

INSITES

All about the Multi-Site Ministry of
Woodbury Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church

March 2016

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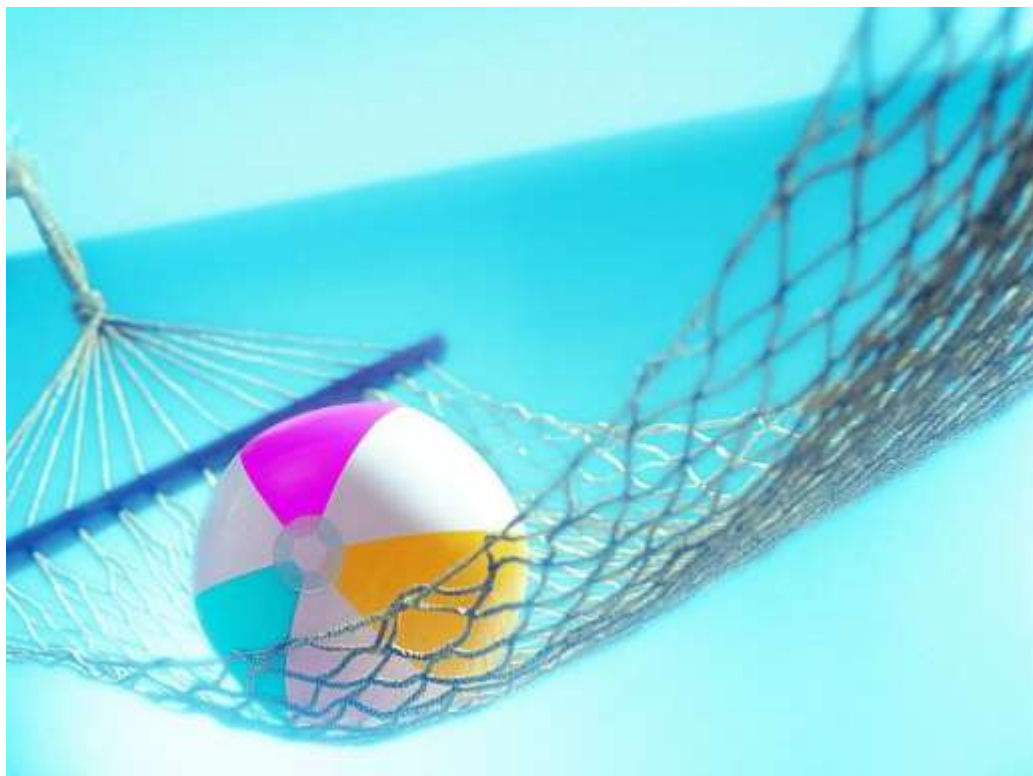
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DON'T MISS SUMMER SUNDAY! March 13, Woodbury Campus

Summer activities will be launched with special displays, information and refreshments. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- ✦ Church Potluck Picnic & Tie-Dye, Memorial Day Weekend
- ✦ WPS Summer Camps, June 13-July 1
- ✦ Eco-Kids Camp, June 27-30
- ✦ Campfire Worship, July 3, 10:30 am
- ✦ Moose on the Loose, Tuesdays in July
- ✦ Detroit Mission Trip, July 31-Aug. 6
- ✦ Surf Shack VBS, August 1-5
- ✦ Camp MSP, August 9-11
- ✦ Summer Stretch Wednesdays, June 15-August 3
- ✦ Adult Softball Sunday nights, Starting May 8

Sharing the Joy + Living the Faith + Being the Hope



Important Announcement

Bishop Bruce Ough has announced his intention to appoint the Rev. Ruth Ann Ramstad to be pastor of Brunswick United Methodist Church in Crystal, MN beginning July 1. It is always difficult to go through pastoral changes, but the Core Team and Pastor Dan Wetterstrom are excited for Pastor Ruth Ann and the **Brunswick Church**. Pastor Ruth Ann hears God's call to this new work and has seen God at work in this appointive process.

Pastor Dan has already begun conversations with District Superintendent Clay Oglesbee about the future staffing of our church. The Core Team has also met and is preparing for a smooth transition. We are excited to consult with Rev. Oglesbee to discern what new opportunities God has in store for our faith community.

The United Methodist Church is a connectional system. The system is designed to deploy clergy to further the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Appointments are made with the consideration of the gifts and graces of those appointed, to the missional needs and opportunities of the congregation. Appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, disability, marital status or age. Appointments are one of the ways the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church is made visible.

All are invited to pray for those working for a smooth transition. Please pray for Pastor Ruth Ann and her family as they conclude their time with us and prepare to enter a new faith community. Also pray for Rev. Oglesbee and our Core Team as they lead this transition process. Finally, pray for the person God is calling to Woodbury Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church.

