

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Bud: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Many Voices: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

Bud: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

Many Voices: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Bud: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Many Voices: Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Bud: God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

New Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7 (CEB)

Acts 3:1-10 (CEB)

Bud: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

Proclaiming "Is the Lord Really with Us?" Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "Jesus, the Light of the World" W&S #3056

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World

Notices

Church Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am - Noon

Wednesday - Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We ask that you *call before visiting*.

Offering Options

There are different options for getting your offering to the church.

- Go to the church website at www.woodridgeumc.org/giving.
- Text 630.449.7121 with the amount you would like to give
- Drop off in the gold mail slot next to the east door of the church.
- Mail your offering.

Fellowship Time with Bagels

Join us after service in the **NARTHEX** for bagels and cream cheese, jelly, honey, etc.! You can even toast your bagel!! Have a wonderful time visiting with other church members!

Bible Study

Our Bible Study groups are studying Acts. The study is offered on **Tuesday mornings via Zoom (10:30 a.m. to Noon)** and **Wednesday evenings** in person (**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**). We read one chapter together each week and go deeper with questions and discussions. Please plan to join us!

Cub Scout Car Wash

Help support the local Cub Scout pack that meets at this church! Get your car washed! **TODAY, Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Stop by after worship service!

First Friday Lunch

Please join us on **Friday, October 2nd at noon** for lunch. No planning, no reservations, no

responsibilities! Bring your sack lunch and a good sense of humor because there are sure to be laughs. Everyone is invited!

World Communion Sunday

On **October 4th**, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Please mark your calendars to celebrate this Special Sunday. We look forward to this celebration each year when we participate in holy communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and trainees in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church. Your gifts provide scholarships for ethnic students and trainees from the U.S. and around the world. For all that you will give and have already given, we say "Thank you!!!"

SSD – Second Saturday Diners

Mamma mia—it's time for SSD to go Italian! Whether you can pronounce what you're ordering or just point to it on the menu, come join us! Everyone is welcome! We'll meet at Nonnies Pizza, 1565 75th Street, Woodridge, on **Saturday, October 10th at 5:00 pm**. Come hungry—we'll save you a seat, but we make no promises about saving you the last cannoli! Send your RSVP to Elisa Caligiuri: applei8122000@yahoo.com.

Commitment Sunday – October 18th

We love reminding you just how grateful we are for your consistent, faithful financial gifts to Woodridge UMC! Your ongoing generosity makes it possible for us to be a safe place of welcome for all kinds of groups throughout the week and for you and all our neighbors on Sunday mornings.

Our annual Commitment Sunday will take place a little earlier this year to allow for time to submit and approve the budget. A letter and financial commitment forms for 2026 will be available soon. Please begin to pray about your support of the mission and ministry of our church leading up to Financial Commitment Sunday, October 18th.

CROP Hunger Walk - South DuPage [2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Woodridge UMC](#)

Beside the restaurant fundraisers there are many ways you can participate in the CROP Hunger Walk. Join the Woodridge UMC team and walk 6K, around the block, or something in between OR come and help assemble personal hygiene kits to be given to Church World Service.

Donate! Bring Personal Care items to the walk (or drop off at church) to be given to the DuPage Senior Citizens Council (Meals on Wheels). See the list in the e-News or the Narthex. Support a WUMC Walker. See the link in the e-News to give online. If you prefer to write a check, make it out to CWS/CROP. Give to Carlene Smith or contact her at carlenessmith1@gmail.com. If you are interested in giving with a QCD, contact Carlene. Thanks for your support of the CROP Hunger Walk.

Restaurant Fundraisers Scheduled to Benefit CROP Walk

This year there are four chances to eat out and donate to CROP Walk at the same time! Yum! None of the restaurants are far away, but Baker's Square is just down the street from Woodridge UMC. Please pay attention to the times. Most locations require that the flyer be presented when you order.

[Home Run Inn](#)

NEW Dine-In option **October 5th - 7th** OR Online orders for 7521 Lemont Rd. Darien **with pick up for between Monday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 7th** where you select Active Fundraisers in the menu on the left to get to CROP Walk.

