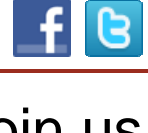




# Woodridge United Methodist Church



## Happy New Year!



### New Year's Day Service

Join us for one worship service this Sunday, January 1st at 10:00am including our special guests, Visual Truths: Worship thru Illusion with Magicians John & Barbara Meyers.

These Christian Illusionists will provide the message in a highly interactive worship experience! This will be a program of illusions and magic, that is entertaining, inspirational and educational.

You can learn more about these special guests at [www.magicmeyers.com](http://www.magicmeyers.com).

There will be no Sunday School this week.

All are welcome!

Join us.

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### Quick Links:

- [Pastor Jim's Parables — \*New!\*](#)
- [Pastor Dave's Blog](#)
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## This Week at Woodridge UMC



### Wednesday Night Live

WNL resumes this coming week on January 4th, 2012 from 6:15pm to 8:45pm. Our weekly gatherings consist of dinner, worship, learning experience, time for homework and time for games and fellowship. All students in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome and invited! Bring a friend!

January 18th, 2012: WNL goes on the road to serve at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. More details to follow soon.



### Help us create something new!

#### Alternative Worship Gathering, Trial Run Part Deux

*When:* Sunday, January 8 at 5:00pm

*Where:* Fellowship Hall

*Who:* You! Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend

*Why:* To offer a worship experience that looks, sounds, smells and feels different than our Sunday morning worship services.

*How:* The worship band leads the music, Pastor Dave leads a participatory sermon time and we'll experiment with a different room set up and visuals.



### New Member Meeting

Do you want to know more about becoming a member of WUMC? Please attend the first of 3 or 4 meetings on Sunday, January 8th at Noon for more information on what it means to become a member of our church. Please see a Pastor if you have any questions. Child care will be available.



### 2011 Tax Planning Note

Please be aware that contributions to the church in the form of cash or check will be included in your 2011 giving summary if the cash or check is:

1. Received on or prior to 12/31/2011
2. Postmarked on or prior to 12/31/2011

A summary of your 2011 giving will be mailed to you as support for your charitable giving tax deduction. Please contact Walt Read at [finsec@woodridgeumc.org](mailto:finsec@woodridgeumc.org) if you have any questions regarding our policy.



### Stephen Ministry Corner

We offer thanks to God and to all who prayed for this ministry. This week we have two new care receivers meeting with their Stephen Ministers! We are grateful. There are still twelve Stephen Ministers currently unassigned and available. If you know someone in need of a Stephen Minister, check with them to ask if they are interested and willing to meet with a confidential, trained Christian companion. Stephen Ministers generally meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour, or on another mutually agreed upon schedule. Stephen Ministers are here for you. For more information, contact Monica Copeland, Referrals Coordinator, at 630-728-5359.



### Carenotes

Carenotes are available for you and for giving to others. These booklets are located on the display at the back of the church narthex. Take note of arrival of new TEEN concerns. Others cover aging, handling grief, dealing with a serious illness, cancer and the family, and other subjects of caring for self and another!



### Ministry Committee Help is Needed!

Have you always wanted to become more involved with the ministries of our church but just weren't sure where to begin? Many of our ministry areas are in need of help beginning in January 2012. We invite you to join one of these committees. [Click here to learn the details and more information.](#) We appreciate your gift of time and value the talents of all!

Please talk to [Pastor Jim](#) if you have any questions or would like more information.



### Thank You from the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for donations to fill 50 food boxes at both Thanksgiving and Christmas and then the donation of gifts for children in thirty Woodridge families. Then in the days just before Christmas when we were running low on volunteers to help with PADS, people showed up, they brought friends and family and we had many hands to accomplish all the jobs that needed done. We provided food and housing for sixty guests. Special thanks to those who did double duty: Deacon Beth, Bob Copeland, and Janice Nitchals. Thank you to Julie Marsteller for working with an entirely different dinner menu than usual and making it all come off.

Debbie Wordinger, Outreach Committee Chair

## This Week at Woodridge UMC

<p><b>Sunday, January 1st, 2012</b> 10:00am Worship Service 3:30 pm Filipino Baptist 7:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday, January 2nd</b> Church Office Closed 5:00 pm God's Sparklers' Dance Practice</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 3rd</b> 6:00 pm Angel Band Practice 7:00 pm Worship Band Practice</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 4th</b> 11:30 am Staff Appreciation Lunch 5:30 pm Emmaus Reunion 5:30 pm T.O.P.S 6:15 pm Wednesday Night Live</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 5th</b> 6:15 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Irshad Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Friday, January 6th</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, January 7th</b> Kairos Team Meeting</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 8th</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday with Communion at both services</i> 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm New Member Information Meeting 2:00 pm Finance Meeting 3:30 pm Filipino Baptist 5:00 pm Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p><a href="#">See what's else is coming soon on our online calendar</a></p>
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## Coming Soon

### Youth Annual Pizza Sale

It's almost pizza sale time! This year's sale runs **January 11th to 29th**. Pizza making will be on Saturday, February 4th, 9am to 1pm. Watch for details and order forms in the Narthex!

### New Youth Retreat Added!

#### Ski Camp, January 27-29, 2012

Ski at Alpine Valley, camp at Wesley Woods Retreat Center, in Williams Bay, WI. Join Junior High & High School students from across the state for this Northern IL, conference-led "weekend of fun activities, spiritual encouragement, worship and adventure on the slopes!" 5:30pm Friday to 11:00am Sunday. \$147 per person, includes lift ticket & equipment rental. \$88 per non-skier. First 8 youth who contact Pastor Dave are guaranteed spots.

[Click here for Registration and Health Form](#)

[Click here for Alpine Valley Liability Form](#)

(Both of these forms need to be completed and returned to participate in the retreat.)

### Elgin and Aurora Districts Leadership Training

*"Celebrating Ministries of Our Faith Communities"*

Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 8:00am to 12:30pm

Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Road Barrington, IL

[Learn more here](#)

### Northern Illinois Conference Laity Convocation

*"Cyber Space and Sacred Space"*

Saturday, February 04, 2012 at 8:30am to 3:00pm

First UMC, Elgin, 216 Highland Ave., Elgin, IL

[Register for event and learn more here](#)