We will strive to provide you with timely updates on this transition process. Before Pastor Ruth Ann leaves there will be opportunities to formally celebrate her ministry **and to say good bye**. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Dan or any member of the Core Team with your questions or feedback.



The designation of March as official FoodShare Month means that our donation through *Being the Hope* of \$3,000 to The Christian Cupboard in Woodbury and Friends in Need in St. Paul Park is (partially) matched by Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation in proportion to gifts received.

The Christian Cupboard serves over 6,000 local households. Friends in Need experienced comparable increased usage in 2015. They count on people like us to be the hands and heart of Christ, to enable them to serve the many in need.

If you have a family with young children, this is a great opportunity to teach about charitable giving by personally shopping for a bag or two of groceries and then bringing them to church.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Keep healthy choices in mind!

- ◆ Personal care and paper products: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.
- ◆ Toilet paper (specifically requested)
- ◆ Proteins like canned tuna & peanut butter
- ◆ Fruits (in natural juice)
- ◆ Hearty soups
- ◆ Whole grain cereals
- ◆ Canned or dried beans
- ◆ Pasta sauces
- ◆ Whole grain pastas & rice
- ◆ Boxed dinners
- ◆ Canned or dried beans
- ◆ Ethnic foods
- ◆ Coffee & tea





Volunteers Needed to Staff Hope for the Journey Home March 27-April 2

In September of 2012, Hope for the Journey Home, a family homeless shelter opened at the parish house at Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale. Woodbury Peaceful Grove UMC was one of the very first churches to take a turn staffing the new shelter and has been doing it ever since for two weeks each year.

This unique shelter operates in partnership with St Andrews Community Resource Center. Guests are prescreened by St. Andrews. **and adults who don't already have jobs use that center's professional staff and resources during the weekdays to look for housing and work.** Daycare activities are provided for the youngest children, while school age children are transported to their regular schools. When families return to Hope for the Journey Home each afternoon, they have a room to call their own, and can take advantage of laundry facilities, a computer area, a comfortable lounge with TV/ toys and an outdoor play area. Snacks, supper, and a continental breakfast are provided each day, though on Saturday and Sunday, IHOP donates a full morning meal.

2015 STATISTICS

Hope for the Journey Home has guest rooms for 7 families, plus one for overnight volunteers. During 2015, the shelter housed 46 families, consisting of 95 children and 59 adults. The average age of the parents was 33 and the average age of the children was 7. The monthly occupancy rate ranged from a low of 26% in February to a high of 76% in June. Families stayed for anywhere from 1 to 131 days, with an average stay of 34 days. Over 8,729 meals and over 1500 snacks were served.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE SHELTER POSSIBLE

Although Hope for the Journey Home has a staff presence, (including a cook), the shelter operates with volunteers who put out snacks and serve meals, and often find themselves talking with guests and playing with children. Last year 694 people from over 30 churches volunteered for 1,577 shifts, accounting for over 11,000 hours! WPGUMC helped to fill 40 of those shifts! And we need to fill 20 more starting on March 27.

CAN YOU HELP?

Each day, there is a snack shift (2:45-5:15), a dinner shift (5:00-8:15) and an overnight shift (8 pm – 9:15 am). Everyone receives orientation from a staff person, and those who stay overnight, do get to sleep! Children as young as 4-5 years old are welcome to come with parents, and volunteer hours at HJH can be used to fulfill service hour requirements for many youth programs! There is a background requirement and online course requirement, but our church makes all the arrangements.

Sign up in the Woodbury commons or for more information contact Pat Marzolf at patmarzolf@aol.com.

Also check out the Hope for the Journey Home website at <https://guardian-angels.org/hope>.

Parish Nurse Ministry



To find updated events and health related articles go to the church website, BeingTheHope.org, click on resources and then click on parish nurse.

ADULT BEGINNERS EXERCISE GROUP

Wednesdays, Woodbury Fellowship Hall

3-4 pm — \$2 per class/per person

Join this slower paced workout focusing on cardio, balance and stretch exercises. The workout will fit individual needs. Try this class if you need to gain strength after surgery or an illness.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, March 14, 10 am (2nd Mon.)

Woodbury Heritage Room

A gathering for those who have lost loved ones (spouses, parents, siblings, children), and caregivers who would like to share their stories and receive support from others facing similar life changes.

A DRUM CIRCLE & PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

March 4 & 18, Youth Rm. (every other Friday)

7 pm Drum Circle, WB Youth Room

7:30 pm Parents Support Group, WB Heritage Rm.

