



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

October 20:
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

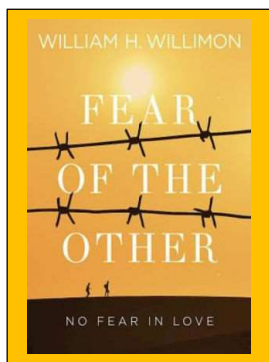


Laity Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. Several laypersons will share leadership of the worship service. Special thanks to Certified Lay Servant *Rynn Naylor*, who will be Sunday's preacher.

Rynn Naylor's Sermon – *All Are Called*

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1-8



NEW SERIES...NEW DAY...NEW TIME!!! **SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY**

Please join Pastor John as he leads us through the important and thought-provoking 5 week series entitled:

Fear of The Other – No Fear In Love

The book's author, *Will Willimon*, is a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church as well as professor and former dean at Duke University. And even more, he is one of the most insightful and accessible Christian theologians and writers of our time.

Chapter titles include: Saved by the Other + The Other, My Enemy + Learning to Fear Like Christians + Loving the Other in Church + Jesus, the Other
Each week will include a video segment, discussion, and fellowship. Books are available for purchase through the church office @ \$9.00 each.

Location and Time:

WUMC Fellowship Hall
Sundays, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Through November 3, 2019

**Childcare will be available with advance notice*
For Additional Information Contact Bud Behlman
@ 203-206-9276 or budbehlman@charter.net

Community Events Ministry News for the fall at WUMC

October 20th - Fall Soup Sale - Need people that love to make soup. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Containers are available for those that want to donate your favorite recipe!

November 2nd – the Artist Spotlight -Talent and Art Show - Need musicians, singers, comedians and artists. More information coming soon.

FUN RAISER – WE'RE ALMOST FILLED UP!

Talent & Art Show together under one roof!!!

Saturday, November 2, 2019 beginning at 7:00 PM @ WUMC

Wanted: People that enjoy FUN!

Comedy, skits, magic, music, art, dance
Serious and silly, youth and adults!!!

Got Talent? Please talk to Chris Shay

This Sunday, October 20, 2019 is the last day to sign up to "BE IN THE SHOW!"

A Free Will Offering will benefit the WUMC Scholarship fund

Please consider attending and helping out at each event.
Community Events Committee

Halloween at WUMC

Did you know that many, many children and families walk right by WUMC every year trick or treating down Main Street? This year WUMC will greet children with treats and messages from our youth group outside Fellowship Hall. This is part of our continuing efforts to reach out to the community and get outside our 4 walls and let them know we are here and we care! There are several ways you can be involved and support this effort.

First - we are looking for candy/treat donations. These should be wrapped in manufacturers packaging. A marked box will be set-up in Fellowship Hall for collections. We will collect donations through Sunday, October 27th.

Second - we plan to put up a few fall theme decorations on the fence and in the courtyard. If you have decorations you would like to loan for the night, please let us know.

Last (and best) - if you would like to part of the crew that is greeting the community on Halloween eve, please let us know. It will be a great time seeing all the kids with their costumes!

Key Contacts: Mike Boisseau (203) 263-8432, and Meg Temple (203) 910-3711

Children and Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Held during worship after the children's sermon for children through 8th grade with two classes: Elementary and Middle School. **October Memory Verse to Learn** (Elem. Class): Genesis 15:5 (NIV) "He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them. Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Parents please help your child memorize this verse!

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Occasionally we need to provide childcare for children under the age of 5 during the worship service &/or for Sunday choir practice on an "on call basis." If you would be willing to sometimes help, please talk to Catherine Mason or Meg Temple (*must be 18 yrs + to provide childcare per policy*).

YOUTH MINISTRY: FALL EVENTS

Youth group activities are open to all youth in grades 6-12th. Parents please complete a 2019-20 registration form.

November Youth Event: 11/10 at 12:15 PM - Service project and other fun activities.

Mission and Outreach Committee – Community Needs

In an effort to be more effective in our support of the Woodbury Food Bank, the WUMC Mission and Outreach Ministry Team will be having special collection efforts on the third week of each month, beginning this Sunday, October 20th. Each month, we will focus on requesting help in collecting priority items identified by the Woodbury Food Bank and will have a box at the front of the church for donors to place their items upon their arrival prior to attending worship.

This month's priorities are:

- Canned soups, including broths
- Cereal, including oatmeal



Thank you for your continued support of this important program.



Annual Fall Clean-Up Time at WUMC

On Saturday, November 9, 2019, members of the Board of Trustees and anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in the **Fall Clean-Up Day** should plan on being at the church for a 9 AM start – until finished. Leaves will be raked, windows will be washed and a variety of other necessities will be wrapped up for the winter months to follow. If anyone would like to help out, please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves and lots of energy. Refreshments will be provided. This is a great way for our youth to obtain community service hours for school as well. Please sign up on the wall in Fellowship Hall or speak to *Theron Kissinger*.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to the WUMC volunteers who served at last Sunday's Progressive Dinner sponsored by the Woodbury Community Services Council. *Gillian Griswold, Pat McWhirt, Carolyn Shay, and Judy Wilhelms* did extensive preparations for the event. *Paul Hibbard, Jay Hockenberry, Chris Shay, and Sam Temple* assisted by transporting materials to and from the Senior Center and doing the clean-up. It was a big undertaking, and very well done!

