



**WOODBURY
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



Best wishes to all our graduating seniors and be sure to leave us with your forwarding address so that we can send off our care packages to you all!!!



Woodbury United Methodist Church

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**Graduation Recognition
Sunday**

May 30, 2021

**Open Hearts, Open Minds
Open Doors**

WUMC Scholarship Program

This scholarship fund began in 1998. *Jen* and *Rod Carnes* had the original vision for this fund and made an initial donation for the first few years to seed this important ministry which recognizes this transitional time in the lives of our youth. In years since the fund has been sustained by some additional contributions from *Jen* and *Rod*, but mainly from annual contributions flowing from the proceeds of the WUMC golf tournament and other fundraising activities, such as pasta dinners, tag sales, etc.; scholarships have been granted. To this date in 2021, WUMC has awarded sixty scholarships to graduating seniors of over \$32,150.

Church members can help support the fund through a direction contribution to WUMC designated to the Scholarship Fund. All contributions are welcome from a few dollars to estate giving of any substantial amounts.

Another way to support the fund and other WUMC mission work is to support our church fundraising activities. Even though we have not scheduled a tournament in a few years, it may be in the future planning under new leadership. In that regard, we welcome golf participants, flag sponsors, donations of prizes for raffles or silent auction, and direct contributions in any amount.

This is a great day for fellowship and a worthy cause to support our graduating seniors and many of our mission work projects at WUMC.



Congratulations to our Middle School Grade Graduates at WUMC!

Tesu Beavers

from Memorial Middle School, Southbury

Annabelle Cloud

from Rochambeau Middle School, Southbury

Cody & Zachary Codova

from St. John the Evangelist School, Watertown

James Levario & Matthew Shupenis

from Woodbury Middle School, Woodbury

Congratulations to our College Graduate at WUMC!!!!

Annie Carnes

from UCONN – Elementary Education

Abigail Davis

from UCONN – School of Nursing

John Dawson Fimmano

from University of Scranton – Counseling and Human Services

Vernessa Kingsbury

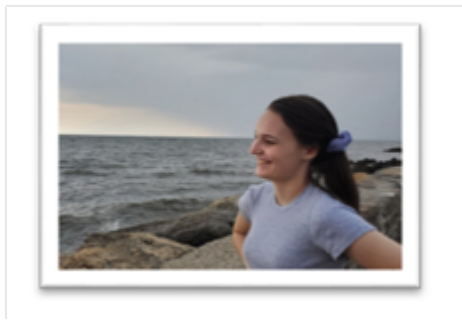
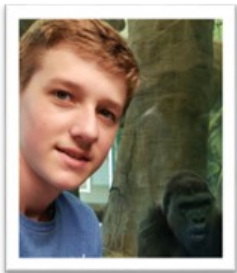
from UCONN – Anthropology and Human Rights

Elizabeth Styblo

from Western Michigan University - Communications

For all of the graduating students within the Woodbury United Methodist Church, your church family wishes you the very best for all your future endeavors.

Congratulations & Scholarships for our 2021 Graduating High School Seniors



Study hard, be safe and come visit us when you can. . . .
Until then, blessings from your church family . . .



Brady Austin Kissinger

I live in both Southbury and Woodbury, and I go to Nonnewaug High School. At school, I have been a part of class council for all 4 years, and I have also played baseball for my sophomore and senior years. I would have played my junior year, but unfortunately COVID-19 took that away from me. For school, I have also taken a class called Advanced Culinary Arts for two years. This class has given me the opportunity to do some community service by hosting the senior citizen dinners and a veteran's dinner. We would prepare and serve multiple courses, along with presenting live music presented by band members and art gallery produced by the art students. After high school, I will be going to the University of New Mexico and intend to major in mechanical engineering.

As far as my personal interests, I love to travel. I have been fortunate in my life to go on several road trips. I have been to 44 states and to over 50 National Parks and Monuments and have seen Frank Thomas inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. I think my favorite was Yellowstone, which I have been to twice now. I experienced God's presence in so much of what I saw in our beautiful National Parks. I look forward to hopefully seeing Canada and hiking in Mammoth caves this summer.



Morgan Von Phillippe

I was born on February 2, 2003 in Tulsa Oklahoma. I have lived in Bristow, Oklahoma; Nevada, Texas; and Southbury, Connecticut. I am the daughter of Venetia Von Phillippe and Timothy Levi Phillippe.

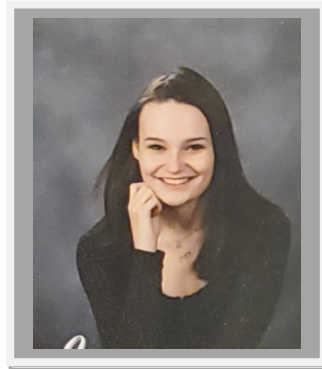
This June I am graduating from Pomperaug Regional High School and will be attending East Central University. Over the past few years, I have been involved with theater,

choir, and band. I have also participated in the Connecticut Hurricanes Drum and Bugle Corps as well as CMEA Regional Choir and All-State Choir.

Woodbury United Methodist Church was a place where my musical talents could flourish and be enjoyed by the people of the church. I always enjoy performing for the church and spreading God's Word through song.

Allison Roche

My name is Allison Roche, and I spent so much of my life at the Woodbury United Methodist Church. I was baptized here, confirmed here, had almost every birthday party here and was at every MOPS meeting with my mom. Every year, I loved helping with the pageant and the food after. It is the only vacation Bible school I know of. I learned how much I enjoy working with children by helping at VBS and helping my mom teach Sunday school. It is even where I have gone to many Girl Scout events! I am still a Girl Scout, and I will receive my gold award this year. It's something I'm very proud of because it's about teaching girls to walk brave and not afraid.



Dance and music are still a huge part of my life. I have danced since I was 2 at different schools, all the way through learning to dance en pointe. When I no longer attended dance school, I still did the

choreography and was assistant director these past few years at my high school, Nonnewaug. I feel so lucky because I got to be inducted in the Tri M music honor society. The school gave me a Performing Arts Award and the Music Award this year. I've also received awards for health class and was recognized at the Halo awards for the plays at I've worked on as assistant director.

No matter what happens in my life, though, when I leave to go to the university of New Hampshire this year, I will always carry with me the love of the people that I grew up with and got to know at the United Methodist Church in Woodbury. I did so much of my growing up here, and I felt so much love here. It's where I learned about God's love and caring about people, and about Jesus and trying to treat people kindly. Pastor John even came to my grandmother's wake all the way on Long Island. The people here matter to me so much! I'm so grateful I got to grow up here!



Thank you *Brady, Morgan and Allison* for the many contributions you have made in both time and talent to the Woodbury United Methodist Church over your years with us.

We congratulate you on your graduation and will continue to hold you in prayer in all your future endeavors!

Stay in touch with your church family!!!



Brady



Morgan



Allison