For individuals and families living with Autism/Asbergers and for anyone with disabilities or social challenges who likes music, rhythm and dance. Feel free to come to any part of this event.

THE GATHERING - a group respite for those still living in the community who have memory loss.

WPGUMC is one of the partners assisting with the East Consortium of THE GATHERING at Woodbury Baptist Church. Times: 10 am-3 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. To be a participant: contact Betsy Hoffman at 651-414-5291 or at bhoffman@lyngblomsten.org. Meal/Grocery

Volunteers Needed: Call Dee Lindblom, at 651-353-6724. Reimbursement is given for food. One-On-One Helper: Contact Jane Beckstrom or Carolyn Klaver, Lyngblomsten at 952-261-5235.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Stop by for blood pressure checks, consultations or if you have any questions or concerns.

- Woodbury Campus - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month in the Heritage Room.
- Peaceful Grove Campus - 2nd Sunday of the month after the service.

LIVING THE FAITH

Caring Ministries Brochure Is Available

The Caring Ministry is based on the belief that we are the hands and feet of Christ in our church community. Volunteers serve according to their time and talents. All opportunities can be on a one-time or ongoing basis. Under a more structured approach to this process, the pastors, parish nurse and program staff will recommend persons needing care. Brochures are available at both campuses.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

Tuesdays, WB Room 208

Weigh-In 6-6:30 pm, Meeting 6:30-7:15 pm

TOPS provides support, fellowship and accountability to those seeking to improve their weight and health.

There is an annual fee of \$32 and monthly dues are \$5. All are welcome! For more information contact Deb Hanson at 651-578-1370 or ddandj1@comcast.net.

SUICIDE SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

6-7 pm, WB Rm. 205 (Sept. –May, 2nd Mon.)

This is an adult support group for those who have lost a loved one from suicide. The group can range from 6 to 30 participants. Community is welcome. Questions? Contact Chris Caulkins at c.caulkins@comcast.net or check out web site at www.save.org.

For questions or information contact JANE BECKSTROM, PARISH NURSE

Email: parishnurse@wumc-pgumc.org

Urgent messages please contact the church office.

Woodbury Choir News



Attention Singers! - **FAURE'S "REQUIEM"**

You can perform the Faure Requiem with the choirs in May without joining the choir.

Here's how:

Attend weekly 30-minute rehearsals at the Woodbury campus on Wednesday evenings from 7-7:30 pm from February 3 through May 11, WB Room 203.

Enjoy three performances of the "Requiem" with professional instrumentalists:

Sunday, May 15, 9:30 am at Peaceful Grove campus

Sunday, May 22, 9 am at Woodbury campus

Sunday, May 22, 10:30 am at Woodbury campus

ADULTS & YOUTH WHO LOVE TO SING

Join the Chancel Choir Anytime During the School Year
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, WB Room 203

Enjoy the fun and fellowship of singing an eclectic array of music which serves the 9 am Woodbury worship service. Sing everything from spirituals and contemporary anthems to music of the classical masters. This May, the choir will be presenting Gabriel Faure's "Requiem." The goal is to provide high quality, meaningful music for worship that touches the heart and speaks to the soul. Join us anytime during the year.



You Can Join - **Woodbury Children's Choir**

Grades 1 - 5 — Any Sunday Throughout the School Year!
Sundays, 10-10:30 am, WB Room 203

The Children's Choir is offered to all children in grades 1 through 5. The goal is to provide a convenient, accessible time for children to participate in choir whether their families come to church at 9 am or 10:30 am.

Children's Choir teaches the music of our faith in a fun and motivating musical environment. Your child will receive high quality vocal training as well as musical literacy instruction through the Kodaly approach to music education.

Children's Choir runs through May 1. Your child will sing at church services three times in 2016.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SINGING IN THE CHOIR?

Contact LaGretta Lunde, Woodbury Choral Director
laglunde@gmail.com or at 612-720-4446

Peaceful Grove NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT PEACEFUL GROVE

The 9:30 am Sunday morning service at the Peaceful Grove campus provides lay-led services which are creative and heart-felt. Services are designed and delivered by members of the WPGUMC community in a format that allows both the presenters and congregation to explore their spiritual life more fully by being the BODY of Christ in a very real way.

HAPPENINGS at Peaceful Grove

LEADING SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING

March 6 - Rev. Jim Baker - Communion/Potluck

March 13 - Floyd Oursler

March 20 - Ron Purcell - Palm Sunday

March 27 - Rev. Jim Baker - Easter Sunday

VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD WORSHIP

Have you thought about leading worship on Sunday morning? Please contact Dawn Nippoldt at 651-271-1795 or at nippoldts@usfamily.net if you have an interest.