Culver's

Wednesday, October 14th 2500 Ogden Ave Downers Grove, IL

Bring the flyer or on your phone to let the cashier know that you are with the fundraiser.

Sunday School

Most Sundays, Children begin the worship service in the sanctuary with their family. Following the "Praying" segment, the children will be invited up to the chancel steps for conversation with the pastors. Then, the Sunday School teacher will meet the children in the Narthex (the big room outside the sanctuary) & walk them to their classroom. They will be in the Trinity Room in the main hallway.

Activity Bags are available in the Narthex every Sunday.

Cub Scout Recycling Fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 104 is doing a fundraiser with Savers. They are looking for donations (things you would typically give to Salvation Army or Good Will or the like). The pack will earn a certain amount per pound donated. The items will then be re-sold in the stores or recycled. They are looking for:

- Clothes: men's, women's & children's, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.
- Household Textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.
- Small Household Goods: kitchen items (such as pots/ pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knickknacks, toys, games, and small electronics.
- Books & Media: paperback, hard cover – all genres
*media needs to be boxed separately *no encyclopedias or textbooks
- Bags and boxes may be registered at
<https://fundrive.savers.com/Pledge?fundraiserId=86228>

The items will be **collected at WUMC on October 3rd** or if you would prefer to have them picked up, please schedule a pickup with the pack by emailing Pack104Woodridge@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Woodridge UMC Craft and Vendor Fair and Bake Sale

Woodridge UMC is having a craft and vendor fair on **Saturday, November 14th from 9 am to 2 pm**. Last year's sale was a success. Let's see if we can make it a bigger success this year! We are currently looking for crafters/vendors, donations for the bake sale table from our members and volunteers to man the bake sale or raffle table and help price the items. Share the news, so we can get more people shopping this year! Contact the church office if you can help in any way or if you have any questions.

Second Saturday Diners Suggestions

Our Second Saturday Diners have enjoyed some wonderful church dinners together, and now Gwen and I would like to hear from you! Whether you've joined us before or have been thinking about coming along, we'd love your suggestions for places to try.

Do you know of a restaurant you think our group would enjoy? Maybe it's a favorite of yours, or someplace you've been wanting to try. We're looking for restaurants that can accommodate a group of up to about 18 people, preferably seated together at one table, and would be willing to provide separate checks. If you have a suggestion, just send me the name of the restaurant. I'll do the investigating from there—group seating, separate checks, reservations, and all those little details. So put on your thinking caps—or perhaps your Sunday dinner bibs—and send us your ideas! After all, fellowship is good for the soul, good food is good for the stomach, and somehow our church group seems quite talented at combining the two. Together we'll find our next place to gather around the table! Send your emails to Elisa at: applei8122000@yahoo.com

Church Conference

Our church conference is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm** with the Staff Parish Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Share Your Talents!

Do you play an instrument? Love to sing? Are you looking for a concrete way to help? Want to become more involved at WUMC? Join in our church's practice of radical hospitality? Let us know! Fill out a Volunteer Opportunity form in the narthex to let us know what you are interested in.

Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to donate an arrangement of flowers for the altar, you are welcome to bring one in. Please let the church office know by noon the Wednesday before, especially if the flowers are in memory/honor of someone, so that they may be acknowledged in the bulletin and announcements.

September Outreach – CWS Crop Hunger Walk, South DuPage walk

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to nutrition-enhancing Moringa trees, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities--something CWS has learned through 80 years of working in partnership around the world. For more information go to <https://southdupagecrop.org/>.

When CROP began in 1947 it was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post- World War II Europe. The first CROP Hunger Walk was held in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1969. Each year, some 2,000 communities across the U.S. sponsor CROP Hunger Walks. Nationally, upwards of 200 corporations match employee gifts and/or volunteer hours to the CROP Hunger Walk. Locally, thousands of businesses and media outlets support their community's CROP Hunger Walk.