



Woodridge Word

Summer Edition

August 14, 2020

hope you're keeping cool

Update on church reopening to in-person worship ...

This week, the Executive Board reviewed a very detailed plan to reopen to worship that includes a number of Covid precautions and guidelines. More details will be made available to the congregation over the next few weeks. **For now, the church plans to reopen to in person worship for those who are comfortable attending on Sept 6 at 10 am. However, we will still monitor the health situation in RI and continue to review our plan including our planned date to reopen.**

In all that we do we are guided by these 3 principles:

1. The safety and health of our community is most important and our top priority.
2. We will follow the guidelines of the RI government with additional guidance from our denominational (UCC) conference.
3. We will reopen when we are prepared and comfortable to reopen safely.

In memoriam . . .

We wanted to let the Woodridge community know that long time church member, Bev Morton, died this past weekend. We will miss her. And we thank her for her many years of faithful service. At this time, funeral arrangements will be private.

We also lift up in prayer the Rev. Ken Ferguson, a past minister of Woodridge Church. Ken's son recently passed away.

We continue to offer 2 ways to join us in weekly worship ... a pre - recorded service posted on Friday for weekend viewing & Sunday morning Zoom worship @ 10 am (see details below)

Questions for either service? contact pastor Scott at 508 - 838 - 6035.

Option #1: Pre-recorded service posted on Friday for weekend viewing:

Look for the link for the pre-recorded service in the Friday email, the website or facebook page starting Friday afternoon.

Option #2: Sunday morning Zoom worship @ 10 am (fellowship begins before the service @ 9:45 am and after the service).

Use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6414816275> to join the worship service @ 10 am this Sunday. This link can also be found on the website and facebook page.

What do you have to do to be ready for Sunday morning worship?

- make sure you print out the bulletin and have it handy to follow along*
- please have bread and juice ready for communion*

HOW TO ZOOM on Sunday Morning (you don't need a computer)

If you're joining using your computer or other device with full video (camera & microphone), use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6414816275>

If you've never used Zoom before, don't wait until 10 am Sunday morning to try it; test this link in advance, following the prompts to download the Zoom software or app so you'll be ready.

If you're joining by phone:

dial 1 929 436 2866 and when prompted, enter Meeting ID:

641 481 6275 followed by the "#" sign

and when prompted, press # again.

If you're joining by smart phone, or some similar device with only audio:

enter this number in your contacts directory and "speed dial" to connect by phone on Sunday morning, and for any other Woodridge meeting using this same meeting ID number: +19294362866,,6414816275#

Be safe. Be well. Stay faithful.

After-Worship Fellowship continues . . .

Online or on the phone – Sunday, starting at around 11:00 am for 20-30 minutes.

It's a "zoom" meeting, which you can join by ordinary phone, smart phone or with an internet-connected computer:

Dial: 1 929 436 2866 then, when prompted, enter the **Meeting ID: 641 481 6275** followed by the "#" sign.

Use this link if joining via the internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6414816275>

Staying connected ... if you are able to view email ... join **God Moments** ... an email that goes out Monday, Wednesday and Friday to those who might enjoy and be comforted by a brief scripture verse or reflection and the sharing of prayer concerns with others in our community. To receive the email - contact pastor Scott at revscottspencer@gmail.com

Parish Directory

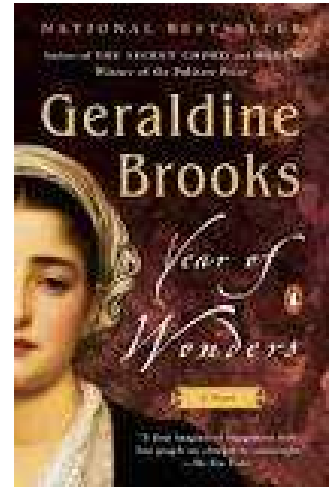
Additional copies of the updated parish directory are available from the office by request.

Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who made our recent "Pop the Trunk" drive-up food donation events such a success. As the increased need continues, contributions continue to be appreciated and may be dropped off at any time in the box next to the Jackson Road Parish House entrance. Service ministry team members deliver them regularly to the food pantry.



*You're still welcome to join a summer
"church wide read"...*

*Year of Wonders:
A Novel of the Plague*
by Geraldine Brooks



Over the last few years, our community has enjoyed sharing in a "church -wide read" - a church activity that you can do on your own. This summer, we would ask you to purchase a copy of *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*. The book in used softcover goes for about \$10 - 13 on Amazon, including shipping, and about \$10 on kindle.

Sometime later this summer there will be an online opportunity to join an evening discussion group – by Zoom or phone. Please let pastor Scott know if you are reading the book so he can send you further details on the group discussion. Thank you.

Questions or more information - contact pastor Scott at revscottspencer@gmail.com or 508 - 838 - 6035.

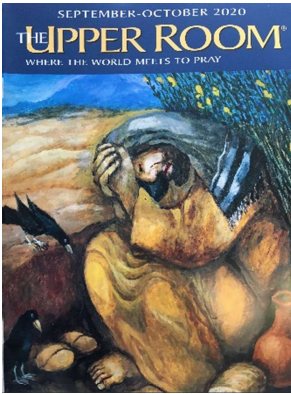
August Bible Study continues:

Highlights of the book of Acts - Stories from the early church

- Aug. 3 - Acts ch. 2: The church is born - the coming of the Holy Spirit
- Aug. 10 - Acts ch. 8: The disciple Philip and the Ethiopian convert
- Aug. 17 - Acts ch. 9: Paul's Conversion
- Aug. 24 - Acts ch. 10: The church grows - inclusion of the Gentiles
- Aug. 31 - Acts ch. 16: Paul and Silas start a new church in Philippi

Meetings are via Zoom; we are using the same link that we have been using (although we will resend it each week).

Questions? contact pastor Scott - and please email or text him to let him know your interest. Thank you.



The September-October issue of The Upper Room daily devotional magazine is available and will be mailed to those who have requested it in the past. If you are interested but haven't received it before, just let us know. We'll be glad to send you a copy.

Giving to Woodridge . . . keeping up-to-date with your pledge or offering, if you are able, is very much appreciated . . . you may

- Mail in your pledge or offering by check: made payable to: Woodridge Congregational Church - mail to: 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston, RI 02920.
- Sign up for online bill payment - your bank will mail in your pledge or offering.
- Donate online with PayPal - use the "Donate" tab on our website

Thank you!

And always . . . let us know if there is anything we can do to help

Contact Pastor Scott at 508 838 6035 or email revscottspencer@gmail.com

Contact Dan in the office 9 am - 1 pm, Monday - Friday ... by phone or message or email: 401 942 0654 or 401 942 0662 or woodridgechurch@verizon.net.

Please do not come into the office.

Prayer requests can be phoned or emailed to Pastor Scott