SCRIPTURE READING & SOUP

Thursdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Come study the scriptures and have a bowl of soup with Pastor Dan and a fun group of people.

LUNCH AT PERKINS in Cottage Grove

Wednesday, March 9, 11:30 am (2nd Wed.)

Stop by for lunch and good fellowship at Perkins on E. Point Douglas Drive. For more information contact Muriel Richardson at 651-459-2805 or murielr@usfamily.net.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Friday, March 11, 2-4 pm, (2nd Friday)

A fun way to get together and work on your craft project or venture into a new one. Questions? Contact Royann Kjellberg at 651-459-1493.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & CANDY BARS

Muriel Richardson will have these items for sale once a month, before and after church.

LENT & SOUP WEDNESDAYS

7-8 pm Wednesdays, until March 16

Soup served at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Dan will lead mid-week Lent worship and will be exploring the ministry of Paul and how we are called to ministry as faithful disciples of Christ.

BOX TOPS/SOUP LABELS/ INK CARTRIDGES

Collection box and envelope are in the Peaceful Grove office or drop off with Maria Rella in the Woodbury church office. This collection supports Armstrong Elementary School.

ARMSTRONG READING PROGRAM

Volunteers Needed - Ongoing

Volunteers are needed to spend time in the school helping those struggling with reading. Volunteers will read with 1st and 2nd grade students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. In keeping with policies of District 833, volunteers will need to have a background check. There is a \$17.75 processing fee. Funds are available through church if this presents a hardship. Questions? Contact Paula Christensen at 612-599-6782 or at christensenpaula@live.com.

ARMSTRON ELEMENTARY SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Special Education Teachers have requested the following: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, Clorox/Disinfectant Wipes. Teachers have a requested used small electronics and there is always a need for plastic ice cream buckets. You can bring them to PGUMC and place in designated area or in the Woodbury campus leave them in the main office.

OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRE OVEN

We believe a wood-fire oven at WPGUMC would enhance our mission of Sharing the Joy, Living the Faith and Being the Hope.

Envision an outdoor wood-fire oven that will provide a unique pathway to welcoming all who want to be a part of our community of faith (*Sharing the Joy*); by building relationships through fellowship (*Living the Faith*); and by inviting and welcoming relationships with those seeking a safe and discerning spiritual home (*Being the Hope*).



As you can imagine, this project will take a large, dedicated team. Team member roles will range from short term to long lasting volunteers. Some examples of team roles might be: oven designers and constructors; event leaders; communications; publicity; hospitality; wood gathering and prep; fire prep; ingredient acquisition; master bakers; baking production and assembly; cleanup and bookkeeping.

The wood-fire brick oven would be distinctive within the city of Woodbury. This could be an opportunity to bring our church community together, while involving the community around us. The brick oven would be the focal point for church and community events, such as “Pizza Nights”, “Community Bread Bakes”, or bread baking lessons, and could create opportunities to raise funds for

different causes, such as Mt. T.O.P., the local food shelf, other charitable organizations, and the like.

1. If you are interested in joining the team in any capacity, please plan to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, March 14 at 7 pm.
2. If you are interested, but are unable to attend, please call Jill Easton at 651-336-7215 or email jilleaston55@comcast.net.
3. If there is not enough interest, the project will not move forward.

At this point, the team consists of Rob & Margaret Noirjean, Mark Sobotka, Dan Wetterstrom and Jill Easton. This project needs you!!



SUMMER SOFTBALL TEAMS

Sundays, Starting May 8

Games start at 6, 7, 8 or 9 pm

Bielenberg Sports Complex — MUST BE 18 TO PLAY

Cost: \$45

Sign up now for co-ed softball fun. There are seven weeks with doubleheaders and a single elimination tournament at the end. All games are on Sunday nights at the softball fields at Bielenberg Sports Complex. Friends welcome! Contact Amy Fuller at afuller@wumc-pgumc.org.

Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 71 helped celebrate Scout Sunday with an impressive collection of scout memorabilia and talked with church members between and after services on February 7. Pastor Dan stopped by and talked with Dave Brady a church member and an active leader in Troop 71. Next to Dave is Dan Stepan the Scoutmaster for Troop 71 and his son Calvin. Last in line is Stephen Bailey a youth member from our church and a scout within the troop.

Calvin and Stephen helped greet church members for the second service and handed out bulletins. Dave Brady and Dick Hansen helped with the offering at the second service. Many church members stopped by to share scouting memories and check out the collection of items on display. Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910 and celebrates this anniversary on the first Sunday of February and thus it is dubbed Scout Sunday. Troop 71 is also, celebrating its 50th year of being organized and sponsored by our church.



