

THE WOODRIDGE WORD

News from Woodridge Congregational United Church of Christ

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From the pastor's desk ... Practicing Gratitude

*Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.
And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.*

Maya Angelou; writer and poet

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6: 21

Beginning on September 9, the pastor will begin a sermon series on the theme of "Practicing Gratitude." For the remaining Sundays of September, we will use the Bible as a resource for understanding "how we can practice gratitude" in our everyday lives. On September 9 and each Sunday in September, everyone will be given a "gratitude journal," which they will be asked to carry with them during the week to record "moments of gratitude to God." Then there will be an opportunity to share them during worship the following Sunday. **I hope you will be able to join us as we encourage each other to "practice gratitude" in our daily lives.**

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Rally Day - September 9 - We welcome all to the kick-off of our new Sunday School year. *This year's theme is about Gratitude.*

REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE PICKED UP NOW FROM THE C.E. BULLETIN BOARD; THESE AND ALL OTHER IMPORTANT PAPERWORK WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THAT MORNING.

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Worship highlights – Fall 2018

Sept 2: Communion

Sept 9: Rally Day - first day of new Sunday school year

Oct 7: World Communion Day - worship with the First Korean Church - UCC - with potluck meal to follow

Nov 4: Communion service and celebration of "All Saints"

Dec 2: First Sunday of Advent

Christian Education & Youth News . . . Fall, 2018

September 9 is Rally Day - the new Sunday School year kick-off

Youth group happenings ... Junior Youth Group (grades 3 - 7) and Senior Youth Group (grades 8 through High school)

Oct 12: Youth Music Event - UCC Conference @ Seekonk church - 6:30 - 9 pm - grades 7th and up

Dec 2: Advent Adventures - UCC Conference @ Woodridge church - 1 - 4 pm - grades 3 - 6

Watch for additional events as they are scheduled.

Mark your calendars ... Fall Retreat - October 14 (Sunday afternoon)

New member exploration:

Meeting - October 28 (after church, 11:30 - 12:15);

Commitment Sunday - November 11 (during worship)

Bible Study:

Sundays at 11:30, Oct. 21 - Nov. 18 (see details below)

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From the Associate Pastor of Music & Healing Ministry

You are invited to connect with each other and our community!

Healing Ministry

- **PrayerConnect** –Do you need spiritual support or a reflective moment? Perhaps just some daily words of encouragement? You can receive this daily reflection...And it can come to you privately in your email-of-choice each day, Monday through Friday.

Why not sign up and see what can come? You can catch the three weekly editions on Facebook at this address:

<https://www.facebook.com/woodridgePrayerconnect>

Bible Study

- **When?** Sundays after worship, 11:30 am from October 21 through November 18!
- **What will we do?** Examine current day social concerns through reading of scriptures and study of our faith history. We will explore how we might respond to God's call, carrying the Jesus way to others through justice, stewardship, and peace.
- **Schedule:**
 - **October 21** **Pursuing Racial Justice**
 - **October 28** **Practicing Stewardship**
 - **November 4** **Providing for Human Rights**
 - **November 11** **Promoting the Stranger**
 - **November 18** **Partnering in Peacemaking**

Music Ministry

- **Choir & Chimes** *Thursday rehearsals begin September 6 ...Chimes 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (subject to renovation schedule)...Choir 7:30 pm in the music room. **Will you try us out...please? No prior experience...just bring your spirit as we'll help with the rest!***
- **'Prime Time' Chimes group** – Sunday rehearsals begin September 16, right after worship in our sanctuary.
- **Do you play an instrument?** We are looking to build up the "band". ***How about you?***

Please continue to pray for all our ministries, that they will grow and expand into many places, guided by the Spirit. Amen!

With you on the journey,

Rev. Bob

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Woodridge Golf Outing

Saturday, September 22, 1:00 pm tee-off
at
Midville Golf Club in West Warwick

To benefit Leukemia research and Woodridge Church

\$75 per person for 9 holes of golf, cart, a great meal

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact Dave Jeffrey at 401-451-0913 or djeffrey15@cox.net to sign-up.

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Woodridge Wine & Food Tasting Event

Sunday, September 23 4:00 - 6:30 PM \$30/pp

Great wine, Great food, a Great Time!
See Ken Kinoian or Dave Jeffrey for tickets and additional details.

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Ongoing Mission and Service opportunity

Volunteers are always appreciated at the **Interfaith Food Ministry's** pantry, where folks from Woodridge help out on the **second Saturday** morning of each month. Contact Bob Cole or any member of the Service Committee if you're interested.

BAZAAR NEWS

Looking forward to this year's event, November 10

NEXT MEETING

Our next bazaar meeting will be after church on September 23.

BASKETS

Please bring in your baskets for the bazaar on October 28. We will decorate them after church that day. Volunteers will be needed to organize and assemble the baskets; your help will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS

Please remember to put aside your donations for Timeless Treasures. We are interested in jewelry and gently used warm sweaters, scarves, mittens, pocket books, shoes, boots and holiday items. They can be brought in on or after October 28. Don't forget to ask your favorite restaurant for a gift certificate. See Deb, Carol or Courtney for tax forms for the restaurant's use.

PIE MAKING

We will make pies on October 10. Please watch for the sign-up sheet to volunteer.

PRAYER SQUARES

On September 26 we will be assembling Prayer Squares, please come help. No special talents required!

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A committee has been at work, reviewing our church constitution. All members should have received—by email or mail—a copy of the document with proposed changes, to be voted on at a congregational meeting in the next several weeks.

A formal announcement may be expected next month.

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*An updated **Parish Directory** with names and contact information for members and friends of Woodridge is available. Pick one up on Sunday or contact the office and we'll deliver one to you. And of course, please let us know if and as any information may change.*

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of the church through pledges and offerings. Keeping your support up-to-date even when circumstances keep you away from church on Sunday is very much appreciated.

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Our next issue will be October; to be mailed/emailed late September.

Visit our website for the year-to-date financial report, latest board meeting minutes, birthdays & anniversaries and the prayer list:

www.woodridgechurchri.org

For the latest news, to be added to their email list, and most anything else about the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ, visit their website:

www.ricucc.org

Please note that the R.I. Conference office is now located at Edgewood Congregational UCC, 1788 Broad St, Cranston; the phone number is unchanged.

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A Caring and Welcoming Community



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