Kathy Bower was recently elected to the Board of the SUNY Oswego College Foundation. She was also the keynote speaker at the college's Honors Convocation, addressing the topic of work/life balance. Congratulations, Kathy!

Sarah Schivera, daughter of *Dave and Mary Schivera*, is a 5th year senior at Indiana University who is currently student teaching in Armidale, Australia. On October 24, she will join a group in climbing the iconic Harbor Bridge in Sydney. Best wishes for a safe and exhilarating climb!

The Prayer Corner:

Congratulations to *Dave and Mary Schivera* upon the birth of a new grandson, *Mason David Schivera*, on October 16 in Torrington. The proud parents are *Ricky Schivera* and *Kerri Allmer*.

Outpatient tests: *Venetia Phillippe, Gerry Furlong*

Recovering at home: *Judy Townsend*, friend of *Paul Hatch*; *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Stephen Hawthorne*, grandson of *Gerry Furlong*; *Charlie Legen*, great grandson of the late *Jeanne Hackenson*; *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*; *Liam McGrath*; *LeRoy Hibbard*, father of *Rev. Paul Hibbard*; *Kathy Kahn*; *Jack Fairty*, brother of *Lynne Brencher*; *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendonMelanie, Melanie Whiteside (Draper, UT) and Lucille Parsons (Waterbury, CT)*, friends of *Kathy Craig*

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Paula Girard*, mother-in-law of *Rynn Naylor* (Lutheran Home, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury); *Patti Procopio*, friend of *Kathy Craig* (Bristol, CT)

Outpatient treatments: *Paul Hennessey*; *Betsy Love*; *John and Jackie Fleming*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, son of *David and Katie Styblo* and nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound member: *Florence Brown*

Please continue to remember: *Bob Davis, Nancy Clark, Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Paul Hatch, the Keith family, Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannco, Kelly Etcheto, Vernessa Kingsbury, Jim Congdon, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann, Ryan DeRidder and family, Ernest Corrado, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*), and *The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA* (family of *Kathy Craig*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

Fellowship Hosts and Altar Flower Opportunities: The flower & fellowship host charts are posted in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to get the date of your choice! Each ministry team has been asked to volunteer for Fellowship in 2019.

If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering. ***If you don't have an occasion but would like to donate a floral tribute to one of our homebound members, please do so and Pastor John will deliver the arrangement during the following week.***

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE...

HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.

❖ **Office Hours - Tuesday thru Friday 9 am – 3 pm.** The answering machine will be checked daily; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please send them to wumc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!

Sun., Oct. 20	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
Laity Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Rynn Naylor, preaching)	(Sanctuary)
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
	11:45 a.m.	WUMC Soup Sale during Fellowship Hour	
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Study: <i>Fear of the Other</i> (led by Pastor John)	(Fellowship Hall)
Tues., Oct. 22	4:00 p.m.	We-Ring Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
Wed., Oct. 23	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study Fellowship Group	(Assembly Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Nominations Committee meeting	(parsonage)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
Thurs., Oct. 24	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees' Meeting	(Wesley Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team Meeting	(Assembly Room)
Sun., Oct. 27	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Bob Asman, preaching)	(Sanctuary)
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Study: <i>Fear of the Other</i> (led by Pastor John)	(Fellowship Hall)

Mark Your Calendar for 2019 Charge Conference
Sunday, November 10, 2019 @ 3:00 PM
New Fairfield United Methodist Church
 New Fairfield, CT – More Info to follow

Ministry Report Submission Deadline is October 24th!

NOVEMBER PASTA DINNER UPDATE

Date has been moved to
Saturday, November 9th – Please contact
Joanne King if you can volunteer.



Mission Statement of the 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.

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Please note: WUMC's worship services are streamed live on Facebook. To watch recordings of previous services, go to www.woodburyumc.net and click on the Facebook icon.



Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Explore our Methodist heritage of message, mission & struggle with

Jerry Eyster, Certified Lay Speaker

This class is certified by the GBOD as an Advanced Lay Servant Ministry Class with the full three-year certification credit for all Lay Servants. It also is one of the five Advanced Classes that are required to become a Certified Lay Speaker.

November 9 and 23, 2019

Program runs from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm with Fellowship & Sign-in beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at

**United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston
49 Weston Road Westport, CT 06880**

Required reading for this class is Kenneth L. Carder's **Living our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way** (ISBN-13: 9780881775716) – available through www.Cokesbury.com and www.Amazon.com .

Sponsored at **no cost** to attendees by CT District Lay Servant Ministries.
Please direct questions to Mary Brevigleiri at 860-307-4611 or mbrevigleiri@yahoo.com

Please send your completed registration information below to Rynn Naylor, Registrar, by email, at twerppiewicket@yahoo.com or, by snail mail, at 44 Church Street, Woodbury, CT 06798

Your Name _____ Home Church _____ District _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email Address _____

~~Please bring a lunch & a snack to share with the group~~