effectively be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord, forgive our times of fearful faith, of tepid hope, of waning love. Place the fire of Pentecost in us anew, that we may be bright lights for a darkened world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

A TIME FOR PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

The U.M. Book of Worship, 1992

After each petition the people reply (R): *"We lift up thankful hearts."*

For all...whose influence is a healing grace, (R)

For [those].... whose love is with us forever, (R)

For the teachers....who now worship you in heaven (R)

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others, and especially for those who have died in the service of the Armed Forces of these United States, (R)

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance....and where there is no night, (R)

That we may now be dedicated to....the nations made one:

ALL: O LORD, SAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND BLESS YOUR HERITAGE. DAY BY DAY WE MAGNIFY YOU, AND WORSHIP YOUR NAME, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

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.

A TIME FOR GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" Charles Wesley
The Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #587

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought, bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*HYMN	<i>"Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"</i>	UMH #422
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES		2:1-4
THE EPISTLE		Romans 5:1-5
A VISIT FROM MR. WESLEY		Pastor Brian Bodt

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN	<i>"Maker, in Whom We Live"</i>	UMH #88
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i>	Samuel Wesley

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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, Minister of Music Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

PENTECOST

is the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the believers as described in Acts 2:1-21. The Holy Spirit is "God present with us for comfort, guidance and strength" and was promised by Jesus (John 14:15-17, Luke 24:49). The red flame behind the cross is the symbol of The United Methodist Church but takes as its source the fire of Pentecost!

ALDERSGATE DAY

On May 24, 1738, the Rev. John Wesley, a priest in the Church of England, attended a Moravian prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. He later described it as an experience of renewed Christian faith as his "heart strangely warmed." His brother, the Rev. Charles Wesley, had a similar experience three days before. Together they began the Methodist Revival: John the organizing genius, Charles the hymnist and poet. Today's hymns are all by Charles Wesley. Today 80 million Christians spanning 80 denominations in 138 countries trace their roots to the Wesleyan movement.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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

NEXT SUNDAY, TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 31

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Matthew 28:16-20 and II Corinthians 13:11-13 are the basis for the message “*This Old House.*” We will have a special offering for United Methodist Student Day, and Mary Grace Styblo will share the difference her scholarship from this fund has made in her life. Music will be offered by the Bell and Chancel Choirs. This will be Pastor Brian Bodt’s last Sunday with us. Our liturgist will be his wife, Carol Galloway. After worship, a brief reception will be held in their honor in Fellowship Hall. Faith and Fiction Bookclub meets at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dear WUMC family,

In this pastoral transition period we need more timely updating of prayer concerns. I believe the written list is a helpful addition to the focused prayers of our church. The list below has been edited this week by me contacting every one on last week’s prayer list to be sure they wish the listing to be maintained.

Since I will not soon be here to do this, we now publish prayers for two weeks. If intentions wish to be continued beyond that time, please contact Matti Paparazzo in the church office (203.263.4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net).

Thank you in advance for your assistance. – *Pastor Brian*

For Rev. Craig Fitzsimmons, recovering from a broken ankle

Nancy Ossewaarde for scheduled May 26th surgery

For Joe Sharp, friend of Rev. Hibbard, diagnosed with a brain tumor; and for his wife Laura Joy.

For Tara Kovach, colleague of Carol Galloway, recovering from surgery.

Prayers for peace in the world, especially conflicts in Iraq, the Sudan, the Ukraine; and for civilians, as well as our troops, in harm's way.

Thanksgiving for Carol Quinby's eyesight improvement.

For Rev. Adam Hamilton running for US Senate.

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 and her mom, Jan, who is experiencing a 2nd bout with cancer.

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

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

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), Althea Belton, and Jack Kitwa Mulinga

For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, Nancy Ossewaarde and Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter).

ON-GOING MINISTRY

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

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.

Are you on our “Living through Grace” weekly email? If not, please contact the Church Office at wumc@woodburyumc.net

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: <http://www.guardrailsministry.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