



## Woodridge Word - December

### Advent at Woodridge ...

**worship @ 10 am - full Sunday school & fellowship to follow**

On the second Sunday of Advent - our theme will be "**peace**." The children's message, sermon, readings and music will be centered on this theme.

The third Sunday of Advent's message will be "**The Joyful Savior**".

Worship on December 22 will feature the **Children's Pageant**. Rehearsals and speaking parts will be worked on during Sunday School class time; all children who attend church December 22 can be part of the pageant but must come by 9:30 am to be fitted for a costume.

On **Christmas Eve**, services will be offered at 5 pm and 11 pm:

- **5 pm** Family service - a Christmas message, carols, a reading of the Christmas Story and candle lighting
- **11 pm** Candlelight service of lessons and carols including communion

**Children are welcome in worship - and may stop by the "youth corner" in the lobby outside the sanctuary on the way into worship to pick up their special "Woodridge KIDS" bulletin.**





**Maxwell Mays lecture & print sale**  
**Dec. 7 (Sat) in the Woodridge church sanctuary**  
**lecture @ 2 pm with print sale to follow until 5 pm.**  
*Free to the public.*

We're very excited to host a lecture by RI artist, retired clergy, and Woodridge member – Rev. Bill Comeau - on the life and work of well-known RI artist, Maxwell Mays. A long-time and close friend of Mays - Bill will show examples of his work and share background stories and insights into each work of art. Following the lecture - prints will be available for sale, in particular, many copies of Mays' "Christmas Nativity" painting. Bill will also exhibit and have on sale some of his original work, in the style of Modigliani and Van Gogh.

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*Ready for an Advent Adventure?*  
Jr. Youth Group \* 3rd thru 6th grade  
**Sunday Dec. 8, 1 pm to 4 pm**  
*here at Woodridge!*



Come join the fun!  
Sweet treats and Christmas games. Christmas maze.  
Advent giant card memory game. Melted crayon painting ornaments.  
Kids from other churches, including Seekonk, will join us!  
For more info: Barbara Spencer, 508.252.8078

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*Join us for*  
**Community Christmas Caroling**  
**Sunday, December 15**

This year, we will bring the Christmas spirit to two nursing homes in Cranston – Cedar Crest and the Scandinavian Home.  
Our schedule will be:

1:00 pm – gather at Woodridge Church  
1:30 - 2:15 – Cedar Crest  
2:45 - 3:45 – Scandinavian Home

*If you are interested in joining us, email or text Scott:*  
[revscottspencer@gmail.com](mailto:revscottspencer@gmail.com) or 508 838 6035



Our First Sunday of Advent worship included a children's sermon about drawing God and then everyone in the congregation was invited to draw their visions of God. All the amazing drawings were displayed in the narthex.



Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser reads from the Psalms at the Community Thanksgiving service, hosted this year by Woodridge.



*Preparing the Angel Tree at Woodridge -  
Thank you to all who contributed!*

## The Mitten Tree

*a  
Woodridge  
Holiday  
Tradition*



You are invited to give a pair of mittens, gloves, a hat or scarf to someone in need. Contributions may be placed on or around the tree in the narthex (sanctuary lobby).

## ***Poinsettia Plants for Christmas***

This year, six different colors/varieties may be ordered, to decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 22. The plants are \$10 each; a dedication may be provided and you may advise the worship ministry team if you would like to take your plant(s) following either the December 22 service or the 5 pm or 11 pm Christmas Eve service. Order forms may be picked up Sunday or requested from the church office.

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*No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

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