



March Woodridge Word

This month @ Woodridge ... Sunday worship @ 10 am (with Communion on March 1), Sunday school & fellowship

March 1 the message will be about the "Bible as the foundation of our faith." It will be the first in a sermon series during Lent on "faith practices for the everyday Christian."

March 8 "Worship: Why is it Important?" *daylight saving time begins*

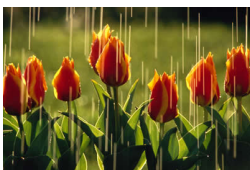
March 15 "Prayer: Does It Make a Difference?"

March 22 "Community: The Support We Need"

March 29 "Mission & Service – Church Beyond the Walls"; Rev. Linda Forsberg; First Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Greenwich will be our "pulpit exchange" preacher

March Lenten Children's Sermon Series on Mister Rogers

Rev. Yonghwan Noh and his wife, Rev. Eunjung Yang treated our congregation February 23 with a beautiful duet. Pastor Noh is minister of the First Korean Church of Rhode Island, UCC, which has worshiped in the Woodridge Sanctuary for over 40 years. They sang *Without Love We Have Nothing*.



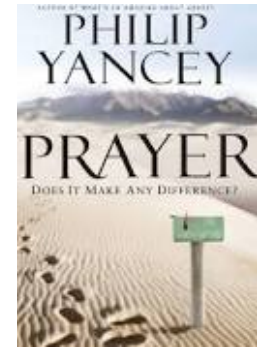
Easter plant orders will be taken from about March 15 - 29. Order forms with details will be available at the church or you may contact the office.

Lenten Adult Education Opportunities - Prayer

Book Reading and Discussion

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? by Philip Yancey

\$7 (Amazon Kindle); \$5 - 7 (Amazon used book);
Contact Scott if you have trouble purchasing the book.



After-church discussions will be March 8 & 22 at 11:30 am in the Music Room.

Retreat on Prayer - *note change in location*

led by Rev. Cleo Graham of Beneficent Congregational Church

Sunday, March 29, at Beneficent Congregational Church, downtown Providence; free off-street parking provided - meet at Woodridge at 12:30; return to Woodridge 5:30-6:00 pm - potluck dinner details to follow - \$15 (scholarships are available).

To register--by March 20--contact Scott--call or text 508 838 6035 or email



A painting by February 23 "guest" preacher, the Rev. Bill Comeau. His sermon "The Gospel According to Max" reflected on the work and spirituality of his long-time friend and fellow Rhode Island artist, Maxwell Mays.

Lenten Mission and Service Opportunities -

Special collection for the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, serving victims and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault for 40 years. Items are being received through April 5 (Sunday).

Donation bins are outside the sanctuary and in fellowship hall.

Items needed:

- disinfecting wipes
- paper goods
- deodorant
- body/face lotion
- body wash
- sanitary napkins
- conditioner
- hairspray
- hair elastics
- razors
- shaving cream
- standard pillow cases
- full size blankets & sheets

March 14 (Saturday): Volunteering at the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry

For more information on the above:
email Elyana Boucher or call/text 401 639 0581

February 16 Pastor Scott talked about how words can hurt. The old adage, "Sticks and stones can break my bones but names can never hurt me" is not true, he reminded us. Words can hurt us inside, where no one sees.



Membership Exploration

an opportunity to learn more about church membership and the UCC

Class dates are Sundays, March 1 & 15

11:30 - 12:15, in the Music Room

for more information or to register, contact Pastor Scott:

email RevScottSpencer@gmail.com or call/text 508 838 6035



Pastor Scott stopped by Anchor Bay in Johnston last week to enjoy lunch with Louise DelVecchio, a long-time member of our congregation. Louise, who moved there 4 years ago, misses her friends at Woodridge, but wants everyone to know that she is happy and doing well.



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Super Saturday - March 14

8:00 am - 3:45 pm - Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham, MA

a collaborative effort of the Southern New England Conference, UCC: workshops, worship and more, with presenters and attendees from different states and denominations.

for details including registration (deadline is March 4),
visit the Conference website: www.sneucc.org

Game Night for Fun & Fellowship

March 21 (Saturday) @ 5 pm

– for all ages with potluck dinner –
games and activities for all ages and
interests including bingo and tug-of-
war!



For more info, contact Courtney Lombardi:
call or text 401 465 0146

In memoriam

Avis Morse, our oldest member, died February 9. She and her late husband Walter were charter members. We are thankful for her many years of service to our community and keep her family in prayer. Her funeral was held at Carpenter Jenks on February 12.

Please check out our new "Woodridge Supporters" page on our website

and show your support by supporting them!

Click on "fellowship events" and then "Woodridge Bazaar Supporters 2019"

If Sunday services are cancelled due to severe weather:
look for the notice on TV, radio & websites.

Parking note: Seven Stars Bakery opens at 7 am and customers use the parking lot directly behind them, so please do not park there.

You may continue to park:

- > in our parking lot between Woodridge & Jackson Roads.
- > in the lot behind Chelo's (south of Seven Stars' parking)

Important note: please save the Woodridge Road spaces in front of the sanctuary for older members and the handicapped - thank you.

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

visit our website: woodridgechurchri.org