Has God Blessed You with Abundance?



Perhaps it's time to consider paying it forward!

Please consider a planned gift to your **church's Endowment Fund**. Your gift will leave a lasting impact on our congregation and our community, enabling WPGUMC to Be the Hope for generations to come.

"A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers them into the presence of the great."

Proverbs 18:16

Beneficiary Form Designation:

Including your church doesn't mean forsaking your children. You can provide for both.

Simply complete the beneficiary designation for your retirement accounts, annuities, or life insurance and include Woodbury Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church in your legacy.

Your planned gift will make a much greater impact than you can imagine. It may also provide you with significant tax advantages.

For more information about planned giving, please visit BeingTheHope.org/Resources or contact one of our pastors at 651-738-0305.

Keep Your Flame Burning

Student Ministries

Amy Fuller 651-738-2010 afuller@wumc-pgumc.org

SUMMER STRETCH WEEKLY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Students completed grades 5-9 — Friends are welcome!
Wednesdays, June 15 - August 3 (includes a day at Valley Fair)

Woodbury Campus

Cost: \$125 - after May 1 \$140

Summer Stretch is a middle school service and fellowship program. In the morning, students and an adult go out to perform a service project. At noon they return to church for lunch, and the whole group attends an afternoon fellowship event. Registrations available at church or register at BeingTheHope.org. Scholarships available.



SUMMER STRETCH INTERNS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Students completed grades 10 and up

- ⇒ What is it? Interns provide leadership for the Middle School Summer Stretch program
- ⇒ When does it happen? Wednesdays from 8 am-5:30 pm for 7 weeks starting on June 15
- ⇒ Who can apply? Students who have completed grade 10 and up
- ⇒ **What's the cost?** \$60
- ⇒ How do I apply? Contact Amy Fuller



What are you reading in 2016? May I Recommend

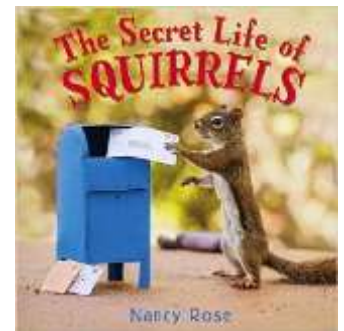


Thin Ice by Irene Hannon

I had no idea when I chose this book for the church library that it was the second in a series of books titled *Men of Valor*. It stands as a mystery alone very well but I am also determined to purchase the first book and wait for the third book coming out this fall. It's that good. This is a Christian mystery that shows how important faith is in these peoples lives. Christy Reed has lost both of her parents and her sister in tragedies in the last six months. In the midst of her grief she receives a letter from her sister who is supposedly alive. This brings in the FBI in spite of the fact that she is not supposed to contact them. There was never a point when I was ready to put down this book no matter how late it was. This may happen to you as well. Do give this book a read. *Review by Barb Haberman*

The Secret Life of Squirrels by Nancy Rose

No, you've never met a squirrel or two with this secret life but it's fun to unleash your imagination and think about the possibilities. Mr. Squirrel does some very interesting things but someone has put together a very catchy book. Then at the end the author gives you some excellent ideas for how to photograph wild life and answers a number of interesting questions as well. Read this as a family project and test out those ideas for wild life photography on your own. *Review by Barb Haberman*

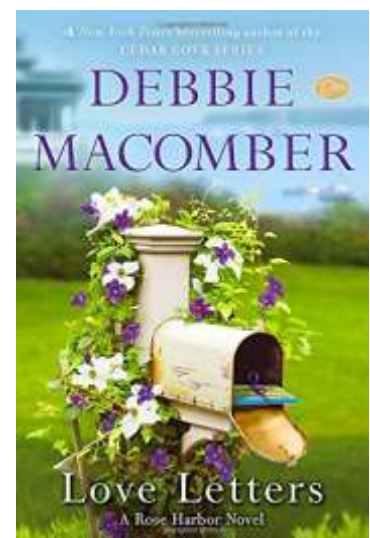


The Whisper by Pamela Zagarenski

When a little girl receives a curious book filled only with pictures, a whisper urges her to create the words she cannot see. Zagarenski is an award-winning illustrator; this is the first book she has authored. The book celebrates imagination and creativity, and each page is full of layered pictures and symbols. A child who loves to tell or write stories would love this book and might even use it to tell more stories. *Carey Erkel, guest reviewer*

Love Letters by Debbie Macomber

Have you ever received a love letter? If so, you know the message and letter itself stays with you forever. Debbie Macomber writes a story about an inn run by a woman in a small town. She has many guests who stay with her, all with different life situations. Learn how important their love letters are to them and how they help in their lives. Maybe you will want to write your own love letter to someone special in your life or dig in the attic to find your love letter written years ago. Enjoy the adventure. *Review by Bonnie Rohde*



Life is better when we share it with others!

Happenings



FAITHBUILDERS¹ Study for Women
Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am Woodbury Rm. 201

FAITHBUILDERS² Study for Women
Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, Woodbury Rm. 205
This group will start a new book on March 8, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Questions?
Contact Barb Birchen at birchice@comcast.net.

* Tuesday, February 23 - Finish our current book
* Tuesday, March 8 - Start "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi

PRISCILLA CIRCLE (Women's Group)

Tuesday, March 8, 9:30 am - Rm. 205
All women are invited to come Questions? Contact
Ruth Ann Bothe at 651-459-0886.

READERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 14, 7-8:30 pm, Heritage Rm.
All readers are invited to join in the lively discussion,
laughter and fellowship. The March book will be *The Hummingbird* by Stephen Kiernan. The April book
will be *The Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman.
Questions? Contact Darlene Wetterstrom at
darwetterstrom@comcast.net.

BRIDGE & POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, March 19, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Come and join a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share)
and then get ready to shuffle cards and play
bridge. SIGN UP ANYTIME — All skill levels of
bridge playing, singles or partners are welcomed to play
bridge and socialize. Questions? Contact Hans Melby
at HKMelby@comcast.net or at (651) 778-8931 or
Ken Hoffmann at (651) 330-4755 or at
tuesfred@comcast.net.

SUMMER SOFTBALL TEAMS

Sundays, Starting May 8
Games start at 6, 7, 8 or 9 pm
See page 7 for details.

FAITH IN ACTION

March 24, 5 pm, Woodbury Carpool
Group will go Neighborhood House (179 Robie
Street East, St. Paul) to pack donations from Food
Share Month and tutor.
March 28, 7 pm, Woodbury Rm. 205
Regular monthly planning meeting

CANADIAN FISHING TRIPS

May 16-19, Fishing Opener
Lake of the Woods, \$366
July 28-August 3, Canadian Fish Camp
Mahkwa Lodge, \$699
August 8-14, Canadian Fish Camp II
Mahkwa Lodge, \$699
Share in the beauty, delight, hardships and surprises
that await the fishing trips to the northland.
Questions? Contact Bob Horn at 612-801-2255.

SAVE DATES FOR THE THEATER!

Theater events have been a way to not only support
the Woodbury Community Theatre, local art venue,
but also a way to get to know people. Shows are
Sundays at 3 pm. Cost \$10 per person.

- ◆ Stars On Broadway (Musical) - March 13
Be dazzled by this sparkling musical revenue,
featuring songs from the best of Broadway &
Disney, including: Beauty & the Beast; Frozen;
Tarzan; Aladdin; Little Mermaid; Hercules; Mulan;
Enchanted; Tangled; Princess and the Frog;
Cinderella; Lion King and many more!
- ◆ A Little Night Music (Musical) - April 17
A musical with music and lyrics by Stephen
Sondheim. Inspired by the Ingmar Bergman film
Smiles of a Summer Night, it involves the romantic
lives of several couples. The musical includes the
popular song *Send In the Clowns*.

“In the Know” - - - News You Need about Your Church!

WESLEY MEALS

Saturday, March 12

8:30 am carpool, Woodbury

Volunteers and pans of bars needed! This ministry provides a meal for the homeless in Minneapolis. Sign up in the Commons or contact Delores Hedrick at 651-738-0305, ext. 29 or at dhedrick@wumc-pgumc.org. Bring bars to the kitchen Friday or Saturday morning before 8:30 am.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN - EAGAN SITE

Saturday, March 19, 9-11 am

Come pack meals that feed starving children all over the world. Sign up in the Commons or go online at www.fmcs.org. Click on “register to volunteer”, then “join an existing group”. Enter “Rachel” and “Hintzman” in the first and last name boxes, then click on “join” for the date you wish to volunteer.

Questions? Contact Rachel Hintzman at rahintzm@gmail.com.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Sunday, March 20

Fair trade coffee and other products will be on sale after services. In purchasing and using fair trade products, we are giving support to UMCOR’s Sustainable Agriculture & Development Program.

CONNECT & GROW MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Saturday, March 12

10:30-Noon, Heritage Room

Come visit with Pastor Ruth Ann and learn about our congregation, its ministries and its values. Meet other people interested in getting more involved at church. Find out about opportunities to grow through study, service and fellowship. Discover what membership means and how to go about it.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 15

12:00-6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Donors needed! To make an appointment, call the Red Cross at 651-291-4607. To help with registrations, contact Jan Slagter at jslagter1949@gmail.com or at 651-739-7719 or email Kris Hallis at skhallis89@gmail.com or at 651-387-9033. Volunteer shifts: 12-3 pm & 3-6 pm.

SPRING PLANT SALE

Order Forms Due by March 27

Spring is in the air! Do you normally purchase plants from Gertens? Support Mountain T.O.P. at the same time and buy flowers through the Spring Plant Sale. If you don't know what plants you'd like, order a gift card. Order forms are available at church. Questions? Contact Rachel Hintzman at rahintzm@gmail.com.

Delivered - May 19

Pick Up - May 19, 20 & 21

7333 Keats Ave. S., Cottage Grove

USHERS & GREETERS

Your Church Needs You!

As always, and especially at holiday times, there is a need of ushers and greeters. Easter is upon us, and we all know that is typically one of the busiest church days of the year. If you are going to be worshipping on the Woodbury Campus on Easter morning, please consider ushering and greeting. There will be 8, 9 and 10:30 services. Sign-ups are on the table under the display board in the Woodbury commons area. Please help welcome the congregation and visitors on this special day. All you need is a smiling face and a warm heart.

Thank you in advance for serving your church at such a critical time! Questions? Contact Jill Easton at jilleaston55@comcast.net or at 651-336-7215.

CHILI COOK-OFF UPDATE

The evening of January 23 was the occasion of the 15th Annual Woodbury Peaceful Grove Chili Cook-Off. Approximately 70 people were on hand to sample 13 chillis. Three chillis were voted to be **the best of the bunch**. **Jim Baker's** chili won 3rd place, **Polly Rhode's** chili won 2nd place (this netted Polly a \$15 Target gift card), and **Ellie Brier's chili won first place**, which included a \$25 Target gift card and having her name added to the list of 14 previous winners on the Chili Cook-off trophy. The proceeds from ticket sale and free will donations were approximately \$400. Proceeds were donated to the food shelf and to the WPPS Youth Group.



In Memoriam: Marjorie Hafer



Beloved wife of John and mother of Derek (Maggie) Fritze and Teri (Rob) York, Margie Hafer passed way on December 21. Her life of 56 years was celebrated on January 28, when the Woodbury worship center was filled with friends and many colleagues from Margie's long-standing career as an early childhood family educator.

Those close to Margie shared

witnesses of her hospitality including trips to Cape Cod; expressions of thanks for how she mentored other teachers in her field; and accounts of her delight in being a grandmother. Her celebration of life included a beautiful picture video produced by friend Karin Erickson, featuring Josh Groban's recording of *You'll Never Walk Alone*. This song inspired and encouraged Margie as she and John made their many trips to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for consultation and cancer treatment. Margie had continued her teaching career as long as her health allowed, and the service ended the same way she ended all of her infant and toddler classes: by singing her goodbye song "*Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine down on me...*" while we held paper sunshines in our hands. When we see John and the family coming to worship together, we can be reminded of Margie as we watch her youngest granddaughter growing up. Leah Marjorie York is named for her grandmother, and her baptism day was the last day Margie was able to join us in worship.

WITH SYMPATHY

Jim Ehle's mother, Enid, passed away in Duluth on January 17. A homemaker and mother of five, Enid followed the Army career of her husband, Don, to Oregon, Michigan, Japan, Mound, and finally Duluth. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Jeanne Wadd's Father, Floyd A. Butler of Dayton, Minnesota passed away on January 26. He was 94 years old and a Merchant Marine veteran of World War II.

Jeff Schlueter's grandfather, John Wentworth, died peacefully on February 2. He had declined rapidly after the death of his oldest son in December. The family thanks the congregation for our prayers.

Nancy Brady's father, Karl Quisenberry of Asheville, North Carolina passed away on Thursday, February 18. He was a 1956 PhD graduate of the University of Minnesota in Nuclear Physics and had a varied career across the country in that field. Among many other family members, he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley.

Mitzi Beliveau's sister, Donna Close, passed away on Tuesday, February 23. She was 71 years old and had been recently hospitalized with severe pneumonia and other health concerns.

The life of Lloyd J. Anderson, formerly of Woodbury, was celebrated on February 25 at the Salem Covenant Church in New Brighton. He was 92 years old and survived by his son Randy Anderson of East Bethel, daughter Candace (Joseph) Peterson of Kasson; and daughter LaVonne (Tom) Griffin of New Brighton.

SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Doug Nicholas, former Woodbury UMC pastor, has started both radiation and chemotherapy treatment for a brain tumor. He has been gracious about sharing information with our congregation and has been sending out periodic updates by email. Notes of encouragement may be sent to Doug and Gladys via email: dgtritle@msn.com. Their home address is 7064 Steepleview Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125-1573.

Howard Gansfield is now receiving hospice care at the Gables Care Center, which is part of the Waverly Gardens facility. Cards may be sent to him at 5919 Centerville Road, North Oaks, MN 55127.

Woodbury Preschool Programs *on Steepleview*

A ministry of Woodbury Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church

PANCAKE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

What a fantastic turnout at the annual pancake breakfast! It was fun to see all the families at CRAVE and be served by the teachers. This year was no exception. Over 350 tickets were sold. Special thanks to Terri Heimerman, general manager at CRAVE and her staff for hosting this fundraiser. They supplied everything needed for the breakfast. Over \$2,400 was raised for the program. The staff cannot express enough gratitude for the support of our preschool and community! Thanks to all who came and supported our programs!



SUMMER PRESCHOOL CAMPS

Summer Preschool Camp registration begins March 24 for families not currently in the programs. The following camps will be available this year. You may take advantage of one or more of the three weeks of fun and growth. The weekly activities will be different each week and also different from last summer. Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 9 am-12 pm. The program is designed for students who have already had some preschool experience. Preschool children who are at least 4 or 5 by September 1, 2016, are eligible to be enrolled. Cost is \$90/week.

June 13-17— Folktales & Fairytales

Enter a world of make believe as we travel back in time. Enjoy the enchantment of pirates, mermaids, castles and beautiful princesses. Mine for gold, hunt for buried treasure and outsmart billy goats, crocodiles and other creatures.

June 20-24 — Sensory Magic

Mom...Does your child love messy activities, but you don't? Then this camp is for your child! We'll be up to our elbows in Oobleck, clean mud, homemade play-doh and so much more!

June 27-July 1— Dinosaurs

Rooooarr! Grow! And STOMP your way to **Dinosaur Camp!** Have a "Supersaurus" week hunting for bones, excavating fossils and learning about plant and meat eaters.



2016 Pancake Fundraiser





Peaceful Grove Campus

8600 90th Street South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Campus Phone: 651-769-1303

Main Office Phone: 651-738-0305

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am

Woodbury Campus

7465 Steepleview Road, Woodbury, MN 55125

Main Office Phone: 651-738-0305

Sunday Worship Schedule

9 & 10:30 am

Office Hours

8 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday

Information You Want to Know about WPGUMC

The Woodbury church office is open from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday-Friday. The telephone will be answered during those hours. When the phone is not answered, leave a private message for any members of the staff. Directions are given on the phone system.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The responsibility for the day-to-day administrative tasks of the church has been invested in the Core Team. The Core Team functions as the primary lay-clergy partnership to provide guidance and direction to ministries.

CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Betsy Stites – Chair
Dan Wetterstrom – Pastor
Ruth Ann Ramstad – Pastor
Sadie-jo Kobussen – Lay Leader
Robin Hakari – Secretary
Charlie Maier – Trustees
Paula Christensen – Human Resources
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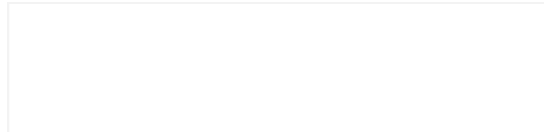
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Lea Anna McGowan, Peaceful Grove Choral Music — leandpete@msn.com

Jean Hendrickson, Peaceful Grove Pianist — doyourtheory@gmail.com



*Celebrate
hope by
Being the
Hope
on Easter!*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Woodbury Worship Center — 9 & 10:30 am

Peaceful Grove Worship Center — 9:30 am

Celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus — into Jerusalem and into our lives. All children will receive palm branches and will stay in worship for family-friendly activities at both Woodbury services.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Woodbury Chapel — 10 am until 4 pm - Communion Vigil

Stop by during the day for a personal time of reflection and meditation.

Peaceful Grove Worship Center — 7 pm - Communion

Come to the Peaceful Grove campus for this meaningful service of communion, music and reflection. Children who have recently attended the Communion Milestone will especially enjoy this service.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Woodbury Campus Worship Center — 7:30 pm

A contemplative and musical service of shadows recalling the events from the last supper through the crucifixion.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Woodbury Worship Services — 8, 9 & 10:30 am

Peaceful Grove Worship Service — 9:30 am

Children will love the joyful worship experience of this holiest of Sundays. Special music and beautiful flowers are all part of this celebration.

*Nursery care will be available during all services
at the Woodbury campus.*